

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Ulph, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Robertson, and Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: No representatives in attendance

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bate and Bucks Councillor Fealey.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2026

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr White provided Cllrs with the accounts for the Village Hall as requested at the last meeting. The current balance should last until the end of the financial year unless any major expenditure is incurred. The hall is being actively marketed, and some interest has been generated.

A questionnaire needs to be produced for residents advising them of the issues with the hall and asking if they are happy for the PC to spend £500 per month of taxpayers' money on keeping the hall operating. It needs to advise that the consequence of helping the hall will result in an increase in the precept. This needs to be ready to be sent out in September. Cllrs agreed they wanted to include information in the next newsletter and to also add it to the PC website and the village hall website. The Village Hall committee will need to agree the wording as it will be sent jointly from them and the PC. Cllrs agreed that if they cover the costs, it cannot be open ended and needs to be constantly reviewed.

Cllr White is to invite the village hall committee to meet with the PC an hour before the PC meeting in September. **Action: Cllr White**

4. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

There were no Bucks Cllrs in attendance, but Cllr Fealey had sent a report to the Clerk to read out on his behalf:

The Oak House planning issue - this now requires a planning application for the support poles and is being handled by the enforcement team.

HS2 traffic calming - I fully support these plans and have confirmed back to Highways.

6. Finance

a. To agree the June payment run as circulated

GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN June 2026

Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for May	£565.80
Clerk	Expenses - travel & work from home allowance for May	£42.50
KJ Parker	Grass cutting - May	£380.00
Assured Drainage	Clearing blocked drain & jet clean at drains at the Pavilion	£180.00
Jyoti Uppal	First aid kit for Pavilion	£18.99
Total		£1,187.29

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the June payment run.

b. To review the May 2026 bank statements and review and agree the payments and receipts reports

Cllrs Gibbs checked the receipts and payments reports against the bank statements and all were approved.

7. Planning: To discuss planning applications

a. Planning applications

PL/26/03720/HB - Wescott House, Main Street, Gawcott

Listed building application for the replacement of modern windows to the rear two storey later extension to the property, the attic dormer windows of the main house and the four windows on the outbuilding together with the replacement of the existing modern driveway gates and modern garage doors, painted in hardwood timber.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

PL/26/03950/HB - Wescott House, Main Street, Gawcott

Listed building application for the replacement of 1 sash window at ground floor with new single glazed to match existing.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

b. Ongoing planning matters – to receive the report regarding ongoing planning matters in the Parish

Cllrs noted the report, no comments were made.

Cllr White noted that there is a field for sale on Hillesden Road.

c. Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott

- To discuss the notification of submission of outline planning application at land southwest of Buckingham received by the Parish Council and agree next steps

Cllrs agreed to invite the developer to meet with the PC before the next Parish Council meeting in July. The Clerk will send the invite for 6.30pm on 9th July. **Action: Clerk**

HS2 Road Safety Fund Application – a letter has been sent to residents about the proposed changes, but the link in the letter does not work. The Clerk will raise this issue with the Bucks Highways team, but it may not be working as the consultation does not go live until 17th June. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr White believes the road narrowing is in the wrong place on the proposed plan. It is listed as being placed outside of the last bungalow on Preston Road, but he believes it should be outside Clunytoo as there is no pathway/need to pass there, and better visibility instead of the narrowing being placed just past a bend in the road.

8. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Lighting matters

- **To discuss hedging overhanging the footpath on Main Street**

It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a letter to send to residents asking them to cut the hedging right back to their property boundary line. The letter is to be emailed to Cllr Burgess who will print and post to the correct residents. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Burgess**

9. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

There was nothing to report.

10. To provide updates for the Pavilion, Playing Fields and Play Area

- **To discuss a new project to consider the costs of enlarging the All-Weather Pitch and upgrading the Play Area.**

Cllrs discussed extending the all-weather pitch to 7 aside size, installing paddle courts and obtaining costs to replace the playpark equipment. Looking into what will be involved with extending the pavilion was also mentioned.

Cllr Ulph was happy to head up looking into the costs and what will be involved but asked for some help with this. Cllr Robertson and Cllr Tofield both offered to work with Cllr Ulph on this. It was agreed that they will meet up in the next few weeks to work out a way forward.

- **To discuss researching the cost of erecting a padel court as an alternative to extending the all-weather pitch**

As above.

- **To discuss the quote to repair the basket swing at the play park**

Cllrs agreed not to proceed with the repair. The basket swing has now been removed from site.

- **Playing field entrance gates and fencing**

Secure-A-Field has quoted £31,768 for the main entrance gate, which will be a fully automatic gate with timer/intercom to allow for remote opening. Ducting from the Pavilion for power to the gate is included in the estimate.

They also quoted circa £16,000 for matching metal fencing to replace the timber fence along Lenborough Road and a further £16,000 for metal fencing to replace the timber post and rail fence around the car park.

More information on how the gate would operate and the technical side of the remote access is required before a decision can be made. Cllr Ulph asked for a demonstration of the technology and Cllr White will speak to Secure-A-Field. **Action: Cllr White**

11. To report on any other Parish Council business

- **To provide an update on Hodding Wood**

Cllrs are still awaiting a response from the Charity. No update at this stage.

The Clerk has spoken to RTM Landscapes regarding a tree survey. They needed clarification on the boundary which has been provided, and we await a quote for the survey.

- **To discuss the installation of the MVAS monitors**

The handyman Cllr Ulph had spoken to now doesn't feel able to install the monitors for the PC on Preston Road and Hillesden Road. The Clerk will speak to a contractor she uses in another parish to see if he would be interested. There are poles in place for both signs. **Action: Clerk**

- **Parish Council Facebook account**

Cllrs agreed the Facebook page should be used more regularly to post about things happening in the Parish. Information needs to be posted on the All Things Gawcott Facebook page.

It was agreed that Cllrs would send any information to post on the site to the Clerk, but only items relevant to the Parish Council will be published.

Cllrs agreed to advertise the PC Facebook page in the newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to add newsletter advertising to the July agenda. **Action: Clerk**

12. To receive reports from the solar farm, village hall and community group

- **Gawcott festival feedback**

There were a few teething issues, but £2300 was raised for Alec's Angels. There is money available for next year's event which will be held on 13th June 2027.

Solar farm – the solar farm had a stall at the festival and Citizen's Advice were also in attendance. They were there to promote their activities and to let residents know that they are there to help. The solar farm has £230,000 worth of grants available for next year. Buckingham Primary School is interested in working with the solar farm and if it is successful they can use this as an example of what can be achieved.

Community Group – they were happy to attend the recent festival.

13. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

9th July 2026

17th September 2026

8th October 2026

12th November 2026

10th December 2026

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.52.

Chair:

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