

Clerks Report – June 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. (July and August payments have been set up – not duplicates)

Other immediate payments – budgeted and approved in annual budget:

West Kidlington venue Jul - £80

Clerk office expenses (June) £52.15

Playground Supplies Ltd – Cromwell Way play invoice 6649- £13,076 plus VAT

CIS Ltd IT - £341.05 support and hosting

Ady Podbery – inv 5608 £462.60 (June mowing and litter)

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

For info: Information Commissioners office (mandatory) renewal has happened: ICO - Renewal confirmation ICO:00014619459 - £47.00

Financial reports shared directly from the RFO to all councillors.

Cromwell Way play area

Playground refurbishment complete. The works look good if anyone would like to have a look.

Planning

Attending this meeting: Tom Darlington

To discuss PR7a in relation to: The draft *Kidlington Area Spatial Study* and the PR7a Pavilion drawing - lack of any mention of our parish in both draft documents and not even one of our feedback points being incorporated in the pavilion design (annoyingly labelled Kidlington), the whole parish council would like a meeting with you to provide our feedback.

Immediate feedback points re the documents included:

1. Map of the "context" shows no parish/ town boundaries nor mention of Gosford & Water Eaton parish;
2. The word "Gosford" appears over Water Eaton Lane and not Gosford;
3. PR7a pavilion / fields/ pitches are not even on the map nor mentioned in the Spatial study;

4. lack of clarity that 2 schools, 1 leisure centre, the cemetery, Sainsburys, and 2 play areas are all in G&WE parish and not Kidlington Town;
5. Stratfield Brake (in Kidlington but our largest cost as a parish) is not referenced or covered in the spatial study which seems very odd;
6. The recommendations in the spatial study are incredibly generic with most points referencing "all areas" which is unclear as to where they mean;
7. The PR7a Pavilion drawing has ignored every one of our feedback points and does not meet ANY of our parish council needs. It appears that only the football club requirements have been considered in its design and this is a significant disappointment given the lion share of CDC planned housing & commercial development in the "Kidlington" area is in Gosford & Water Eaton Parish via PR6a, PR6b, PR7a housing and EXOQ commercial development. Only the Stratfield farm PR7b development is in Kidlington Town. The point being that the CDC S106 funds generated by development in our parish appear to be spent by CDC entirely outside of our parish or for the benefit of those outside our parish i.e. the football club and not parish residents.

(Tom has had the above points emailed to him ahead of this meeting)

26/00720/OUT - EXOq at Frieze Farm site – comments required in this meeting as per email.

Application No.: 26/01398/REM

Applicant's Name: C/O Rachel Whiting

Proposal: Variation of Conditions 1 (plans), 2 (External details, Material specs), 3 (CEMP & CTMP),

4 (Energy Measures), 5 (EV Charging Infrastructure), 6 (Installation of Fibre), 7 (Cycle

Storage Facilities), 8 (Parking and Manouvering Details) and 13 (Arboricultural Method

Statement) of 25/00431/REM

Location: Vistry Homes Land At, Bicester Road, Kidlington

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

Application No.: 26/01469/SCOP

Applicant's Name: Rosie Williams

Proposal: Scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') to be submitted in conjunction with

a planning application for a residential-led development comprising up to 800 new homes

('the Proposed Development') at land west of Oxford Road (formerly North Oxford Golf

Club) ('the Site')

Location: Formerley North Oxford Golf Club (PR6b), Oxford Road, Gosford And Water Eaton, OX2 8EZ

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

Application Consultation

Application No.: 26/01330/LB

Applicant's Name: The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Ch

Proposal: First-floor bedroom lathe and plaster ceiling stripped and replaced with a new lathe and

plaster ceiling (retrospective)

Location: Water Eaton Manor, Oxford Road, Gosford And Water Eaton, OX2 8HE

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eato

Note for info: **Oxford United** – Kidlington Town Council confirmed to the Parish Council that they are not engaged in conversation with OUFC regarding stadium planning.

(Several residents have contacted regarding traffic using Water Eaton Lane to the building sites – this has been escalated to CDC and District and County Councillors)

Hills Development, Land North of 66 And Adjacent to Water Eaton Lane, Gosford, Kidlington

Following further consultation relating to your concerns regarding the temporary access on Water Eaton Lane, the Council have an update on the information provided on Thursday 25 June 2026 from CDC.

A request from the developer has led to further consultation with Oxfordshire County Council Highways and the Council have agreed that the current temporary access will remain in use until Monday 3 August 2026. This will allow construction and office-based staff to access the site while the main entrance on Bicester Road is established for heavier traffic.

As previously stated, in consultation with OCC, the Local Planning Authority has agreed that the access may continue to be used by passenger vehicles and small trade vans only, where necessary to avoid parking congestion on Water Eaton Lane. Use of the access by heavy vehicles remains unauthorised, including plant and delivery traffic.

Following 3 August 2026, the access will be closed to all vehicular access.

Correspondence

From Greenway Group (all councillors received an email)

Exeter College Application at Frieze Way

Copy: I am writing on behalf of local golfers group GreenWay to all Kidlington and Gosford & Water Eaton Councillors to ask for your support in persuading Cherwell to refuse the recent Exeter College application for a huge 'Research and Innovation District' at Frieze Way.

We have of course also written individually to all Cherwell Councillors. In essence, our message is;

- Most of the site is reserved in the adopted Local Plan for a potential replacement for North Oxford Golf Course*
- Our 118 year old Club was in effect forced off its land by its University landlords*
- The Planning Inspector was clear that the potential replacement site at Frieze Farm allowed the allocation of the existing course in the Local Plan*
- Exeter College (which also owns part of the (now closed) golf course) said it would make it available if it was needed for a golf course*
- Exeter now putting in this application preemptively, is a breach of good faith*
- GreenWay commissioned an independent Consultant's report which demonstrates that there is in fact a need for two courses locally; this on the basis that our course closed with full membership, Cherwell has a relatively low number of courses, golf participation is stable or growing - and there is massive housing development planned in the area (which will of course increase local need for golf)*

There are of course many other reasons why the application should be refused (key part of remaining Green Belt/infrastructure already being outstripped/climate and public health crises); not least where are the people coming for the nearly 10,000 extra jobs going to live?

We hope that your Council will make strong representations to Cherwell that the application be refused and Cherwell implement what is in the Local Plan for Frieze Farm.

Many thanks for reading this.

David Young

Other

Stratfield Brake – Kidlington Town Council continue to lead on the management of the SB site and things are progressing well.

Our solicitors are still reviewing papers.