

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs R Bate, Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher, Mr A Ulph and Mr A D White [Chairman]. Councillors Cornell and Stuchbury and one resident – Mrs K Burgess.

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillor Cornell outlined a number of issues, the first being the possibility of establishing a Banking Hub in Buckingham following the closure of the last bank branch in September. All interested in this proposal are asked to take part in a survey to gauge the extent of services required at a Banking Hub facility: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZG39M65.

Councillor Cornell highlighted the assistance for residents in difficulty being provided by the Council's Helping Hand team: details at: [Support with food, bills and finances \(Helping Hand\) | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

The annual canvas to check the Electoral Register is underway and residents will be contacted this month either on-line or through the post.

A Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair will be held at Buckingham University in January 2023.

The third and final tranche of the HS2 financed Road Safety Fund will be released for applications in 2023.

The Local Community and Neighbourhood Boards will be fronting the Buckinghamshire leveling-up strategies concentrating on ten wards where deprivation has been identified.

Councillor Stuchbury confirmed that works will start shortly on the Rise, New Inn Lane and Back Street. The new solar lamps along Buckingham Road are complete although the traditional streetlamps remain unconnected.

Preparations for the Buckinghamshire Local Plan are underway and Councillor Stuchbury has been emphasising the importance of local involvement, particularly in North Buckinghamshire. It is recommended that the parishes around Buckingham join with the Town Council to put forward proposals appropriate to this part of the county.

Councillor Stuchbury mentioned that a feasibility study has commenced to assess the improvements required to increase its capacity of the A421. Again, it is emphasised that the Town Council and local parishes must be involved with the process. The County inspired study is due to report towards the end of the year.

3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

4. Apologies from Councillor Fealey and Councillor Gibbs.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 9th June 2022

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising: No Matters arising.

7. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Burgess declared a family interest in planning application 22/02210/COUAR - Land off Buckingham Road Gawcott.

8. Finance

PC Balances	Deposit A/cc 00165984	£27,461.24
	Current A/cc 00152092	£5,077.39
	Current A/cc 00672967	£908.83

8.1. Councillors unanimously agreed to the payment of the following invoices:

Karen Richards - Pavilion Cleaning: £200.00; K Parker - Village Green and Verge Cutting: £280.00; Ms. K Proffitt: £24.99 – printer ink; WM Air Conditioning: £246 + VAT – maintenance contract for pavilion heat-pump.

8.2. Receipt of the Audit Return has been acknowledged by the Auditors.

8.3. Councillor Ulph reported the transfer of financial management which hopefully includes the bank acknowledging the change of treasurer and revised signatories. The latter changes have not yet been formally confirmed by the Bank.

9. Highways and Transport

9.1. Traffic Management and Speed Reduction Plan.

The Chairman reported that the Plan is with the County for consideration. As reported last month, there has been confirmation that the 20mph speed limit proposals will not be financially supported. The County has subsequently confirmed that a pedestrian crossing as proposed for Main Street [close to the Church Street junction] could cost between £100k and £200k to install so is not a 'runner'. The County suggest this could be the subject of a separate application for tranche 3 funding. The remaining Plan is apparently under -review.

9.2. The Radcliffe Road verge works and resurfacing are being followed up by Councillor Fealey. Works to resurface Radcliffe Road adjacent to Red Lion House are included. As is usual with HS2-related matters, there are interminable delays.

9.3. Highways and Lighting maintenance

The long-outstanding lighting projects are being followed up again by Councillor Stuchbury. The replacement of the operationally deficient solar lamps along Buckingham Road has been completed but there are no reports as yet on operational efficiency.

It was reported that repair works at Back Street, New Inn Lane and The Rise are underway.

The Speedwatch Group signage has been erected and the Group has had two operational sessions.

10. Planning

10.1. Applications reported

- 22/01498/APP. Erection of a building for B2 or B8 purposes,. Land Off Osier Way Buckingham. In addition to concerns about highway layout and traffic generation, Councillors aired their concerns about the height of the proposed building. An appropriate submission will be made. *[Note: There is an extended period to make comments as a result of the submission of revised information and plans.]*
- 22/01856/APP. Falcon Barn Lenborough Road Gawcott. Rear extension. Councillors had no observations to make other than that the size of the proposed extension is such that approval is unlikely.
- 22/02210/COUAR. Land Off Buckingham Road Gawcott. Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwellinghouse.

Mrs. K Burgess spoke about this application emphasising the family connection with the smallholding. Councillors had no negative observations to make about the application. Councillor Dugher asked whether the building is redundant for agricultural use.

- 22/02185/ATC. Honeysuckle Cottage Main Street Gawcott. Hawthorn tree in rear garden, crown reduction keeping existing shape and form. No observations.

10.2. Decisions communicated

- 18/01710/APP . Gawcott Plant Centre Hillesden Road Gawcott Demolition of existing commercial structures of garden centre nursery (Use Class A1) and erection of 3 dwelling houses (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, parking and access.

APPROVED.

Councillors wondered if the 30mph speed limit on the approach to the village could be moved 100 metres further south. The Chairman is asked to communicate with the developers to investigate.

- 21/A4319/DIS. Submission of details pursuant to Condition 1 (materials) 2 (hard and soft landscaping) 3 (slab levels) relating to Planning Permission 21/04319/APP | Bassetts Main Street Gawcott. **REFUSED.**
- 18/A4005/DIS. Gawcott Fields Farm Buckingham Road Gawcott. Submission of details pursuant to Condition 5 (Construction Management Plan) relating to Planning Permission 18/04005/APP. **REFUSED.**

10.3. Applications awaiting a decision:

- 21/04245/APP. Old School House Church Street
- 22/00242/APP. Old Eagles Farmhouse Main Street
- 22/00883/APP. Manor Farm, Hillesden Road.

10.4. Enforcement

Repro Plastics – no action to report apart from continued loading on the highway.

10.5. Other planning issues

10.5.1. Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman will meet with Buckingham Town officers in due course.

10.5.2. Buckinghamshire Councillors to be made aware of the County Highways refusal to allow s106 payments to be used for 'low level' highway related works in the Parish.

10.5.3. Grendon Prison Appeal. Awaiting further information.

10.5.4. HS2 IMD Building. Awaiting application details.

11. Environment

11.1. Flooding. The PC is requested to prepare an Emergency Flood Plan.

11.2. Hodding Wood. The woodland management works continue. There are no reports on repairs to the access roadway.

11.3. The increased verge cutting is continuing with positive comment by residents.

12. Leisure

12.1. Playing Field & Pavilion. Playdale will be working on the Play Area in September.

12.2. The ROSPA inspection of the Play Area will take place after completion of the repair works.

13. Community

13.1. Community Group. The smaller number of volunteers will result in a reduction in the programme of activities that will be restricted to pre-Christmas activity.

13.2. Village Hall. A Solar Farm grant has been approved in principle. Works on the Hall re-lighting will commence shortly.

13.3. The Solar Farm. Nothing to report.

14. Administration

Councillors congratulated Councillor Bate on the data output from the MVAS in Hillesden Road.

It is suggested that the solar panels at the Hall and Pavilion should be washed down.

15. Emergency Business: None.

16. Any Other Business

Councillor Dugher continues to follow up on annoying breaches of the agreed routing of EWR and HS2 HGVs. The Chairman will also be in touch with HS2 about regular breaches, being the use of Buckingham Road by construction vehicles.

17. Next Meeting

Councillors agreed that the August meeting will be cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE therefore, that the **next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th September 2022** at the **Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott**, starting at 7.30 pm.

18. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Chairman

31.07.2022