

## **Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 7pm**

*Meeting commenced at 7pm*

**Councillors present:** Cllr Clive Stayt (Vice Chair), Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Chair), Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne McIvor,

**To receive and accept apologies of absence from:** Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC)

**Other attendees:** The clerk, Cllr Phil Wyse (KPC) and Nick Duval (Chair of Kidlington Recreational Trust)

**24/533 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.

**24/534 Public Participation:** None

**24/535 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr N Simpson

**24/536 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** No updates

**24/537 To receive an update from Kidlington Recreational Trust (KRT)** (Disclosure – the clerk of GWEPC is also the secretary for KRT). Discussion re. Kidlington Recreational Trust – presented by Nick Duval (Chair of the KR Trust) proposal to take on the management of Stratfield Brake. Proposal shared in full to councillors.

Cllr Phil Wyse mentioned that KPC have received this presentation and are also asking further questions and are open to listening to KRT proposals.

Councillors asked if the woodland trust area would be maintained – this would not be changed if KRT took the area.

Queried by Councillor if the land would remain protected – KRT advised the layers of the lease and trustees holding the land in trust gives further protection of the land.

Queried by councillor that the clubs might not pay. This is the perception of several people.

The Trust asked the council if they are happy for KRT to reach out to CDC for figures and finances. The council are very happy for the Kidlington Recreational Trust to further invest into finances and seek relevant information from the council to enable

them to come back with a formal proposal.

GWEPC councillors **RESOLVED** that KRT can access the finances and information required on the existing Stratfield Brake structure to put a proposal together. The KRT can contact via the clerk for any information requests.

The council noted there are many unknowns.

#### **24/538 Clerks report summarise and questions:**

No questions.

The clerk shared a report from Cllr Ian Middleton which detailed proposed Local Government Reorganisation. Of the 3 proposals the council has concerns about the Greater Oxford proposal.

The clerk will add the congestion charging and Local Government Reorganisation to the website in case residents would like to respond directly themselves.

#### **24/539 Financial Matters**

(24/539.01) To approve the financial payments. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial payments.

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 \_ £60

Clerk office expenses (June) - £53.35

Cherwell DC 2 x management fee SB June - £985.50

(24/539.01) Audit – to consider the internal auditor comments.

The clerk will add clerk reports to the website (with redacted finance figures).

#### **24/540 Planning:**

(24/540.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting. None

(24/540.02) To consider and discuss OUFC planning applications and responses.

The earliest point we anticipate a decision is 31 July 2025 – we anticipate it might be delayed.

(24/540.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake user group. Nothing further to add.

#### **24/541 Items for information and next agenda only.**

The parish had a presence of travellers over the last weekend in June. They left voluntarily but this was reported via traveller liaison and the police.

The parish has been advised that there is a protest at London Oxford airport on 5<sup>th</sup> July. This may impact residents travel outside of the parish.

Noted there seems to be some movement / removal of the unlawful development on the Bicester Road (just outside our parish).

No construction traffic signage is required on Water Eaton Lane – the clerk will follow up with OCC and the developers.

**24/542 Date of the next full council meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

*Meeting ends 8.40pm*