

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

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

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins

Other attendees: The clerk,

26/001 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.

26/002 Public Participation: None

26/003 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 9th December 2025 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 9th December 2025. Proposed Cllr S McIvor Seconded Cllr C Matheson

26/004 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 9th December 2025

Cllr Middleton and Cllr Mawson will write a note to CDC to ask for a response to the golf course need and to seek an independent needs assessment.

26/005 Updates from District and County Councillors:

(26/005.01) To receive updates from our Parish, District, County Councillors.

Cllr Middleton shared his report to the council. One of the key things to monitor is the mud on road from the vehicles leaving the development sites and ensuring the HGVs keep off of Water Eaton Lane.

At the next five parish meeting it is asked that it is raised what is happening S106 wise for the parish and if a parish facility will be provided for GWEPC on the development sites in the parish.

26/006 Clerks report summarise and questions:

No questions to the clerk's report which listed financial payments and planning information and an update on the illegal dump.

26/007 Financial Matters

(26/007.01) 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 Dec - £85

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Clerk office expenses (Dec) £52.95

Ady Podbery Invoice 5482 £66.60

Stratfield Brake January Management fee £985.50

Stratfield Brake December Management fee £985.50

Zurich insurance renewal £1,444.37

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

(27/007.02) To consider the budget for the next financial year for 26/27 financial year which commences 1st April 2026 (including Stratfield Brake costs). Councillors discussed the budget the parish and this is going to require ongoing discussions.

It is looking like Stratfield Brake costs are high. Kidlington Parish Council have still been unable to provide a detailed budget partly due to insufficient information from CDC, so we have budgeted based on the information that we have been given by KPC.

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The parish is concerned that they might be unable to afford Stratfield Brake costs ongoing and will continue to discuss Stratfield Brake costs and will monitor closely.

(26/007.03) To discuss and consider the precept figures for 26/27 financial year which commences 1st April 2026.

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(26/008.04) To approve the finance report provided by the RFO. Councillors reviewed the reports, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the finance reports.

26/009 Planning:

(26/009.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

None

(26/009.02) To consider a response to the consultant regarding the proposed Oxfordshire Fire Service Changes.

This council has RESOLVED to object to the proposals on the basis of relocation of the station, loss of the specialist units and reduction in number of fire engines and staff. With expansion in the area this adds to the issue with fire, rescue and accidents likely to increase statistically. The council will also request an extension of the consultation as many members of the public are not aware of these proposals. The council will respond to the consultation and individually councillors will respond.

26/010 Items for information and next agenda only.

Newsletter needs to be put together but agreed it might be better to wait until more clarity regarding Stratfield Brake so that information can also be shared to residents.

ANPR charges in place at Exeter Hall, for information so aware if using the facility. You can book vehicles in at reception.

26/011 Date of the next full council meeting – 10th February 2026 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 8.30pm