

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at West Kidlington Primary School
on
Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Merlin Smith

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Suzanne McIvor

Other attendees: The clerk

24/410 Declarations of interest: Cllr Simpson declared interest in OUFC due to his role on CDC. Cllr McIvor declared interest in OUFC as she sits on the Friends of Stratfield Brake committee.

24/411 Public Participation: None

24/412 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 4th June 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 4th June 2024.
Proposed C Matheson, Seconded S Wilson-Higgins

24/413 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 4th June 2024: Nothing that is not covered further in the agenda.

24/414 Financial Matters

(24/414.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (detailed below). Payments are made via online banking with Unity bank which is now in place.

Finance committee receive copies of the invoices to review ahead of the meeting. Statutory payments were already authorised and have been paid via standing order.

Statutory salaries, HMRC, pensions already approved and set up – All to be made via online banking. These are set up by the RFO to be clicked in the approvals list.

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Clerk office expenses May - £116.10 – includes printing

Kirsty Auditor - £200

Ady Podbery - £296.40

NALC membership £45.90

£confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors. They are approved annually.

(24/414.02) The internal auditor comments were noted.

24/415 Planning:

(24/415.01) The council discussed the response from GWEPC to CDC planning regarding the OUFC stadium environmental statement.

The draft statement was shared with councillors for discussion and collective approval. This has been prepared by the representatives of the council for planning. Our statement is an objection.

Comments to add to the statement:

Section 2 – proposed traffic is inadequate – we will add – objecting to bus lane closure to widen the pathway. We would like to see the proposed plans for the bridge which might alter some of comments. If there was no bridge this development would not be acceptable.

Section 5 - Preservation of trees: 17 trees to be removed, several have preservation orders on them. Also, large established hedgerow also has to be removed. Need to add – need to add additional planting onsite to compensate – these should be maintained until the trees become mature with a minimum of 10 years.

Section 1 - Add crowd control statement to pedestrian access. Some residents are worried about crowds, intimidation etc.

Section 4- add comment about the tenure of SB support for 5 years.

Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins will update the draft document and circulate. The clerk will submit.

Pending the addition of the comments below it was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft statement and the clerk will submit to CDC planning as the GWEPC response.

(24/415.02) For information. Network Rail are postponing closure of both crossings at Yarnton. This is deferred and could come back for consideration. Cllr Simpson will share Network rail note with councillors. The closure however has the assumption in the local plan.

(24/415/03) Building traffic expected for Gosford Hill School via the slip road on Oxford Road. The council raises concern about lorries using this entrance due to school children using the school during work. Cllr Middleton will take this to the planning and raise these concerns. Potentially Bicester Road should be used as access through the building phase.

24/416 Policy Review

- a. Council considered and re-adopted the standing orders.
- b. Council considered and re-adopted the code of conduct.
- c. Council considered and re-adopted the councillors' expenses policy.
- d. Council considered and adopted the internal financial controls policy.
- e. Council considered and re-adopted the parish risk assessment.

These policies have not been amended since the last review.

24/417 Items for information and next agenda only.

Cllr Middleton – Kidlington Roundabout on target to be finished in July.

Cllr Middleton – there is a new administration at Cherwell DC, this is in transition phase. New CEO has completed his final probationary interview, and they will continue.

Cllr Nigel Simpson – Police liaison meeting – shoplifting an issue in Kidlington. There is also anti-social behaviour locally and members of public are encouraged to report to the police so this can be monitored further. Neighbourhood Policing – change of identity expected but engagement to community is important. Speedwatch around villages.

Cllr Clive Stayt – Airport meeting – Air traffic is up by approx. 8%. There is a proposal for a new hangar. Phase 1 of the development at entrance to airport is going ahead and commences in July 2024.

It is noted the name plate at Water Eaton Lane is still not done, yellow lines still not done and nor are the zebra crossing lines that need repainting at Oxford Parkway.

24/418 Date of the next full council meeting – 2nd July 2024 - 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 8.30pm