

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

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

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC), Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Suzanne McIvor

Other attendees: The clerk

24/543 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.

24/544 Public Participation: None

24/545 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 1st July 2025 (No August meeting) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2025. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr N Simpson

24/546 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 1st July 2025 (No August meeting) – Vistry homes development site SNN 1076983 - Vistry Homes Limited Development of Bicester Road – construction traffic is using Water Eaton Lane and turning round. The clerk will ask planning and the developer to add a sign saying ‘no construction traffic’ again to Water Eaton Lane as this is not a permitted access route.

There is significant vibration noise from the site initial works can be felt to a property closest to the works. This is quite a distance from the works, but the clerk will report this to planning and the developer as a priority.

24/547 Clerks report summarise and questions:

No questions.

24/549 Financial Matters

(24/549.01) 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 Sept - £60

Clerk office expenses (July and August) - £104.10

Cherwell DC 1 x management fee SB Aug - £985.50
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CIS (IT) £302.21
CDC – landscape recharge Apr – June - £3,335.21
Ady Podbery 5358 - £301.20

(24/539.01) legal costs –the council agreed to put towards legal costs if required for lease adaptations for Stratfield Brake. GWEPC would seek its own legal representation.

24/550 Planning:

(24/550.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

Application No.: 25/02011/F Applicant's Name: Isi Lala Proposal: Partial first floor extension Location: 49 Cromwell Way, Kidlington, OX5 2LN Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton – No comments regarding this application.

Home Office Plans for Phase 2 Development at Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centre (IRC), Kidlington. For information there is an open event at Exeter Hall on 3rd September

For information: Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042: Notice is hereby given that Cherwell District Council submitted the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, to the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 31 July 2025 for examination. This submission date meets the timeline set out in the adopted Local Development Scheme.

Cherwell District Council has prepared the Local Plan Review 2042 for submission to the Secretary of State. The Local Plan covers the whole administrative area of Cherwell District and covers the time period from 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2042. Once adopted, the Local Plan Review 2042 will replace the Cherwell Local Plan Local Plan 2011- 2031 (Part 1) and Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (Part 1) Partial Review – Oxford's Unmet Need and the saved policies from the 1996 Cherwell Local Plan.

(24/551.02) To consider and discuss OUFC planning response.
We are waiting further response from Secretary of State on this application. No further discussion at this meeting.

(24/552.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake working party.
We believe the cost are in excess of 200k but CDC have come back with a ground's maintenance budget of £83k.

The thinking on this is a two-year plan. From March 2026 are handing this back to the parish councils (GWEPC / KPC). The council note the building would need a manager, to be fully staffed, a booking system.

GWEPC council suggest that KPC review past SB management accounts from when they ran the site as a comparison. Cllr Wilson-Higgins will take this back the group.

The council in theory supports a short-term solution if the figures can work but we need full visibility and detailed breakdown of proposed costs before any agreement.

Cllr Simpson will join these meetings with Cllr Wilson-Higgins.

(24/552.04) To discuss SNN 1076983 - Vistry Homes Limited Development off Bicester Road. The council has been asked to suggest street names to the developers.

The council suggests the following: Zoo theme and we suggest using the latin name for the animal to make it educational. We have included the latin name in brackets for the developer.

Animals that were in the Kidlington Zoo

- *American brown bear (Ursus arctos Avenue)*
- *Bison (Bison Boulevard)*
- *Camel (Camelus Close)*
- *Elephant (Rosie) (Loxodonta Lane)*
- *Leopards (Panthera pardus Road)*
- *Lions (Panthera Leo Place)*
- *Llamas (Lama glama Lane))*
- *Polar bears (Ursus maritimus Road)*
- *Wolves (Lupus Lane)*
- *Domesticated goat (Capra Close)*

This theme is more upbeat than some previous suggestions and is something locals can relate to.

24/551 Items for information and next agenda only.

Cllr Stayt reported that vehicles are speeding above 20mph on Cromwell Way particularly by parents collecting children and staff from neighbouring businesses.

The clerk will raise a note to OCC about the speeding for further signage. Cllr Simpson will raise a note to the police. We would like a speed gun to visit the area. A PCSO in the area would also be useful.

Development of GHS – this seems to be delayed, and Cllr Simpson will seek further information.

The clerk advised some maintenance is required on the play area at Cromwell Park and we are trying to source a maintenance team for this work.

24/552 Date of the next full council meeting – 7th October 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

From November moving to 2nd Tuesday each month – 11th November 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School

Meeting ends 8.50pm