

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on
Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7pm**

Meeting commenced at 6pm

Councillors present: Cllr Clive Stayt (Vice Chair), Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC), Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne McIvor,

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Chair)

Other attendees: The clerk

24/523 Declarations of interest: Cllr Smith farming within area of development potential. Cllr McIvor is part of Friends of Stratfield Brake. Cllr Simpson declares he is a season ticket holder for OUFC.

24/524 Public Participation: None

Tom Darlington from CDC attended and gave an update on the five parishes (area oversight group) meetings. Kidlington, GWEPC, Yarnton, Begbroke, Shipton on Cherwell & Thrupp make up the five parishes group and representatives from each attend meetings. The group is non decision making but they could help to advise decision makers. The group will also meet developers and will feed in comment on planning, East West Rail proposals etc.

North Oxford golf club – notice has been given to the golfers (end Oct). CDC believe there is a need for golf provision. CDC want to work with the universities to have an up-to-date study on provision needs. There is no news on a new course provision at the moment.

The council are asked that any S106 requests are shared to council before signed off.

24/525 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 13th May 2025 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 13th May 2025. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr N Simpson

24/526 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 13th May 2025:

Yellow lines – The parking restriction is with TRO and is being prepared for consultation and we expect it to go to committee in September. The marks on the kerb are proposed end points for the white access protection marks.

24/527 Clerks report summarise and questions:
No questions.

24/528 Financial Matters

(24/528.01) To approve the financial reports. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial reports.

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.

West Kidlington venue for meeting- £60

Clerk office expenses (May) - £52.15

Cherwell DC x2 management fee SB April & May £985.50 each

CDC – landscape recharges £2,672.20

Rialtas accounts £243.60

CIS – annual costs for IT 2024/25 £906.63

CIS – June quarter costs £302.21

Ady Podbery £325.20 invoice 5302

(24/529.02) Audit – to consider the Annual Governance statements and respond accordingly. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance statements.

(24/529.03) Audit – to consider the figures in the AGAR and sign. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the figures in the AGAR and signed the documentation.

(24/529.04) Audit – to consider the internal auditor comments. Deferred to next meeting as no time to read report.

24/529 Planning:

(24/529.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council: Application 25/01404/F 40 Bicester Road – *Objection – overdevelopment and not enough parking – already many cars parking on the roads.*

(24/529.02) To consider and discuss OUFC planning applications and responses: *(Anticipate a decision date approx. 3rd July).*

As a parish council it is agreed that council objects to the OUFC proposed stadium development. The document will be published on our website and submitted to OUFC.

(24/529.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake user group. CDC are ceasing ties to the building from March 2026. The clerk has reminded KPC that they cannot make any decisions without GWEPC being involved.

24/530 Policy Review:

(24/530.01) To consider and re-adopt the standing orders. The council **RESOLVED** to re-adopt the standing orders.

(24/530.02) To consider and re-adopt the Code of Conduct. The council **RESOLVED** to re-adopt the code of conduct.

(24/530.03) To consider and re-adopt the councillor expenses policy. The council **RESOLVED** to re-adopt the councillor expenses policy.

(24/530.04) To consider and re-adopt the financial controls policy. The council

RESOLVED to re-adopt the financial controls policy.
(24/530.05) To consider and re-adopt the risk assessment. The council RESOLVED to re-adopt the risk assessment.

24/531 Items for information and next agenda only.

Cllr Stayt went to the Airport committee meeting. Change of management at the site. The airport has pointed out that the solar farm in close proximity to the airport is not something they can support due to safety concerns.

Cllr Simpson met with new OCC community liaison officer (Lisa Sweeting-White), role is to engage with community and focus on vulnerable in the community.

24/532 Date of the next full council meeting – 1st July 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 8.55pm