

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at
Edward Feild School, Kidlington at 7pm

Members in attendance: Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Emilie Walton, Cllr Clive Stayt (Chair), Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Leon Shepherd

Apologises: Cllr Merlin Smith and Cllr Carole Matheson

Others Present: Karen East (Clerk), Cllr Maurice Billington (District Council) and 10 members of the public

1. **Declarations of Interest:** None
2. **Introduction of Councillor's**
Councillor's were introduced by the Chairman
3. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2018.** The minutes were approved. Proposer: Carl Smith, Seconder: Catherine Morrison (Members of the public)
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th April 2018.**
None
5. **Public Approval of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018.**
Copy of accounts circulated within the Parish Report
Proposer: Carl Smith, Seconder: Sheila Jeffrey (Members of the public)
6. **Parish Report**
The parish report was circulated online and copies were put through residents doors.
Recreational Area: Cromwell Way recreational area is having one new piece of equipment and the ground will be resurfaced before the summer school holidays.
Bramley Close recreational area has had a new surface and a new piece of equipment.
7. **Police Report**
A copy of the police report was provided, as the police were unable to attend. This was read out and the report will be circulated with the minutes.
The concern of unlawful encampments were raised, Cllr Billington will take this back to District Council for an update on what precautions are in place to prevent the illegal encampments in our area.
A parking questionnaire was circulated by TVP last year. There has been no public response on the results of this. The clerk will ask the Police for an update.
It is noted by members of the public that the parking of Thames Valley Police cars is increasing, the clerk will report back on this again. Cllr Billington added that CDC is looking at the option to decriminalize

parking which would mean there could be parking zones at some point. This would also mean a traffic warden could be put in place and double yellow lines. There could also be a permit scheme. Members of the public expressed they do not want double yellow lines and parking permits. The parish asked Cllr Maurice Billington to request that the parish and members of the public are consulted before any parking measures are put in to place.

8. Planning Matters

At the last APM we requested donations from the parish towards a legal challenge against the unmet housing. Unfortunately not enough donation pledges were received. The parish made the decision to represent themselves at the inspectorates. We expect the report of the hearing in the autumn.

The Parish maintains the position that we do not want the excess of houses in the parish.

If the houses do get the go ahead the parish will work to get the best deal for the parish.

Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins noted that although she wrote the paper against the housing for the parish for the hearing she is also considered as a landowner because her property is within the proposed development area.

Member of the public noted that any unmet housing may actually meet London's unmet housing (commuters) as well as Oxford's unmet housing.

As a parish we are conscious of the number of conversions and extensions in the parish. The parish does make comments if there are grounds to object.

9. Highway Matters

Yellow lines in Cromwell Way and Water Eaton Lane were installed. The lines were shorter than we wanted but we do think it has made a difference.

It was questioned what is happening with the old Bicester Road surfacing works, Cllr Neil Prestidge will speak to Oxford County Council.

It was noted that the Gosford Gap (near Miller & Carter) that the pollution is high. Cllr Neil Prestidge advised that the only thing to reduce this would be a weight limit on the road. This is with the County Council for consideration.

The council advised members of the public to use Fix my Street to report potholes, damage to the highways etc.

The parish does have a representative from the Airport Consultative Committee, if members of the public have concerns, although not in our parish, we can take concerns to them.

10. Resolution / Questions from members of the public

Edward Feild school parents are parking on Cromwell Way consistently. Some parents sit for long periods of time with their engines idling. This is polluting the area. The clerk will write a note to the school asking them to remind parents to be considerate and mindful of the environment.

The number of cars parking down the Bicester Road is increasing and it causes traffic issues particularly at times of school run. Cllr Neil Prestidge noted that this is the case; the parked cars do however assist with traffic calming as it slows cars down.

There are a lot of dogs being walked around the playing field at Gosford Hill / Edward Feild. They do not pick up the dog mess in the feild. Cllr Nigel Simpson will report this to the school to advise them and see if any signage / enforcement can be put in place.

11. Any Other Business

Cambridge Expressway: The potential for the expressway raises concerns of increased housing. There is an expressway action group and no expressway alliance. Cllr Clive Stayt is our parish representative and as a parish we are monitoring the developments on this closely.

The parish would like to formally thank Cllr Maurice Billington for his work on the parish over the years. We hope that he will remain a friend of the council.

Meeting ends 20:20

Police Report – Copy – read out at APM.

Crimes and Crime related incidents in the Gosford and Water Eaton Area of the Kidlington NHPT

01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018

Crime Related Incidents		14
Burglary Business	04	
Burglary Residential		05
Theft (all types including pedal cycle etc)		11
Assault (all types)		02
Criminal Damage		15
Theft from Motor Vehicle		11
Harassment		03
Acton Fraud referrals		02
Dangerous Dog offences		01
Unauthorised traveller camps		03
TOTAL		71

Separate offences listed at **Sainsbury's** (shoplifting, making off without Payment, theft, assault, vehicle crime) 78

01/04/2018 – 31/03/2019

Crime Related Incidents		19
Burglary Residential		01

Theft	05
Assault (all types)	05
Criminal Damage	03
Theft from Motor vehicle	02
Theft of Motor vehicle	03
Motoring offences (including drug/drink drive, speeding etc)	03
Public Order offences	01
Forgery	01
Action Fraud referrals	02
Unauthorised traveller camps	04
TOTAL	49
Separate offences listed at Sainsbury's (shoplifting, making off without Payment, theft, assault, vehicle crime)	68

It should be noted this is a DEMOGRAPHIC record which includes addresses of victims that may have been involved in issues outside of the parish and the incident is recorded on their home address and not the offence location. This is possible that this is the case in a small number of incidents. The recording of a crime/incident also relies on accurately recording the location of the incident, it has been known that the caller and contact centre have to make an educated guess. This can be due to the caller not knowing the local area, time of day/night and not knowing where they are etc.

CRI include incidents such as Domestic Incidents, where no criminal offences occurred but details of those spoken to/see are recorded in case of future problems. Missing persons, Adult and Child protection CRIs are also included. Here is where we are informed of vulnerable members of the community we create a CRI and then pass on the details to partner agencies (social services etc).

Any reported incidents from Gosford Hill School have not been listed as these are either dealt with internally or with the assistance of the Thames Valley Police School's officer.

It has to be noted that the listed incidents also include Water Eaton Park and Ride and Oxford Parkway Train Station. Vehicle crime, theft, criminal damage and assaults have been reported at these locations. Incidents on the A34 have not been listed as they tend to be located differently on the recording system.

The priorities of the team centre on the Local Policing Area's priorities:

1. Dwelling Burglary: maximise patrols and visibility in the community centred on where recent burglaries have occurred.
2. CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation): Engagement with young people and their families. Links with the community especially schools to work in together with partners to identify potential victims of CSE.
3. Domestic Abuse: Positive action undertaken to arrest suspects and protect vulnerable victims, ensuring they are safe from further abuse.
4. Drug lines/CDE (Child Drug Exploitation): Engagement with partners, using intelligence lead policing to safeguard the vulnerable. This is done in tandem with CSE.