

## Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm

*Meeting commenced at 7pm*

**Councillors present:** Cllr Clive Stayt (Vice Chair), Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Suzanne Mclvor, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC), Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Chair)

**To receive and accept apologies of absence from:** Cllr Nigel Simpson

**Other attendees:** The clerk

**26/012 Declarations of interest:** Cllr Mclvor is part of Friends of Stratfield Brake and is also Chair of Cherwell Development Watch Alliance. 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.

**26/013 Public Participation:** None

**26/014 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Proposed Cllr S Mclvor, Seconded Cllr C Matheson

**26/015 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

The precept information has been filed.

**26/016 Updates from District and County Councillors:**

(26/016.01) To receive updates from our Parish, District, County Councillors.

Cllr Ian Middleton attended OCC budget meeting today. Detail will be published soon. The Cherwell budget is coming up in the next few weeks.

Cllr Fiona Mawson – regarding the illegal dump next to the parish there have been 4 arrests. The clearance of this site is likely to take one year.

Cllr Ian Middleton – Local Government reorganisation, the parish councils are expecting slides from Cherwell District Councils. The parish council has been asked if they are happy for this parish to be listed as an objector to the Greater Oxford Local Government proposal. A proposed letter to the Minister together with the names of those who have agreed to sign it so far has been prepared. This council supports having their name added to this objection letter as the Greater Oxford Local Government proposal is not something we think would benefit our parish.

Cllr Fiona Mawson – S106 planning obligation by deed of agreement (OUFC contract) information has been shared to the councils (including the parish council). Frieze way pathway and bus lane seems to be missing and is being queried.

GWEPC will also send a note to planning team regarding these points (send to planning and OCC highways).

The parish council notes the yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane have still not been actioned. The clerk and Cllr Middleton will follow up with Highways again.

Cllr Wilson-Higgins, Kidlington Area special meeting took place and Cllr Wilson-Higgins attended. This detailed where all the developments are and allowed councillors to discuss thoughts on how all the developments connect. There will be a report from the meeting developed by Arup who were the consultant facilitating the meeting. Arup look at infrastructure, buildings, energy and sustainability for the built environment.

#### **26/017 Clerks report summarise and questions:**

No questions to the clerk's report which listed financial payments and planning information.

#### **26/018 Financial Matters**

(26/018.01) 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 Feb - £85

Clerk office expenses (Jan) £53.35

Ady Podbery Invoice 5494 £128.40

Cherwell DC - £3,635.47 – recharge towards OCC highways for maintenance of highways

Cherwell DC - £2,955.11 landscape recharges Oct – to Dec 2025

Vision ICT – domain renewal £78

Top Leaf tree services – 2 invoices – cutting back brambles and around street signs £300 and £360

We are expecting our first legal invoice for advice re Stratfield Brake leases at a cost of £930 including VAT. This will be added for payment when it comes in this month.

#### **26/019 Planning:**

(26/019.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

**Thames Valley Police Headquarters: PROPOSED BASE STATION  
INSTALLATION AT 37124 - Thames Valley Police Headquarters, Oxford Road,  
Kidlington, OX5 2NX**

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone are in the process of progressing suitable sites in the Kidlington area and have identified this site as suitable for an equipment upgrade for VM02 Ltd. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and VM02 Ltd are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of VM02's network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgraded radio base station at this location to provide improved capacity and coverage.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- CS 11501324/VM02 37124
- Removal of existing 6 antennas
- Installation of 9 proposed antennas
- Removal and replacement of 15 RRU's
- Addition of new dish

The council had no comment to add regarding this.

(26/019.02) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake working group:

GWEPC have budgeted for Stratfield Brake, and our costs will not increase from what we have budget for the coming financial year.

Deed of variation with CDC to lease that we are appointing a new management company – KPC arranging this with their lawyer.

Management agreement to KPC – between GWEPC and KPC with break clauses.

Licence agreement to the sports clubs – KPC are drafting this

There has been a document of recommendations from KPC for GWEPC to read through and comment on. In principle councillors are supportive of the principal agreement, acknowledged receipt and feedback will be shared. More detail will evolve.

**26/020 Items for information and next agenda only.**

Airport committee meeting took place; we will see if we can get an update from this.

Roads are awful in the local area, mud on roads. Bad from the school development on the Bicester Road. Cllr Middleton will chase this up with OCC as this is particularly dangerous.

Cllr Smith noted Beagles Close pavements are being dug up. Cllr Middleton will follow up.

**26/021 Date of the next full council meeting** – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

*Meeting ends 8.30pm*