

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday, 20th May 2021 at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher [from para 12], Mr A Ulph and Mr A D White.

Buckinghamshire Councillors: Councillor P Fealey and Councillor C Cornell.

Other attendees: Mrs S Hetherington and Mrs M Russell.

A record of all attendees has been retained for Covid-security track and trace purposes.

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first face to face meeting since March 2020. A particular welcome was expended to Buckinghamshire Councillors Cornell and Fealey.

2. Business of the Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman reported on the return of four Councillors following the uncontested election on 6th May. Strenuous efforts will be made to fill the three vacancies by co-option.

It was proposed by Councillor Ulph, seconded by Councillor Burgess that the Chairman should continue in post for the next session. The Chairman expressed thanks for continued support from the Councillors.

The Chairman confirmed that Councillor Fealey has agreed to continue as the Gawcott representative on the Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity until a full PC is in place. The same is the case with former Councillor Goodman who will continue with the Buckingham and Gawcott Charitable Trust.

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Tom Goodman will continue in his role as Tree Warden and Caretaker of Hodding Wood. Councillors expressed their sincere thanks.

The Chairman confirmed that as time allowed, the PC's Operational Documents [Standing Orders et al] will be reviewed.

The Chairman confirmed that arrangements will be made to establish a PC Facebook presence to provide more immediate information to residents.

3. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Fealey

Councillor Fealey reported on the task of the downsized Buckinghamshire Council now with 147 Councillors. Details of the size of the Buckinghamshire County 'business' to be managed by the 4060 County staff are appended to the Minute Book.

4. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

5. **Apologies:** from Councillor Stuchbury, Mrs Bate, Mr Stebbings and Councillor T Dugher for an anticipated late arrival.

6. Minutes of the video conference meeting on 8th April 2021

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. No matters arising

8. Declarations of Interest: None.**9. Finance**

PC Balances	Deposit A/cc 00165984	TBC
	Current A/cc 00152092	TBC
	Current A/cc 00672967	TBC

Councillors unanimously agreed to the payment of the following invoices: Mrs K Richards: £120 – pavilion cleaning; K Parker: £80.00 – Village Green mowing; Zurich: £2320.82 – PC insurance; e-On: £181.81 – Field electricity; Buckingham Almshouses etc Charity: £435 – rent for Hodding Wood; Ms J Cole: £407.36 – termination payment to Clerk; BALC: £131.91 – subscription;

The Chairman confirmed the renewal of the Insurance policy with Zurich Municipal from 10th June 2021. The asset register will be updated.

The Chairman outlined the reasons for terminating the employment of the new Parish Clerk after six weeks in post. A termination letter was sent on 7th May together with a cheque being the equivalent of one month's salary. Nothing further has been heard from Ms Cole who has been requested to return materials and the 'wiping' of parish information from her computer.

10. Highways and Transport

The schedule of outstanding highway repairs remains largely unchanged but the number of locations requiring repairs is increasing rapidly as previous road works carried out by EW Rail and Bucks Council are breaking up. Furthermore, the damage to verges, road edges and surfaces is increasing. Particular attention has been drawn to Radclive Road, adjoining Red Lion House, and the junction of Main Street and Buckingham Road. A report is being prepared for Councillor Fealey focusing on the HS2 and EWR construction routes. A separate report detailing repairs required elsewhere will be prepared in due course.

The Chairman will make contact with Mr Chris James from HS2 on the latter's return from leave to discuss HS2 related road repairs which are becoming urgent, particularly at the junction of Radclive Road and Main Street. The absence of the promised 'No Entry to HS2 traffic' signage at Buckingham Road is also an issue.

The Back Street no thoroughfare/narrow road signage is on order.

The Chairman reported no progress on the pole to be located at Preston Road for the MVAS.

The footpath repairs required at Lenborough Road and Hillesden Road will be reported on the FixmyStreet site.

11. Planning

The Chairman reported the **approval** of window details for the listed building alterations at Hill Farm House Lenborough. **Approval** has been given to the trimming of trees at Shiralee New Inn Lane. The Durrants Farm external manege has also been **approved**.

Observations have already been made about the application to construct a three storey property at 45 The Rise to which the Parish Council objects.

The activities of Repro Plastics in Radclive Road involving highway loading/unloading, are still under consideration by Bucks Highways and the Planning Enforcement Department.

Works of repair are continuing at the listed Manor Farm Hillesden Road.

There are no further reports about the Travellers Field at Radclive Road. There has been no reported action from the Enforcement Officer on the mobile home which is now located at Kilcara Radclive Road.

12. Environment

The flooding investigations continue and a meeting has been held with BC and consultants who are preparing the s19 report on the pre-Christmas flood.

Mr T Goodman was thanked [along with Mr P Ramsden] for continuing to look after Hodding Wood. Concern was again expressed about the access roadway to the Wood and it is understood repair works will be put in hand shortly.

Councillor Ulph is to provide details of the Queen's Jubilee Tree Canopy.

It was noted that fly tipping has been taking place at the site of the telephone mast in Radclive Road. The Mast Company will be approached to request that the refuse is collected and the site made secure. Redundant building materials have been dumped at the travellers field entrance.

13. Leisure

The Field is operating with Cricket and Football Clubs running matches. The Chairman is investigating the employment of a student to look after locking and unlocking the main gates and checking the security of the pavilion.

There is concern about the continued running of dogs on the field, usually by non-Gawcott residents. Investigations are being made about enforceable regulations to prevent this often anti-social use.

The Chairman reported that works to create the Netball practice area at the Field will be started when the contractor has resource availability. The posts have been delivered and are securely stored.

The Chairman will recheck the wording for the Osborn Memorial seat before the order is placed.

14. Community

The Community Group has decided that the Village Fete should be cancelled.

The Village Hall has partially re-opened, at this stage for children's activities and PC meetings.

The Solar Farm will make funds available for distribution in June/July and the Chairman will produce a case for a Parish project.

15. Administration

Councillors agreed to the acquisition of a new battery and applicator pads for the defibrillator at the Village Hall at a cost of £259.95. These will be fitted by the Chairman. The Football Club will be reminded of their responsibility to manage the defibrillator at the pavilion.

16. Emergency Business: None.

17. Any Other Business: None.

18. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the Thursday 10th June 2021 commencing at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott.

19. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.38 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Parish Clerk

29.05.2021