

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Bate, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Robertson, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 3 Members of the Public (MoP)

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: Cllr Fealey

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ulph and Cllr Gibbs.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2026

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

4. Public Participation Session

The three MoPs in attendance were hoping to discuss a planning application at The Rise, however, they were advised that no application has been received which is why it isn't on the agenda. The MoPs advised that surveys have been taking place in the field next to The Rise and on the access road. The field has also been cut.

Cllr Fealey advised that Fairhive has confirmed that surveys are taking place but they have not purchased the land to date. The farmer who owns the field has cut the land. Fairhive is interested and will be putting forward a planning application if they decide to purchase the land. Any houses built will be for social housing. The land in question is included in the draft Bucks Local Plan.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Fealey advised that there were no representatives from Gawcott at the last Community Board meeting. The meeting was about the aging population, including transport to hospitals and working with older people to keep them fit.

He mentioned the proposed asylum centre in Piddington. Planning hasn't yet been submitted so there are no timescales in place for a decision.

Cllr Fealey talked about Lawn Hill, Edgcott – there will be 2,000 cars parked here which belong to staff at the prison. The MOJ wants some HGVs to go through Gawcott which Cllr Fealey believes is the wrong approach and he is fighting against it. Cllr White is to be invited to a Teams meeting w/c 12th October.

Gawcott to Edgcott – the bridge over HS2 has failed a safety inspection as the barrier isn't strong enough if a car/lorry were to be out of control. It needs to be redesigned and reworked.

Anderson Road, Steeple Claydon has also failed a safety inspection as the barrier fixings are not secure. From the 15th October, traffic lights and concrete bollards will be in place.

6. Finance

a. To agree the October payment run as circulated

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Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for September	£565.80
Clerk	Expenses - travel & work from home allowance for September	£42.50
KJ Parker	Grass cutting	£380.00
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for September & expenses for cleaning products	£160.00
Gawcott Village Hall	Hall hire for meetings in July and September	£48.00
	Total	£1,196.30

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the October payment run.

c. To review the September 2026 bank statements and review and agree the payments and receipts reports

Cllr Bate checked the receipts and payments reports against the bank statements and all were approved.

7. Planning: To discuss planning applications

a. Planning applications

There were no applications to discuss.

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

Cllrs noted the report, no comments were made.

c. Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott

Travellers at Radcliffe Road were mentioned. A mobile home has been placed in the field where there was consent for stables. This was changed to residential pitches but the mobile home has been placed elsewhere and not where the stables were supposed to be located. Cllr White will send details to the Clerk so that information can be submitted to planning enforcement. **Action: Cllr White / Clerk**

The mobile home at Oak House, immediately adjoining 1 Hillside, does not constitute a planning infringement according to the enforcement team. Cllr White will take some photos which the Parish Council can submit to Bucks Planning to emphasise the infringement to the privacy of the adjoining owner from this development. **Action: Cllr White**

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

There is a light out on Hillesden Road which has been broken for at least 6 months and reported via Fix My Street. The Clerk will escalate to our Unitary Cllr. **Action: Clerk**

Hillesden Road has been marked up for repairs, but work has yet to begin. The Clerk will also escalate this to our Unitary Cllr. **Action: Clerk**

9. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

There was nothing to discuss.

10. To discuss the Parish Council's communication strategy

Cllrs agreed that every 3 months a communication would be written for the newsletter highlighting what the council has been involved with. Cllrs will speak to Cllr Ulph to see if this is something he would be interested in writing.

A link to the latest agenda and the date of the Parish Council meeting is to be added to the Facebook page. **Action: Clerk**

11. To agree the resident consultation paper regarding the village hall

Cllr White provided all Cllrs with a copy of the consultation and asked for feedback.

The following changes were requested:

- Include how long the Parish Council would fund the hall
- To be reviewed quarterly and assessed in 12 months' time
- Make residents aware that the shortfall is £9,000 and is likely to increase annually. £3,000 would be funded from Parish Council reserves for the first year.
- Explain what the precept is

Cllr White will redraft the consultation and send it to Cllrs for approval. The village hall committee will also need to approve the consultation.

The Clerk will obtain a quote to print 320 copies and 440 copies, double sided and in black and white. **Action: Clerk**

The Parish Council is to distribute copies to all households in the parish. Residents can drop off their completed form at the Crown Pub or responses can be emailed to the Clerk.

The Clerk will send the precept increase to Cllr White to include in the consultation. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that a response rate of 50% will be required. If the response rate is lower than 50%, the Parish Council will assume the hall is no longer required by residents, and the Parish Council will not fund keeping it open.

12. To discuss a resident request to install an MVAS along Lenborough Road

Cllrs agreed Lenborough Road isn't an appropriate area for an MVAS. Signage is needed showing that there is a danger of children crossing the road and that there is a playing field. The Clerk will speak to the Road Safety team at Bucks Council to see if they will install the signage. **Action: Clerk**

13. To consider the removal of the mound of earth adjacent to the garden at Langham Cottage and to consider the quotations received for carrying out the work

Cllrs unanimously agreed they were against removing the mound of earth. The mound has been in place for a very long time with no issues and one Cllr believes there is delicate pipework under the mound. Cllrs agreed that Cartwrights would be asked to trim the mound more regularly to keep it clear of brambles.

14. To consider the remedial works identified in the tree survey report. Council previously agreed in September to proceed with the work at a cost of £1,500. The actual cost is £5,475. Cllrs are asked to consider the revised cost and determine whether to approve the works at the updated price

Cllr White stated the council has no choice but to carry out the work for insurance purposes. However, Cllrs agreed they would like another quote for the work. The Clerk will speak to a contractor about a price to carry out another survey. **Action: Clerk**

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

- **To provide an update on the Richard Roper project**
A project meeting is due to take place w/c 12th October.

CLlr White advised that potholes are appearing in the Pavilion carpark. The Clerk will obtain quotes to repair them. **Action: Clerk**

CLlr White also noted that the guttering is coming off the Pavilion and there is a broken downpipe. The Clerk will obtain a quote for repairs. **Action: Clerk**

The service to the heat pump took place today. No issues were reported.

16. To report on any other Parish Council business

There was nothing else to discuss.

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

There was no report provided for the solar farm.

Community Group – 5th December – Christmas lights will be switched on.

18. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

12th November 2026

10th December 2026

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.17.

Chair: Date:

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