

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

### **Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 11th November 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 Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Ian Middleton,

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

**Other attendees:** The clerk, The RFO

**24/564 Declarations of interest:** Cllr McIvor is part of Friends of Stratfield Brake. Cllr Simpson declares he is a season ticket holder for OUFC. Cllr Simpson is Chair of Shipton on Cherwell. Cllr Middleton is a councillor for Yarnton and Kidlington Parish Councils.

**24/565 Public Participation:** None

**24/566 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Proposed Cllr N Simpson, Seconded Cllr C Matheson

**24/567 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – no updates not covered elsewhere in minutes.

**24/568 Updates from District and County Councillors:**

(24/568.01) To receive updates from our County Councillor regarding flooding and gully clearance. Cllr Middleton noted there are areas that need attention in the local area, and he is following up to ensure this is prioritised. In GWEPC there should be usual gully clearance. Councillors noted that Bramley Close and the entrance area to Sainsburys from the link road should be looked at.

(24/568.02) To receive updates from our County Councillor Ian Middleton. There is a site just outside of the parish towards the A34 that has a lot of rubbish. This is under review with CDC and the Environment Agency.

PR7a - Vistry Developments have put up barriers inside the hedge line of the site. We are monitoring the traffic going in and out of the site as it is a concealed entrance down towards the roundabout which was potentially dangerous. Better signage is now in place.

There have also been concerns raised about noise and vibration from the site. CDC planning enforcement have attended the site and confirmed that this is within acceptable limits for the type of work being carried out.

Concerns were also raised about disturbances to wildlife habitat, particularly hedgehogs who have been forced on to the road and killed. Fiona has made the CDC ecology officer aware, and she is investigating to make sure the developers are following the agreed plans for dealing with wildlife on the site.

There have also been problems with delivery lorries trying to access the site from Water Eaton Lane and then getting stuck. The contractors have been asked to ensure drivers are aware that this is not the access point and they have also put up signage. Ian is in discussions with them about improving this but it's largely down to drivers following instructions which many seem to ignore.

The fields towards the roundabout at the A34 end of the Bicester Road has been sold off as parcels with some of the new owners carrying out unauthorised developments including what appears to be the siting of shipping containers (possibly moved from the previous site on the Bicester Road). There have been complaints about parties and barking dogs. Fiona contacted CDC Enforcement, and the dog warden has been down to see what is happening. Fortunately, all dogs were in good health and not being mistreated and the parties have been stopped.

There is a planning application for a dog walking field next to the Bridge along Bicester Road. The application is by the same owners as the dog-walking field between Cassington / Yarnton.

There is now a bus service between Yarnton, Begbroke and Kidlington. The service is launched with the 800-bus route now extending beyond Oxford Parkway to Yarnton via Langford Lane. It will run every hour 7 days per week between 7.45 am to 5.55 pm (Mon to Sat) and 10am to 5pm on Sundays. Ian has asked if the hours could be extended and also suggested that the currently closed bus stop on the A44 in Yarnton could be reopened as a stop for the new service. Details of this and other local service changes can be found here <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates/serviceupdatesarticle>.

The service isn't at the level that Ian had asked for but it's better than nothing at the moment and it's the first time that Kidlington and Yarnton have been connected. We're reminded that it's a commercial service (not subsidised by OCC) so if we want it to remain in place we need to justify it by using it.

(24/568.03) There are proposals for EXOq a new dynamic research and innovation compute environment, on land owned by the College. Several public meetings published in November – these meetings are being held at North Oxford Golf Club.

(24/568.04) To receive updates from our County Councillor regarding the congestion charge for the City of Oxford. It has been noted the system to apply for permits is not simple and there is some confusion. Feedback in the council is that signage needs to be improved.

(24/568.05) To receive a report from Cllr Simpson and Cllr Wilson-Higgins: Following the area oversight meeting Jackie Cox OCC declared there will be a master plan for Oxford Parkway. The parish has no information on this at the moment.

#### **24/569 Clerks report summarise and questions:**

No questions.

#### **24/570 Financial Matters**

(24/570.01) 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 Nov - £85  
Clerk office expenses (Oct) £53.35  
Cherwell DC 1 x management fee SB Oct - £985.50  
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Cherwell DC 1 x Landscape recharge Jul-Sept - £3,353.18  
CIS Ltd – email - £65.88 and £202.49 (hosting and support)  
Ady Podbery 5439 - £172.80  
Royal British Legion – wreath £25

Invoices to support payments are provided alongside the finance report. PAYE figures to be listed as £confidential in published minutes.

(24/570.02) To consider the budget for the next financial year for 26/27 financial year which commences 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Councillors discussed the budget the parish and this is going to require ongoing discussions as we still need to ascertain some costs for the upcoming financial year.

(24/570.03) To discuss and consider the precept figures for 26/27 financial year which commences 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Council discussed this but are waiting for further information on Stratfield Brake costs from KPC. The council would like to keep any precept increase in single figures. The main budget line of contention is how much we need to budget for legal fees due to Kidlington Parish Council request for transfer of local powers proposal and Stratfield Brake management by KPC. The precept will be further discussed in December meeting.

(24/570.04) To approve the finance report provided by the RFO. Councillors reviewed the reports, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the finance reports.

#### **24/571 Planning:**

(24/571.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

Application No.: 25/02749/F, Applicant's Name: Mr & Mrs Noah & Susana Markson & Sarac. Proposal: First floor extension to create a two-storey dwelling Location: 22 Water Eaton Lane, Gosford, OX5 2PP *No objection of comment for this application.*

Application No.: 25/02809/F, Applicant's Name: Mr Lin Hang. Proposal: Single storey rear extension and internal modification, Location: 5 Fairfax Road, Kidlington, OX5 2PF *No objection of comment for this application.*

Application No.: 25/02618/F Applicant's Name: Ms Anita James. Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension, Location: 28 Hampden Drive, Kidlington, OX5 2LR *No objection of comment for this application.*

Application No.: 25/02597/DISC, Applicant's Name: Vistry Homes Limited. Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 2 (details and samples of external surfaces inc roof tiles and architectural details; boundary/feature walls; finished hard surfaces; and stone and brick sample panels), 4 (details of ASHP and solar PV), 5 (EV Infrastructure) and 7 (cycle storage) of 25/00431/REM. Location: Land At, Bicester Road, Kidlington

(24/571.02) To consider and discuss OUFC planning response.

Since the last meeting the secretary of state has confirmed they are not reviewing this further. The planning application for a new 16,000 capacity stadium on land north of the city has been approved by Cherwell District Council. The parish council awaits any further information regarding development.

(24/571.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake working party.

It seems that KPC may have made decisions regarding Stratfield Brake without consultation with GWEPC. The council will need to challenge KPC on this and the decision-making process. The clerk will submit a freedom of information request to KPC regarding information surround the decision making of Stratfield Brake so that GWEPC can ensure they have all relevant information as a legally interested party.

The working party group does not have powers for decision making.

**24/572 Items for information and next agenda only.**

Bus shelter had graffiti close to Sainsburys – this has been cleaned. Our media company has cleaned this; there is no charge for this as part of the contract.

**24/573 Date of the next full council meeting** – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

*Meeting ends 9pm*