Clerks Report – November 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 November - £82
Clerk office expenses (October) - £52.15
Annual Rent for Playground at Cromwell Way (Oxfordshire County Council) - £814.00
Ady Podbery – inv 5715 - £198.60 (grass cutting / litter of park areas)
CIS IT £355.92 (paid by direct debit) –
Kidlington Town Council - £8.711.00 (Cemetries and allotments)
Wreath for remembrance day - £27.00

We are waiting for a landscape recharges invoice from CDC.

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

Stratfield Brake finances – no update since last meeting

Councillors will need to discuss budget in November meeting which the RFO is attending.
Kidlington Town Council has advised that they have allocated **£20,000 from GWEPC**, which is only £1,000 more than last year for SB.

Landscape costs for 2027/28
There is a new agreement from CDC as costs have risen – reduction in mowing still incurs extra cost:

Reducing mowing frequency to 8 visits p.a. (at once per month from March to October) = 5.35% cost increase plus March CPI uplift

In Gosford & Water Eaton this would directly affect the cost of OCC highway verge mowing - an additional £232 plus CPI.

The RFO will have factored this into budget.

Planning

Letter to Bursar of Exeter College has been sent asking them to engage with us as a parish.

Gosford & Water Eaton Parish Council responded to the EXOq outline planning consultation on 30 July 2026 (copy of full response attached).

In section 1 (copied below for ease of reference) we drew attention to the fact that, despite a reported engagement period of twelve months, and even though the entire development lies within our parish, no attempt has been made to engage with this parish council.

We feel that Exeter College's conduct in this regard is poor and we draw this to your attention in the sincere hope that you will take steps to remedy the situation.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application Consultation

Application No.: 26/02770/DISC

Applicant's Name: Mrs Aji Athawes

Proposal: Discharge of Condition 3 (CEMP) of 22/03883/F

Location: Land North Of 66 And Adjacent, Water Eaton Lane, Gosford

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

Application No.: 26/02661/F

Applicant's Name: Mr & Mrs Richard & Ann Francis

Proposal: Re-form roof of existing single storey rear extension, first floor rear and side extension,

loft conversion and extension including hip-to-gable alteration, insertion of 4 no. roof

windows to front slope of roof and pitched dormer to rear

Location: 10 Water Eaton Lane, Gosford, OX5 2PP

Parish(es): Gosford And Water Eaton

PR7a proposed pavilion plan – sent to councillors 21 October – comments at this meeting

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Other

KKP report that CDC said they would send (re golf provision) has not come through yet.

Signage in parish – I have requested via Highways and am waiting on updates / costs.

Healthy Place Shaping update:
We are developing a **Community Insight Profile** for the area. The profile will bring together local data, community insight, local assets, and the lived experiences of residents to build a comprehensive picture of health and wellbeing. It will help identify both the strengths within the community and the challenges that may impact residents' wellbeing, providing an evidence base to inform future priorities, projects, and investment.

As part of this work, we have launched a community survey and would greatly appreciate your support in sharing and promoting it. The survey findings, alongside other sources of evidence, will be incorporated into a published report that will help shape future recommendations for improving health and wellbeing in Kidlington East.

Following publication of the profile, a grant funding programme will be launched, providing local community groups and organisations with the opportunity to apply for funding to deliver projects that address the priorities identified by the community.

Survey link: Kidlington East Community Consultation 2026 (Insight Profile). Or https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/communications-strategy-and-insight/kidlington-east-2026

The survey takes around 20 minutes to complete and will remain open until **4 January 2027.**

To help with promotion, I have attached a communications toolkit containing example newsletter and social media content. I would be grateful if you could share the survey through your networks and with wider colleagues and councillors.

I have also attached a survey poster which you are welcome to share or display on noticeboards. If you would like any hard copies, please let me know.

In addition to the survey, we are keen to gather more in-depth feedback from local organisations, community groups, and residents through interviews and focus

groups. If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interested in taking part, I would be delighted to hear from them.

We are particularly keen to hear from a broad cross-section of the community, including people who may not typically engage with consultation activities, so any support you can provide in reaching local residents would be greatly appreciated.

We will be updating our website to include further information: https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/1095/community-insight-project

We will also be promoting the survey through the K5 Better Together Facebook page.

Parish Transports Representatives meeting
The next PTRs meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 1.30pm**. The meeting will take place online as usual: the draft agenda is attached along with a .ics calendar entry file, while a link to join the meeting can be found at the bottom of this email.

An audit of the Parish Transport Representatives' contact list has revealed that a number of parishes do not have a PTR, nor do the details of the parish clerk appear on our list. If you do not have a PTR in place the following page of the county council's website outlines the role:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/public-transport/parish-transport