

Clerks Report – September 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.

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

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

The signed external auditor report has been received.

Cromwell Way play area

Playground refurbishment has been completed.

Planning

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

Complaints about noise at Hills site and piling works: Response from Planning:

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.

Should driven piling recommence without the necessary approvals being in place, please report this to both the Planning Enforcement and Environmental Protection teams. The matter will then be investigated to determine whether there has been a breach of the relevant planning condition and/or whether the activity constitutes a statutory nuisance.

Bellway Homes: Bellway Homes submitted a reserved matters application (RMA) last Friday to Cherwell District Council. This is for new homes in Phase 1B of the Water Eaton development's central development area.

It is the first RMA to be submitted for residential development at Water Eaton and marks an exciting stage in the project.

The RMA Phase 1B application's detailed proposals include:

A total of 177 new homes:

- 84 of which will be affordable housing to meet local needs
- 93 of which will be for market housing
- As a mix of one, two, three and four-bedroom properties in houses and flats.

The new houses will incorporate townhouses and villas in the form of detached, semi-detached and terrace houses. Apartment blocks will front the Oxford Road as gateway features and other key road frontages, corners and spaces.

Once the planning application has been validated by the council, you will be able to find out more through a new section - 'Phase 1B New Homes' - on our project website <https://www.water-eaton.co.uk/> You will also be able to view the planning application on the council website.

EXOq – response submitted following last months meeting

Oxford Local Plan 2045

Statement of Submission and Availability of Documents for Inspection

In accordance with Regulation 22 and 35 of

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

On 14th July 2026, Oxford City Council submitted the Oxford Local Plan 2045 and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination. This is in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (T&CP Regs 2012).

The Oxford Local Plan 2045 covers the whole administrative area of Oxford City Council and covers the time period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2045.

Inspection

In accordance with Regulation 22(3) (a), copies of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 and a range of supporting documents are available for Inspection.

These documents include:

1. Submission Oxford Local Plan 2045 (which is the same as the Regulation 19 Plan);
2. A schedule of Proposed Minor Post-Publication Changes to the Submission Plan
3. Submission Oxford Local Plan 2045 Policies Map;
4. Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Oxford Local Plan 2045;
5. A Consultation Statement;
6. Copies of all the representations made during the Regulation 19 consultation;
7. Other key evidence and supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan

The whole of the evidence base/ examination library (including all previously published documents) is available online at the City Council's website:

[Oxford Local Plan 2045 – Oxford City Council](#)

The website can also be accessed from computers available in the libraries.

Hard copies of the documents numbered 1-6 are also available for inspection at Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, OX1 1BX during opening times.

Hard copies of the documents numbered 1-5 will be available to view from next week at the locations below during opening hours:

- Barton Library: Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Headington, OX3 9LS
- Blackbird Leys Library: Blackbird Leys Road, Blackbird Leys, OX4 6HT
- Botley Library, 5a Church Way, Botley, OX2 9TH
- Cowley Library: Temple Road, Cowley, OX4 2EZ
- Headington Library: Bury Knowle Park, Headington, OX3 9JJ
- Littlemore Library: Oxford Academy Campus, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ
- Old Marston Library: Mortimer Hall, Old Marston, OX3 0PH
- Oxford Westgate Library: The Westgate, Queen Street, OX1 1PE
- Summertown Library: South Parade, OX2 7JN

If you have any questions regarding the Local Plan and supporting documents, please contact the Planning Policy Team via email on planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk or phone on 01865 252847.

Next Steps

The Oxford Local Plan 2045 will now be subject to an Independent Examination conducted by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. This is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to receipt of the appointed planning inspector's report. Part of this process will include hearing sessions which provide an opportunity for those invited to attend to respond to matters raised by the appointed Planning Inspector.

The examination process and timescales will be determined by the appointed Inspector. An independent Programme Officer has been appointed to assist the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative and procedural elements of the examination process and will be responsible for any communication with respondents during the examination. Once confirmed, details relating to the examination process will be advertised, made available online and sent to all those who responded to the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan Consultation and requested to be notified.

Other

Area Oversight Group – Ward member only AOG last month, and the next opportunity for GWEPC to feed in will be at the full AOG on 22nd September. This is the same for all of the Town / Parish Councils.

Please note, Ward members voted in favour of the next 'planning' phase of the PR7a sports pitches and pavilion / community building project. This should be ratified by CDC Executive on 7th September.

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

Bramley Close – vegetation needed cutting back – Ady Podbury has done this.

Co-option (due to vacancy)

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council – Co-option Statement (Fiona Mawson)

I first became involved in parish council work when I was co-opted onto Yarnton Parish Council in 2016. Since then, I have gained valuable experience of how parish councils operate and the wide range of challenges and opportunities that local communities face. I have found it rewarding to be part of an apolitical team that places the interests and wellbeing of residents at the centre of its work.

As one of the Cherwell District Councillors representing Gosford and Water Eaton, I have a good understanding of the significant changes affecting our area. These include housing growth, transport infrastructure, the protection and enhancement of green spaces, the provision of community facilities, flood risk, and the impacts of climate change. I believe this broader perspective would enable me to make a positive contribution to the Parish Council.

I also serve on Kidlington Town Council and Yarnton Parish Council, which provides an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between neighbouring communities. By sharing ideas, experiences, and best practice, I hope to help identify common solutions to shared challenges and ensure that Gosford and Water Eaton benefits from effective partnership working.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council and to use my experience and local knowledge to support the Council in representing and delivering for its residents.