

# PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER – April 2025



## Gosford & Water Eaton Parish Council

As you are a resident within **GOSFORD AND WATER EATON PARISH**, we are sending you this newsletter.



### Parish Matters

As a reminder, if you have an issue within our parish boundary, please contact us directly. We do not have an office, but you can call us on our **telephone number 01865 819863** or email us at [clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk). We are very much here and are happy to help you.

You are welcome to join our monthly meetings. Details are on our website.

### Gosford Hill School

Gosford Hill School will soon be undergoing significant improvements. Bowmer + Kirkland has been selected by the Department for Education as the main contractor on plans to regenerate Gosford Hill School, we encourage people to visit the website [www.gosfordhillplans.co.uk](http://www.gosfordhillplans.co.uk) to view the detail.

### Oxford United Football Club - Stadium



You may be aware that the Oxford United's planning application for a proposed stadium on the Triangle is again under consultation. However, Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council (GWEPC), following consultation with parishioners, continues to object to the planning application for the Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) Stadium.

GWEPC has concerns about many aspects of the proposal including: the impact of road closures; inevitable parking issues; how any CPZ would operate in practice and its cost to parishioners; the overbearing impact of such a large structure in what will be a residential area; the lack of clearly defined benefits to this community; the loss of biodiversity; the impact on the adjacent Priority Habitat (possibly ancient) woodland; and the loss of mature trees protected by tree preservation orders. OUFC is pushing for a planning decision in June, but this has not been confirmed.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The Annual Parish Meeting for Gosford and Water Eaton PC will be held on**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**At 7pm**

**Venue: Edward Feild Primary School**

**Questions for the parish should be submitted to the clerk no later than 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**[clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk) or to any councillor of this Parish Council**

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

#### AGENDA

1. **Apologies** for Absence
2. **Declarations** of interest
3. **Introduction of Councillors**
4. **Chairman's report**
5. **Minutes:** to approve the Minutes of the last **Annual Parish Meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
6. **Matters Arising:** from the Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
7. **Accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025:** to receive the statement of the Parish Council's Accounts (full finance information available on the website)
8. **Parish report**
9. **Planning Matters**
10. **Highway Matters**

11. **Resolution/Questions:** to consider any resolutions or questions (of which written notice has been given in advance)

12. **Any other business**

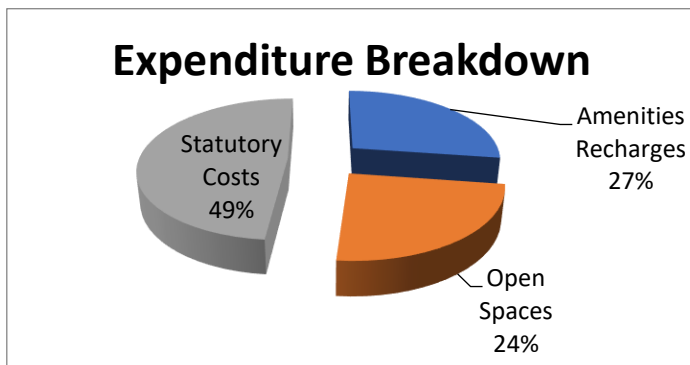
The financial information and previous years minutes for the council are available online.

[www.gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk)

**GOSFORD & WATER EATON PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 2025**

The year close figure is an overspend of £834 in the revenue budget.

Below is an outline of our expenditure lines for 2024-25 with a levied precept of £76,221. Due to increase in statutory expenditures, the council had no choice but to increase the precept for 2025-26 by 6% to £81,174.



The closing bank balances of the council were £46,464.02 as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The funds are represented by:

FUNDS REPRESENTED BY:	£
<b>Barclay Bank Accounts</b>	
Unity Current Account	46,464.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,464.02</b>
<b>RESERVES REPRESENTED BY:</b>	
General Reserve	9,589.02
EMR Playground Maintenance	12,500.00
EMR Stratfield Brake Sinking Fund	13,375.00
EMR Litter & Dog Bins	2,000.00
EMR Street Furniture	2,000.00
EMR Planning & Legal	7,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,464.02</b>

**Trees**

Sadly, 2 of the iconic poplar trees on the Gosford Link Road were recently removed when they were found to be diseased internally after OCC tree officers carried out extensive tests. Considering the location next to a major road, and the fact that we had one fall across the road a few years ago, it was determined that for public safety reasons they would be felled. New trees with a similar growing pattern will be planted in their place in the coming months. Poplar trees generally only have a 50-year lifespan so it's likely that others may need to be removed in the future for similar reasons. OCC's arboriculture team will be monitoring the health of the remaining trees on a 4 yearly cycle. The County tree policy means that for every tree removed they will plant two new saplings so tree cover in the area should increase over the coming years which of course is a very important part of the battle against climate change.

**Councillor Vacancy**

We still have one councillor vacancy. Please speak to any councillor or the clerk if you are interested in this voluntary role.

**For further information about meetings or to get in touch with your council, please contact the clerk [clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gosfordandwatereaton-pc.gov.uk) or telephone us during office hours 01865 819863.**