

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at West Kidlington Primary School
on
Tuesday 12th November at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Suzanne Mclvor,

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

Other attendees: The clerk

24/449 Declarations of interest: Cllr Merlin farming within area of development potential. Cllr Mclvor is part of Friends of Stratfield Brake.

24/450 Public Participation: None

24/451 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 1st October 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 1st October 2024.
Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr Smith

24/452 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 1st October 2024: Nothing that is not covered further in the agenda.

Cllr Merlin Smith – The sign at Water Eaton Lane is still not fixed. The yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane are also still not in place. Cllr Middleton had at the last meeting advised he will provide an update at the next meeting.

CDC – The caravans at Kingsbridge look very permanent. The clerk will ask our County Officers to see if they can investigate. (ongoing)

Cllr Stayt – Liaison County officer – no update on what they cover – Cllr Mawson / Cllr Middleton had said they will share an update at the next meeting.

24/453 To receive reports from Parish, District and County Councillors.

The sign board opposite Sainsburys and as you come into the parish is obscured. The clerk will raise to OCC the tree root issues along cycle path and also the fact the hedgerows need cutting back.

OCC have raised a proposal county wide to reduce light pollution. GWEPC would like to comment on this if this proposed for our area.

Cllr Middleton / Cllr Mawson circulated a report in advance of the meeting. Cllrs discussed the polling places and boundary reviews. This is at District level.

In the report from Cllr Middleton and Cllr Mawson the sports strategy survey is mentioned. The survey does not allow multiple answers. The councillors felt it would have been good to have been consulted on this as a Parish Council.

Cllr Wilson-Higgins reported on the Stratfield Brake working party meeting. It is noted all the reports from this are on the Kidlington Parish Council site. The goal is to renegotiate the Stratfield Brake lease by March 2026. It is clear from S106 rules that S106 money cannot be spent on this site. The minutes from SB meeting will be published when available – not led from this parish council. There could be a GWEPC contribution of circa £3,000 due to maintenance of the site. This is budgeted for.

24/454 To ask questions regarding the clerk's report and summary

No further questions.

24/455 Financial Matters

(24/455.01) 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. 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.

Please note statutory payments due to be paid end November and December (30th) have been set up so they can be approved. These are post-dated in the banking and are not duplicated payments.

2 x clerks salary set up – confidential£
2 x RFO salary set up - confidential£
2 x pension payment set up - confidential£
2 x HMRC payment set up - confidential£

For immediate payment:

NALC salary scales have been adjusted and back pay to be paid including to OCC pension and HMRC as a result. There are 4 payments (1 to clerk, 1 to rfo, 1 to hmrc and 1 to OCC to reflect this adjustment for immediate payment). confidential£

Other immediate payments – budgeted for:

West Kidlington meeting venue November- £65

Clerk office administration expenses (Oct) - £51.55

Landscape recharge for July to September Cherwell District Council £3093.71

Royal British Legion – wreath for remembrance Sunday- £25

Kidlington Parish Council - £10,561.00 (Christmas lights, allotments, burial ground contribution)

Ady Podbery - £170.40 litter, mowing, strimming

Computer Information Systems (IT provider) annual costs – being paid on direct debit – FYI - £292.75

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

24/456 Planning:

(24/456.01) Application 24/02256/F – Objection: The pre application advice seemed to suggest the additional dwelling should be single storey but that doesn't seem to have been taken into account. According to drawings the two storey and single storey proposed seems to have been ignored.

Should this proposal go ahead we strongly suggest consideration for double yellow lines due to the corner location of the property.

(24/446.02) Application 24/00539/F – Erection of Oxford United Stadium.

Council have already resolved to object to this and the detail of this will be published on our website and submitted to Cherwell District Council planning department.

24/457 Feedback for Four Parishes

(24/457.01) There is a feedback spreadsheet that we need to complete for the four parishes. Councillors are asked to review this, and a committee meeting will be set up before the next meeting.

The clerk has asked for minutes / notes from the four-parish meeting. It is not clear if minutes are being taken as it is a committee parish meeting.

24/458 Items for information and next agenda only.

Councillors should review the finance reports in preparation for precept and budget setting ahead of the December meeting. The RFO has emailed these already.

The clerk will ask OUFC representatives to attend a meeting in December to meet and update councillors.

24/459 Date of the next full council meeting – 3rd December 2024 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School. (There will be a 6pm committee meeting in advance).

Meeting ends 8.25pm