

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

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

1. Chairman's welcome and condolence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors: No report.

3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

4. Apologies from Buckinghamshire Councillors Cornell and Fealey and from Councillor Bate.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 8th September 2022

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising: None

7. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Gibbs declared an interest in relation to Church Street car parking problems.

8. Finance

PC Balances	Deposit A/cc 00165984	£42,096.26
	Current A/cc 00152092	£3,354.04
	Current A/cc 00672967	£6,831.56

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

Karen Richards - Pavilion Cleaning: £140; Playdale – Play area works: £2,118; WM Air Con: £246 heat pump service contract; J Gulliver: £96 – Field hedge trimming; Assured Drainage: £132 – pavilion drain jetting; K Parker: £280 – verge cutting. Buckingham Charity: £904.80 – Hodding Wood rent [12 months]; Speedwatch gun [reimburse Mr B O'Halloran]: £189.99; PKF: £240 – audit fee; Village Hall: £48 – rent for meeting hire.

8.2. The Auditors have approved the Audit Return subject to comments about incorrect transcription of figures, the absence of the former Treasurer's signature and non-compliance with the exact timetable for public access to the accounting documents. The Auditors do not consider these issues significant.

8.3. Councillor Ulph reported continuing difficulties with the Bank in arranging the transfer of management of the accounts from the retired treasurer. Once this is successfully achieved, internet banking will be organised.

9. Highways and Transport

9.1. Traffic Management and Speed Reduction Plan – Grant Application

The Chairman reported that only the signage elements of the PC plan will be agreed from the grant submission. Details are awaited but delays are inevitable as Buckinghamshire are changing highway contractors in April 2023. Councillors resolved to submit a further grant application for tranche three HS2 Road Safety Fund cash in 2023.

9.2. The Radclive Road verge works and resurfacing are being followed up by Councillor Fealey. Works to resurface Radclive Road adjacent to Red Lion House are included and are apparently imminent.

9.3. Incorrect HS2 HGV routing problems continue. Councillor Fealey is continuing to complain about these daily transgressions to HS2 management. EWR has erected HGV no access signage around the Parish.

9.4. Highways and Lighting maintenance. The Buckingham Road lighting remains largely outstanding, in part from 2016/17 and the remainder since 2008. However, the new solar lamps are operational. Connections for the remaining lamps along the footpath to Buckingham and to the lamps outside the houses at Buckingham Road are still outstanding. The repair works at Back Street, New Inn Lane and The Rise have been satisfactorily completed.

9.5. Radclive Road speed reduction petition. The Chairman reported on a constructive meeting with Repro Plastics. The owner is prepared to canvas local businesses with a proposal and petition to request a speed limit of 40mph along the whole of Radclive Road. Members agreed that the Clerk should prepare a petition form for approval at the next meeting.

At the suggestion of Councillor Duger, Members agreed that a similar petition should be raised about limiting speed along Lenborough Road.

9.6. Traffic Data. Excellent analysis of the data from the Hillesden Road speed sign is being provided by Councillor Bate. This will create a very useful databank of information to assist with future applications for traffic speed reduction schemes. Detailed attention needs to be paid to statistics over the Christmas and New Year period. It was suggested a one sheet traffic data report should appear on the website.

10. Planning

10.1. Applications reported:

- 07/A1931/DIS. Manitowoc House Network 421 Radclive Road Gawcott. Application for approval of condition in original planning consent for a permanent crane tower.
- 22/03428/ATC | Churn Owl Cottage Main Street Gawcott. Application to reduce the size of three trees and remove an overgrown silver birch.
- 22/03223/CPL | Stable Barn Lenborough Road Gawcott. Application re 18 solar roof panels.

Councillors had no observations to make on these applications.

10.2. Decisions communicated

- 22/01856/APP. Falcon Barn Lenborough Road Gawcott. A substantial rear extension. REFUSED.
- 22/02210/COUAR. Building off Buckingham Road Gawcott. Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwellinghouse. REFUSED.

10.3. Application awaiting a decision: 22/00883/APP. Manor Farm Hillesden Road Gawcott.

10.4. User issues: Travellers, Radclive Road – no report.

10.5. Other planning issues

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

10.5.2. Grendon Prison expansion appeal. Members asked that the objections of the Parish be confirmed to the Planning Inspectorate and Mr Greg Smith MP. *[Note: Objections lodged and acknowledged].*

11. Environment

11.1. Flooding. The PC is to prepare an Emergency Flood Plan. In the meantime, previously affected residents have registered their concern about the lack of progress of remedial measures.

11.2. Hodding Wood. The woodland management works continue.

12. Leisure

12.1. Playing Field & Pavilion. The Play Area repairs and additions have been completed. Councillor Duger is preparing a paper on energy usage reduction measures. Councillor Ulph is investigating the replacement of the windows and doors at the pavilion. Servicing of the heatpump is awaited.

12.2. The ROSPA inspection of the Play Area will take place in the New Year.

12.3. Electricity costs at the Field and Pavilion. The Pavilion heating will be set to ensure the building does not freeze but otherwise provide minimal background heating.

13. Community

13.1. Community Group. The Group is planning a Christmas Tree lighting event at the Green [3rd December at 5.00pm], a Coronation celebration in May [date TBC] and the Village Fete on the Green on 17th June.

13.2. Village Hall. Councillor Duger is looking into energy saving works for the Hall.

13.3. Solar Farm. Councillor Ulph confirmed that grants may be available for further efficiency projects around the Parish. These might include the replacement of the floodlighting at the Field, insulation to the Village Hall, improved and increased solar panels at the Hall and pavilion and the possible replacement options for the pavilion heatpump now ten years old.

Councillor Ulph indicated that consideration might be given to representations [through the Parish Council and local churches] for those in the Parish struggling with fuel poverty/costs.

14. Administration: Councillor Ulph reported that he is investigating a possible option for filling the Clerk vacancy.

15. Emergency Business: None.

16. Any Other Business

Councillor Duger suggested that a definite strategy is required about the exercising of dogs on the Field. Members agreed and the topic will be considered at the December meeting.

Councillor Gibbs complained about parking at the junction of Main Street and Church Street which often interfered with access to his property. It was agreed that a 'deterrent' white line should be tried and a site inspection is required to agree an exact location.

The Clerk will request advice from Swarco re appropriate traffic speed devices.

17. Next Meeting: The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 8th December 2022 at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott, starting at 7.30 pm.

18. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Parish Clerk.

27.11.2022