

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th September 2021 at 8.25 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher, Mr R Gibbs and Mr A D White [Chairman].

Parish Clerk: Ms K Proffitt.

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

1. Chairman's welcome

Ms K Proffitt, the new Parish Clerk, was introduced by the Chairman and warmly welcomed to the Council.

2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillors provided reports at the Annual Parish Meeting which preceded the business meeting. See the Draft Minutes of that meeting for further information.

3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

4. Apologies from Councillor A Ulph, Mr P Ramsden [Treasurer] and Mrs R Bate [resident].

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 29th July 2021

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising

The Chairman confirmed that Mr R Gibbs has formally been co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been completed. Other formalities will be completed after the meeting.

7. Declarations of Interest: None.

8. Finance

PC Balances	Deposit A/cc 00165984	£24,454.47
	Current A/cc 00152092	£6,306.51
	Current A/cc 00672967	£2,077.53

Councillors unanimously agreed to the payment of the following invoices:

£794.96 and £499.00: reimburse Alan D White - Memorial [Osborn] timber seat for Playing Field and Dell Laptop for Parish Clerk; £90.00: Karen Richards - Pavilion Cleaning August 2021; £130.00: Miss Abigail Hall - Playing Field assistant [gate security August 2021]; £80.00: K Parker - Village Green Mowing; £246.00: WM Refrigeration - Pavilion heat-pump service and service contract; £84.28: e-On – pavilion electricity.

In addition, Councillors unanimously approved the payment by standing order of the Clerk's salary in the sum of £364.00 per month from 1st September 2021.

The Treasurer mentioned the derisory interest payable on the NS&I £18,000.00 bond.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the second instalment of the precept in the sum of £9500 has been received.

9. Highways and Transport

Some highway repairs have been carried out although the quality of the work is questionable. Concern continues about the ongoing damage to road surfaces and verges, particularly on routes used by E>W Rail contractors.

Repair work at Radclive Road, adjoining Red Lion House, and the junction of Main Street and Buckingham Road has been drawn to the attention of HS2. The erection of the 'No entry to HS2 vehicles' signs at Buckingham Road is still awaited.

The Chairman awaits a report from BC on the pole at Preston Road required for the MVAS.

10. Planning

The Chairman confirmed the grant of consent for the proposed roofing alterations at Rose Cottage, Main Street. No observations will be made about limited tree works proposed at Ash Tree House Hillesden Road and Old Stocks House New Inn Lane.

There was some discussion about the Wates development application. The Chairman confirmed that Wates land is not included in the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan for development but is allocated in the now approved Aylesbury Vale Local Plan. It is unclear how this conundrum will be resolved.

There is no update from the Enforcement Officer on the planning issues associated with the travellers land at Radclive Road or on Repro Plastics operations at Radclive Road.

The Chairman confirmed that objections have been made to BC about the MoJ application to extend Grendon Prison.

Note. The PR consultants to Wates have arranged a virtual meeting with the Chairman and Councillor Ulph to discuss the Osier Way application.

11. Environment

The flood investigations continue and a report is expected in the next two months.

Mr T Goodman and Mr P Ramsden will be organising the thinning of trees in the woodland over the next six months. They were thanked for their work in managing the woodland.

The Chairman will make enquiries about verge cutting as the state of the village streets is a disgrace this year. Concern was expressed about the poor quality of the cutting of The Green.

Planting to mark the Jubilee in 2022 will be discussed by the Community Group at the upcoming meeting.

12. Leisure

The Chairman reported the ordering and delivery of the 'Osborn' memorial bench which will be placed in the Field in the next two weeks.

Play Area repairs will be arranged with Wicksteed as soon as possible. The drains to the pavilion are to be jet washed but the legionella safety checks to the showers remain outstanding. There is also some plumbing work to be carried out.

13. Community

The Community Group resumes meetings on 13th September to plan events over the next 12 months.

The Village Hall is now available for general use, subject to revised conditions of hire for all users.

The Solar Farm are making funds available for distribution and the Chairman with Councillor Ulph will produce a case for a Parish project.

A PC Facebook presence is being actively considered.

14. Administration

The Chairman confirmed that the search to fill two Councillor vacancies continues.

15. Emergency Business: None.

16. Any Other Business:

17. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 starting at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

18. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at ?? - I think about 9.15 pm ?

Signed..... Date.....

Alan D White.

15.09.2021