

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on
Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7pm

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

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Nigel Simpson

Other attendees: The clerk

26/013 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.

26/014 Public Participation: None
None

26/015 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 12th May 2026 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 12th May 2026. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr N Simpson

26/016 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 12th May 2026:

Area oversight group – Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council not even mentioned in the document from Tom Darlington. No mention of any of our requirements / feedback included in updated paperwork. The clerk will contact Tom and copy Ian Middleton to reiterate the information.

The clerk will write to Kidlington Town Council and ensure that their newsletters are not being sent to Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council residents. It is not postcode residents as only Gosford residents are receiving them (not Water Eaton Lane). This was raised in the APM and is confusing residents.

26/017 Clerks and councillors report summarise and questions:

Continuing lorries driving down Water Eaton Lane. We have requested signage again. Cllr Middleton will assist with supporting this request.

Ask for clarification on the planning conditions of timings to work for the developments. The clerk will email planning for timings as seems to be 7 days working and we thought they could not work on Sunday.

Traffic lights at Water Eaton Lane are not phased correctly. Cllr Middleton will escalate this.

Yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane are not in place still. Cllr Middleton will continue to raise this.

Concern regarding Gosford Hill school height of the new temporary buildings raised by a resident – we have been told there is nothing that can be done about this as temporary.

EXOQ – data centre consultation open and responses needed by 18th July.

PR6 – planning online now for comments.

The dump adjacent to our parish is being cleared at a good speed. They hope to clear by Autumn.

26/018 Financial Matters

(26/018.01) To approve the financial reports. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial reports.

Councillors 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 for meeting- £80

Clerk office expenses (June) - £53.45

CIS 100319 – June virus protection, 365 costs £306.25

Ady Podbery £325.20 invoice 5578, May litter pick and grass cut

(26/018.02) Audit – to consider the Annual Governance statements and respond accordingly. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance statements. The council thanked the RFO for her support with this.

(26/018.03) Audit – to consider the figures in the AGAR and sign. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the figures in the AGAR and signed the documentation.

(26/018.04) Audit – to consider the internal auditor comments. No further comments.

26/019 Planning:

(26/019.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council: Application 26/01167/F - Temporary car parking area at Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council. Council has concerns over the height and the ground being raised for this as there is flooding in the area.

(26/019.02) To consider and discuss OUFCA planning applications and responses: We understand that a judicial review is going ahead. No further discussion.

(26/019.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake user group. The council have shared the agreement with KTC and GWEPC to our lawyers to check before we sign it.

26/020 Policy Review:

(26/020.01) To consider and re-adopt the standing orders. The council **RESOLVED**

to re-adopt the standing orders.

(26/020.02) To consider and re-adopt the Code of Conduct. The council RESOLVED to re-adopt the code of conduct.

(26/020.03) To consider and re-adopt the councillor expenses policy. The council RESOLVED to re-adopt the councillor expenses policy.

(26/020.04) To consider and re-adopt the financial controls policy. The council RESOLVED to re-adopt the financial controls policy.

(26/020.05) To consider and re-adopt the risk assessment. The council RESOLVED to re-adopt the risk assessment.

proposed Cllr Clive Stayt, Seconded Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins

26/021 Items for information and next agenda only.

Update on Unitary authority

Update from Area oversight group

Response to EXOQ to confirm at next meeting

26/022 Date of the next full council meeting – 14th July 2026 – 7pm West
Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 8.25pm