

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: None in attendance, Cllr Fealey sent his apologies

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Bate and Cllr Gibbs.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025

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

Cllr White advised that our Unitary Cllr, Cllr Fealey, is going to raise the surface of New Inn Lane with the manager of our Local Area Technician to see what can be done.

There are signs down on Buckingham Road. Cllr Ulph will send photos to the Clerk for her to report. **Action: Cllr Ulph / Clerk**

4. Planning: To discuss traveller sites in the area

Cllr Fealey has previously advised that there was very little the Parish Council could do about the sites. Cllr White suggested the Parish Council tries to purchase any land that becomes available that otherwise may be purchased for more sites. Cllrs agreed to consider this in the future as and when land becomes available.

5. To provide an update on Hodding Wood and agree next steps

Cllr Ulph advised that conversations have taken place with Fisher German to understand how they have reached their valuation figures. We have a market value and a value that includes 'special assumptions' which calculates the rent and that the land has been 'wooded' by the Parish Council. Fisher German explained they have an obligation to offer valuations in this way.

Cllr Ulph suggested the next step will be for the Parish Council to approach the Buckinghamshire Arms Houses Charity with an offer which includes the allotments. It was agreed that some of the allotments could be turned into a community garden and that the Parish Council would provide a better amenity for the parish that was more closely managed. It was also suggested that the Parish Council could approach HS2 for funding to install water and power at the allotments and for repairs to the track.

The Clerk will contact the Buckinghamshire Arms Houses Charity to set up a meeting with Cllr White and Cllr Ulph. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Robertson joined the meeting.

6. Finance

a. To approve the 2026/27 budget and precept

Cllrs unanimously agreed to set the precept at £28,000 for 2026/27.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would speak to Winslow United Junior Football Club about increasing their rent, which has remained the same for a number of years.

It was also agreed that conversations need to take place with Gawcott and Hillesden Cricket Club about them sub-letting the pitch.

The Clerk was asked to find out how the NS&I bond of £18,000 can be shown in our accounts as having restricted use as the bond can only be used for the playing fields. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that our verge grass cutting contractor will take on cutting The Rise, the area next to the ex-Cuckoo's Nest public house and the east verge from Lenborough House to the Gawcott entry gates along Hillesden Road.

The Parish Council owned trees along Main Street need cutting back from the overhead cables and the Clerk was asked to address this now. The Clerk will speak to a contractor she uses in another parish for a quote for the work. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that 4 new benches are to be purchased, identical to the benches at the playing fields. The new benches will be placed at the village green and the playing fields. Cllr White will provide the Clerk with information on the benches to be purchased. **Action: Cllr White / Clerk**

The purchase of another MVAS is to be added to the February agenda for discussion. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to increase the general maintenance section of the budget to £10,000.

The 2026/27 budget was agreed at £112,760.

7. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

12th February

12th March

9th April

14th May

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.47.

Chair: Date:

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