Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at West Kidlington Primary School on Tuesday 13th October 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 Merlin Smith,

To receive and accept apologies of absence from: Cllr Ian Middleton,

Other attendees: The clerk, David Young and Sandy Gallaher from Greenway

26/042 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.

26/043 Public Participation:
David Young and Sandy Gallaher from Greenway (Golf) mentioned the data centre which is proposed. The CDC local plan has the strong point that Frieze Farm is committed for future golf. Concerned when went to PR6b meeting that they won't get the provision of the new golf course and the PR6b site work will commence without provision. Have asked the council to put pressure on in support of the reprovision of golf and refer to England Golf report. Data on spaces at local golf clubs would be useful to include in the evidence to support the need and also the % of population for golfers. Council agreed that Cllr McIvor would draft a letter to CDC to cover the points that David and Sandy raised because no-one in the council is taking any pro-active action to ensure there is a golf site to replace that lost on PR6b.

26/044 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 8th September 2026 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 8th September 2026. Proposed Cllr C Stayt, Seconded Cllr S McIvor

26/045 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 8th September 2026:
Community Centre / Pavilion: The clerk will write to CDC Chair and Tom Darlington to reconfirm the community centre / football pitches are in GWEPC. There is no update on this and we continue to chase.

Sports provision and master plan: There are queries regarding 3G pitches. CDC are doing reports and no updates but we continue to chase.

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. The bat survey was expensive and the likelihood of good results / access was tricky at this time of year. If the barns are still standing beginning of next year we will reconsider the bat survey.

There is an existing report we can use. In the past Oxford University students also did a study, Cllr Wilson-Higgins will try and locate the Oxford Uni report.

26/046 Clerks and councillors report summarise and questions:
The

26/047 Financial Matters
(26/047.01) To approve the payments. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial payments.

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 October - £82
Clerk office expenses (September) £52.15
Ady Podbery – inv 5682 - £330.60 (grass cutting / litter of park areas)
Cherwell District Council - £151.01 - Half Yearly Charge for Emptying Dog Bin.
CIS IT £347.10 (paid by direct debit) -

Kidlington Town Council – submitted an invoice which included £3,000 Christmas lights costs. The council agreed not to pay this in the last budget set. The RFO has asked for a revised invoice.

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

Stratfield Brake finances

Councillors will need to discuss budget in November.
Kidlington Town Council has advised that they have allocated **£20,000 from GWEPC**, which is only £1,000 more than last year for SB. The clerk will ask Kidlington Town Council to reconfirm this figure no later than 1st December so we can confirm our precept.

(26/047.02) To approve the financial reports: Deferred.

26/048 Planning:
(26/048.01) 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.: 26/02555/DISC

Applicant's Name: Mr Chris James

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 17 pt 2 (Foul Water Network/Phasing Plan) and 18 pt 2 (Water

Network/Development and Infrastructure Plan) of 23/01233/OUT

Location: Os Parcel 4347 East Of Pipal Cottage, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX2 8HE

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

Details of amendment EIA Development

No objection or comment from the council

Application No.: 26/02035/CLUP

Applicant's Name: Mr Joshua Flather

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development for the parking of a single taxi vehicle

on driveway

Location: 52 Hampden Drive, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2LS

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

No objection or comment from the council

Application No.: 26/02125/F

Applicant's Name: Ms Kate O'Shea

Proposal: Change of use of amenity land to garden, with erection of fence 1.8 metres in height

Location: 4 Beagles Close, Gosford, Oxfordshire, OX5 2QJ

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

Details of amendment Application re-validated

No objection or comment from the council

The councillors noted there is heavy parking at the junction of Cromwell Way / Hampden Drive and on Bicester Road. The clerk will see if the Cherwell DC traffic enforcement officer can visit to ascertain if there is illegal parking causing visibility issues and due to concerns of primary school aged children using the pathways.

(26/048.02) To discuss affordable housing: The viability study could potentially alter the amount of affordable housing looking at other developments in the District. This is a concern for the council. Cllr Middleton previously noted that if a building is demolished on the site the affordable housing can be reduced. This therefore is an incentive for developers to demolish existing structures. PR6a barn being demolished is important for developers on this basis although the council would prefer the barn to remain.

Affordable and social housing quantity in the new developments is not clear.

(26/048.03) To receive an update from the Stratfield Brake / Area Oversite user group: There is no update.

26/049 Items for information and next agenda only

(26/049.01) *Flood meeting:* Monday, 19 October 2026, at Exeter Hall from 12.30pm. Cllr Stayt will attend.

(26/049.02) *Signage:* The clerk will ask for the Gosford and Water Eaton sign (from the A34) to be moved to the edge of Bramley Close because it is in the wrong position (not in our parish). Also a request for additional signage 'Welcome to Gosford and WE' at the Sainsburys, near the car wash, Couling close (A44).

(26/049.03) *Enforcement:* the parish would like Sean Tilbury to come and discuss the enforcement they are doing for the sites adjacent to our parish.

(26/049.04) Ask for a correction in the Oxford Mail, the school was noted as being in Kidlington (not Gosford and WE).

26/050 Parish Matters
Cllr Smith went to use the footpath alongside the Vistry site but the heras fencing is restricting the width of the footpath. The clerk will raise to CDC planning enforcement.

Lorries going down Water Eaton Lane continuous. Cllr Ian Middleton is monitoring this. The clerk will write to planning enforcement again.

The parish has heard there is pressure for East West Rail to put a cycle path alongside the railway. This would entail further land to be taken by EWR.

Coming off the A34 towards Kidlington suggestion is a speed limit is required at the junction across to Islip. Not our Parish but traffic is fast into the parish.

Peoples Emergency Briefing meetings happened locally. Kidlington Climate Action Group may have another one. GWEPC could host one and potentially involve older students. The council will discuss again at another meeting.

Airport Liaison minutes will be circulated to councillors.

ARUP report – not available yet. Will circulate once we have it but we will need a meeting with Tom Darlington when it comes through.

There is a lot of information not coming through to GWEPC, need to email Gordon Stewart at CDC (need to copy in Linda and Ian when send).

26/051 Date of the next full council meeting – 10th November 2026 – 7pm West Kidlington Primary School.

Meeting ends 9.25pm