

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm**

Meeting commenced at 7pm

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

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Merlin Smith,

Other attendees: The clerk,

26/033 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.

26/034 Co-option: Fiona Mawson stood to be co-opted. The council has had a long standing vacancy that has been published and advertised on the web. There have been no other applicants. Fiona was co-opted in by the councillors. Proposer: Cllr C Stayt, Seconded: Cllr N Simpson. All councillors in favour.

26/035 Public Participation:
None

26/036 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 14th July 2026 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2026. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr S Wilson-Higgins.

26/037 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 14th July 2026:
None

26/037 Clerks and councillors report summarise and questions:

The Hill Residential site was identified as the source of the recent noise and vibration concerns. Following a site inspection undertaken by colleagues in the Environmental Protection Team, the Council understands that the driven piling operations have now ceased and that the associated equipment has been removed from the site.

Whilst it is understood that further piling works may be required as part of the development, the developer has been advised that any recommencement of the more intrusive driven piling method will require the Council's prior written approval. In the meantime, Continuous Flight Auger (CFA) rotary piling may continue in accordance with the approved Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), as this method should not generate the same levels of noise and vibration associated with driven piling operations.

Old Barns on the site adjacent to Oxford Parkway (South) may need an independent bat survey. If the barns are demolished it impacts the number of affordable houses. If they remain more affordable homes would be added to the site. Cllr Middleton will contact a bat expert initially to see if they can see if bats are still roosting.

Assessment need for golf course – There is a new assessment back from the consultants KKP towards the end of August – we await a copy from CDC in due course.

Environmental Agency have signed off the dump site adjacent to the parish.

Sites alongside Bramley Close up to the flyover are all being looked at by planning enforcement. The council will write to Enforcement to ask for an update on all of the sites.

26/038 Financial Matters

(26/038.01) To approve the financial reports. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial reports (Bank reconciliation to 30th August 2026, payments and receipts).

The current bank balance is: £90,639.21 (as of 30th August 2026).

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the bank balance and financial reports including the bank reconciliation. Proposed S McIvor and Proposed N Simpson (Councillors all voted in favour).

(26/038.02) To approve the financial reports. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments this month. Proposed S McIvor and Proposed N Simpson.

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.

Direct Debit mandate submitted for CIS Ltd – IT services.

Other immediate payments – budgeted and approved in annual budget:

West Kidlington venue September - £80

Clerk office expenses (July and August) £103.70

Moore – external audit fee £535.50

Ady Podbery – inv 5635 - £378.60

Cherwell District Council – landscape recharge Apr-June 2026 - £870.23

Councillors receive copies of the invoices to review ahead of the meeting.

26/039 Planning:

(26/039.01) To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council and consider a response: *Application information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.*

Application No.: 26/02082/LB

Applicant's Name: E.Smith

Proposal: Change of road surface from the existing concrete to tar and chip and the change of the visitor car park from crushed concrete to gravel

Location: Northfield Farm, Water Eaton Lane, Gosford, Oxfordshire, OX5 2PU

Councillors have no objection or comment.

(26/039.02) To receive and update from the Stratfield Brake / Area oversight user group.

Stratfield Brake, licence agreement: The Kidlington Town Council are still working on the Bar licence agreement but it is moving forward positively.

Community Centre / Pavilion: The clerk will write to CDC Chair and Tom Darlington to reconfirm the community centre / football pitches are in GWEPC.

Sports provision and master plan: Cllr Simpson asked about provision and engagement with local clubs. There are queries regarding 3G pitches. CDC are doing reports.

26/040 Items for information and next agenda only.

(26/040.01) To consider the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for GWEPC. At this time councillors have deferred this and would like to see what is coming up in the local area regarding planning and the major overhaul of councils which is currently under review. The clerk will also ask Tom Darlington to confirm the latest update regarding the building.

(26/040/02) Movement and place plan – Ian's report. Suggestion that Councillors write a response to the movement and place plan (map). Cllr McIvor will draft a response for the council to review.

26/041 Date of the next full council meeting – 13th October 2026 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 9.05pm

Respond to PR6a - Bellway due dates – ask when comment for detailed plan is – is 15th October the correct date.