

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 7th October 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, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Suzanne McIvor

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

Other attendees: The clerk

24/554 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.

24/555 Public Participation: None

24/556 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 2nd September 2025 (No August meeting) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2025. Proposed Cllr M Smith, Seconded Cllr C Matheson

24/557 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 2nd September 2025 – Continued issue - 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.

Continued issue: 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 again.

Councillors to report the above issues via fix my street and the clerk will report to CDC again to help ensure the issues are documented.

The Chair confirms a letter has been submitted to CDC to suggest 3G pitches at Stratfield Brake rather than PR7a as floodlights already in place at Stratfield Brake.

24/558 Updates from District and County Councillors:

- To receive updates on congestion charge for the City of Oxford – deferred to the next meeting for discussion and report from our County Councillor.
- To receive updates on flooding and gully clearance – deferred to the next meeting for discussion and report from our County Councillor
- To receive updates on street lighting proposal – the proposal is to turn streetlights off during the night. We have not been formally informed. At this point the council

believe that key routes should remain lit but would require further information before making formal decisions. We await official consultation.

Cllr Stayt gave an update from the Airport Liaison Committee. The airport is considering a training unit at London Oxford airport still. There are a reduced number of movements at the airport now compared to previous years. The solar farm seems to have reduced by 23 hectares to allow space around the airport. The airport is challenging the solar park further as the solar plumes can impact flight radar.

24/559 Clerks report summarise and questions:

No questions.

24/560 Financial Matters

(24/560.01) 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 Oct - £60

Clerk office expenses (sept) £53.50

Cherwell DC 1 x management fee SB sept - £985.50

Cherwell DC dog bin emptying £151.01

Ady Podbery 5414 - £429.60

More external audit fee £409.50

24/561 Planning:

(24/561.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

Application No.: 25/02242/F

Applicant's Name: Mr E al-Gul Proposal: Increase the height of the dwelling to create additional first floor accommodation as well as forming a second floor in the roof space. Demolish garage to allow for a two-storey side extension. Addition of front porch, bay windows, single storey rear extension and creation of first floor balcony to front and rear and exposed chimney breast

Location: Kings Bridge House, Woodstock Road, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX5 1PH

Parish(es): Yarnton Gosford and Water Eaton

There is no comment or objection to this application.

(24/561.02) 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.

(24/561.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake working party. Rugby have submitted a proposal to take on Stratfield Brake. KPC are looking at all options. GWEPC are part of discussions.

24/562 Items for information and next agenda only.

Oxford City has a proposal to create a “Greater Oxford” unitary authority to include all the parishes and villages in the Green Belt around Oxford. This council strongly opposes a Greater Oxford Unitary authority. We support the preservation of the existing parishes. The clerk will draft a note for the Chair to respond.

24/563 Date of the next full council meeting – 11th November 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 8.30pm