

Clerks Report – Mar 2026

Financial Report & Banking

Details of payments this month are below– all payments will be paid by bank transfer.

Statutory salaries for clerk and RFO, HMRC, pensions already approved and set up – All to be made via online banking and in line with budget. These are set up by the RFO to be clicked in the approvals list.

Other immediate payments – budgeted and approved in annual budget:

West Kidlington venue Mar - £89

Clerk office expenses (Feb) £53.75

Legal fees – RWK Goodman (advice for SB leases) invoice 16897 - £930

Vision ICT – hosting May 26- Apr 27 – inv 21611 - £191.58

OALC – invoice 6140 – annual fees £312

CDC – February 26 – SB management fee £985.50

CDC – March 26 – SB management fee £985.50

Invoices to support payments are provided alongside the finance report. PAYE figures to be listed as £confidential in published documentation.

Council tax - CDC have written to formally communicate that both the council tax and the precepts for the upcoming fiscal year (2026/27) were successfully approved.

I would like to provide you with the scheduled dates for the instalment payments to the parish council.

1. 14th April 2026
2. 9th September 2026

Cromwell Way play area

Playground needs to be refurbished. It is in quite a state in some areas. RFO has shared what budget available, need to consider what we can spend now and what we can plan for. There is £13,500 in play area improvements - but we do have extra in the general reserves if they wanted another £7k.

Planning

Attending this meeting:

Elaine Connolly, Senior Planning Manager, Bellway Homes, Chris James, Development Manager, Bellway Homes, Rob Linnell, Director (Planning), Savills.

The team will give an update on what's happened since you last met them and on the forthcoming plans. This will also be an opportunity for councillors to meet Elaine from Bellway for the first time who is leading on the project.

Application No.: 26/00362/F

Applicant's Name: Tim Wyatt

Proposal: Garage conversion with new roof, single storey side extension, new roof and rooflights to

existing rear extension and front canopy

Location: 13 Hampden Drive, Kidlington, OX5 2LR

Parish(es): Gosford and Water Eaton

Illegal dump

Update on progress in addressing the illegal waste site in Kidlington.

The Environment Agency will continue to update its dedicated webpage: <https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/thames-regulated-industry-sites> with the latest information and monitoring data.

Other

Stratfield Brake – Kidlington Parish Council are leading on the management of the SB site once Cherwell DC release from agreement. There is no option but for KPC and GWEPC to continue paying for this provision as our leases ties us to this.

KPC have drawn up a recommendation for the management report which has been shared to councillors and is also on KPC website as a live document as it is not final.

Ongoing – further documents shared to councillors (also on KPC website).

Gosford Hill School – 11th March – open evening. Parents, carers, prospective families and members of our local community are warmly invited to a special evening at Gosford Hill School as we begin an exciting new chapter with our school rebuild.

The event (held across three sessions – see details below) will provide an overview of the new build and how the school will be transformed in the coming years. There will be a presentation by Nigel Sellars (Headteacher) who will outline the phasing and logistics of the project, including how we will minimise disruption and ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the school. Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions.