

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at West Kidlington Primary School
on
Tuesday 10th September at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson,

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Nigel Simpson,

Other attendees: The clerk

24/429 Declarations of interest: Cllr Merlin farming within area of development potential. Cllr McIvor is part of Friends of Stratfield Brake.

24/430 Public Participation: None

24/431 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 2nd July 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 2nd July 2024.

Proposed C Stayt, Seconded S Wilson-Higgins

24/432 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 2nd July 2024: Nothing that is not covered further in the agenda.

Cllr Merlin Smith – The sign at Water Eaton Lane is still not fixed. Cllr Middleton confirmed this has been ordered by OCC.

24/433 To receive reports from Parish, District and County Councillors.

Cllr Mawson – District Councillors are looking at S106 expenditure, transport strategy closely. A lot of this will be discussed within four parishes meeting which Cllr S Wilson-Higgins will attend.

Golf course – there are still ongoing discussions about the site and relocation.

OCC have cut back on Oxford Road. A resident asked the District Council what has been sprayed in Lovelace Drive area. Cllr Mawson and Cllr Middleton will find out what CDC / OCC policy is and what weed killers (if any) are used.

Cllr Middleton – met with Heidelberg and spoke about the lorries going up and down the link Road from Parkway. Discussion ongoing.

Cllr Middleton – Yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane – new officer, old drawing to be sent to Ian to try and push this forward.

Cllr Middleton – Water Eaton sign ordered (existing damaged). Crossing at Parkway station has been painted.

Cllr Merlin Smith – work has started at PR7.

Cllr Merlin Smith – one pothole has been fixed in Water Eaton Lane. Several more are to be done.

Cllr Merlin Smith – footpaths officer mentioned that footbridge bottom end Water Eaton Lane is going to be replaced. This is a bridge for pedestrian's access. Savills

are requesting a bridge suitable for vehicles as only access to field.

Cllr S Wilson-Higgins – attended Yarnton Parish Meeting to cement relations between the parishes.

Cllr S Wilson-Higgins – Highways have done a good job of clearing the cycle path on the Oxford Road. Ady Podbery has done a good job in the parish too over summer.

24/434 To ask questions regarding the clerk's report and summary

Very quiet due to CDC and OCC being quiet over summer – general business. No questions.

24/435 Financial Matters

(24/435.01) 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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1 x clerks salary set up

1 x RFO salary set up

2 x pension payment set up (as owed one payment)

1 x HMRC payment set up

Clerk office expenses July and August £99.20

Ady Podbery £889.20 and £309

West Kidlington venue hire August - £75

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

(24/435.02) The audit has been lodged with the external auditor Moore. There is no further update.

24/436 Planning:

(24/436.01) There is no updated on the OUFC stadium. A copy of the signed collaboration agreement will be placed on the parish council website.

(24/436/02) No residential planning applications.

24/437 Items for information and next agenda only.

The Chairs of the four parishes (Kidlington, Begbroke, Yarnton, Gosford & WE) are meeting to discuss what's going on in each parish. Regular catch up is planned. The next meeting is in October. Cllr Wilson-Higgins will attend this.

Suggestion that we will do another newsletter end November in the hope we may have some updates from planning to report to the parish then.

It sounds like there will be a liaison / engagement officer appointed at County Level

in the local area, it is not clear if this covers our parish. Cllr Middleton / Cllr Mawson will try and establish further information.

Cllr M Smith - Kingsbridge caravans are increasing and have gates. It has been asked that Cllr Middleton raises this back to CDC to see if they have permissions – and if they have is council tax being requested from them.

Cllr Middleton – Sandy Lane – quiet at the moment but expected that discussions will come back at some point.

Cherie Carruther (RFO) to be invited to November meeting to cover finance and to discuss additional signatories to Unity Bank. 6.30pm-7pm will be to add signatories to Unity / discuss. Main meeting from 7pm when budgets will also be discussed.

24/438 Date of the next full council meeting – 12th November 2024 - 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

November meeting will be on 12th November to avoid clashing with Kidlington Parish fireworks display.

(Suzanne Wilson-Higgins sends apologies in advance for October meeting).

Meeting ends 8.15pm