

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 12th May 2026 – 6pm

Meeting commenced at 6pm

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

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

Other attendees: The clerk

26/001 To elect the Chairman for the year 2026/27: Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins was elected as Chair. Proposed Cllr Clive Stayt, Seconded Cllr Carol Matheson.

26/002 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. Cllr M Smith and Cllr S Wilson-Higgins declare an interest in the EWR consultation as they have properties in the close vicinity of the proposed works.

26/003 To elect the Vice Chairman for the year 2026/27: Cllr Clive Stayt was elected as vice chair. Proposed Cllr S Wilson-Higgins, Seconded Cllr C Matheson.

26/004 Public Participation: None

26/005 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 14th April 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 14th April 2026. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr S Wilson-Higgins.

26/007 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 14th April 2026. No other updates.

26/008 Clerks and councillor report summarise and questions:

No questions to the clerk's report – the clerk is progressing with the Cromwell Play area replacement order.

Flood wardens – Cllr Stayt is a flood warden for the council and we will ask at the APM if any further people would like to be listed as flood wardens in the parish. Details will be registered by the county council.

26/009 Financial Matters

(27/009.01) To approve the financial reports. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial reports.

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.

Venue hire - £110.00

Clerk office expenses (Apr) - £52.75

Fine Print – printing leaflets for APM – £144.00

Graham Kearney delivery leaflets - £180

Ady Podbery – park mowing and litter - £330.60 and £198.60

CDC landscaping charges - £2905.76, £985.50 and £151.01

CIS ltd – Annual IT costs £2,136.26 and £65.88

Auditor -£200.00

£confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors. They are approved annually.

26/010 Planning:

(26/010.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council since the last meeting.

Response to East West Rail – Councillors considered a response to the EWR non statutory consultation which runs from 14 April to 8 June. Noted there will be a statutory / public consultation following this. We have heard about this and have some questions to ask including when and how we are being consulted.

Cllr Wilson-Higgins joined a call with David Hemstock (designer for PR7a) and Tom Darlington / Helen Mack CDC. 2 adult and 2 junior pitches, FA required changing rooms. Community office / hall. The council are going to ask for a designated office / space as co sharing with sporting will be difficult.

26/011 Items for information and next agenda only.

None

26/012 Date of the next full council meeting – 9th June 2026 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 7pm