

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 9th July 2026 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Ulph, Cllr Bate, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Robertson, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO, and 2 Members of the Public (MoP)

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: No representatives in attendance

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Bucks Councillor Fealey.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026

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

The joint chairs of the Village Hall Committee have agreed to meet with the Parish Council on 17th September at 6.30pm to discuss the situation with the village hall.

4. Public Participation Session

There was nothing raised.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

There were no Bucks Cllrs in attendance, and no report was provided.

6. Finance

a. To agree the July payment run as circulated

GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN July 2026

Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for June	£565.80
Clerk	Expenses - travel & work from home allowance for June	£42.50
KJ Parker	Grass cutting - June	£380.00
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for May & June & expenses for cleaning products	£90.89
Cllr White	Expenses - remove and dispose of old shed and blinds	£125.00
Buckinghamshire Almshouses & Welfare Charity	Lease of Hodding Wood - 01/07/2026 - 31/12/2026	£452.57
Swarco	Additional parts for MVAS (dated Feb 2024)	£78.27
Clerk	Expenses - 2 x padlocks for MVAS machines	£57.98
	Total	£1,793.01

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the July payment run.

b. To review the June 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/26/03599/FA - Hollow Farm, Buckingham Road, Gawcott,

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of self-build detached dwelling and barn-style car port

The residents of Hollow Farm were in attendance to answer any questions. Cllr White asked how the application varied from the previous refusal. They confirmed that at the appeal, it was agreed it was a suitable location, but the application needed to focus on the height of the building which they have now reduced to 5.3 metres, and they have relocated the bungalow onto the site of the stables which will be demolished. The scale and height is reduced, and the design is more sympathetic as a barn style.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application and any previous comments made by the PC about the application extending the envelope of the village are withdrawn.

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

Cllrs recently had a Teams Meeting with representatives from David Lock Associates and Hallam Land regarding the proposed 800 dwelling development at land North and South of the A421 Tingewick Road. All development falls within Buckingham, nothing is within Gawcott Parish. Cllr White feels there is nothing the PC can do to object as the development is also within the Buckingham Town Neighbourhood Plan. The PC needs to try to ensure construction traffic does not come through Gawcott.

The Bucks Local Plan shows a relief road for the A421 coming off at the cemetery onto London Road; however the Hallam Land scheme does not allow for this spine road so there is confusion as to how this will work.

It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting will be called at the end of July to discuss this development. Cllr Ulph is to confirm his availability to the Clerk who will then schedule the meeting. Bucks Councillors are to be invited to attend. **Action: Cllr Ulph / Clerk**

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

The PC awaits the outcome of the HS2 consultation.

The 2 x MVAS will be fitted shortly. It was agreed that the sign coming into Hillesden Road will stay as it is whilst Cllrs investigate whether insect interference is causing the sporadic functioning. Another sign will be added to the left-hand side of Hillesden Road where there is already a sign, but it will face the other way to monitor traffic exiting the village. The other new sign will be installed in Preston Road.

Cllr Ulph will report on the state of Hillesden Road via Fix My Street. **Action: Cllr Ulph**

Cllr White will report the broken streetlight on Hillesden Road. **Action: Cllr White**

The hedge outside of Sunnyside on Hillesden Road needs cutting back as it is obstructing the path. The Clerk will issue a letter for Cllr Burgess to post to 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

Cartwrights who cut the grass at the playing fields has recommended applying weed killer to clear white clover. The cost will be in the region of £1,000. Cllr Tofield was concerned the grass would be killed and informing residents that weed killer was being sprayed was also a concern. Cllr Ulph will speak with the grounds man at Buckingham Golf Course for his thoughts. A decision will be made once Cllrs are aware of which weed killer will be used and that Cartwrights has a license to use it.

- **To provide an update on the Richard Roper project**

Cllr Ulph, Cllr Tofield and Cllr Robertson met to scope out the activity and will meet again w/c 13th July. When they have something ready to present to the PC they will do so.

11. To report on any other Parish Council business

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

The price for a tree survey is £750+VAT. Cllr Bate raised concerns about the tree survey as she did not feel it was necessary, but Cllr Ulph and Cllr White felt it was required for insurance purposes and as the PC leases the woods, the PC has a duty of care. It was agreed that before a survey takes place, the Clerk would speak to our insurance company to find out how frequently tree surveys are required. **Action: Clerk**

- **To discuss the In-Post locker at the Crown Pub**

The Bucks Planning department is yet to provide an answer to the questions raised by the landlady of the pub. The landlady has submitted a complaint to Bucks Council.

- **To discuss the Town and Parish Councils and the New Local Plan System information session being held on 14th July**

It was agreed that Cllr Ulph will attend this session and give feedback to the PC.

Action: Cllr Ulph

- **To discuss the purchase of a memorial bench**

The PC agreed that the Vickers family could install a bench which will cost approximately £800 that they are to pay for, and the bench will replace an old bench on the green on Main Street. The PC will need to approve the wording of the memorial plaque. **Action: Cllr Robertson**

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

There was no update on the solar farm. Cllr Ulph was asked to speak to the solar farm about cutting back the hedges along Buckingham Road. **Action: Cllr Ulph**

Village Hall – the hall will be closed throughout August. An additional hirer has been secured.

13. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

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 21.10.

Chair: Date:

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