

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs R Bate, Mrs S Burgess, Mr R Gibbs, Mr A Ulph and Mr A D White [Chairman] and Buckinghamshire Councillors, C Cornell, P Fealey and R Stuchbury.

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillor Fealey mentioned the following points:

- The Buckingham Banking Hub project is being supported by the Community Board. Premises have been located in Market Square and the Hub is expected to open in nine months. It will not provide cash withdrawal facilities which will continue to be available at the Post Office.
- The Buckingham Area Rural Transport [BART] service using small and medium-sized minibuses with disabled access, will commence on 17th March.
- The Prison Planning Appeal lasted ten days and it is hoped that a decision will be issued by the end of March.
- Gawcott 'Tidy Up' day provisionally set for Saturday 29th April. HS2 assistance is being organised by Councillor Fealey.
- The speculative outline application for 300 homes on employment allocated land at London Road Buckingham will be considered by the Buckinghamshire Strategic Planning Committee in due course. The proposal has been rejected by Buckingham Town Council.
- EWR are to begin a programme to repair damaged roads, including Ox Lane, in the next few months.
- Planning consent has been granted for the Tingewick bypass service station adjoining Finmere airfield.
- Various HS2-related road closures south of Gawcott will be implemented in the coming months. Details will appear on the PC website.
- Street lighting repairs and replacements continue to be 'hit and miss'. It is hoped that this service will improve with new contractors after April.
- Council Tax increases by 2.99% plus 2% from April.

Councillor Cornell mentioned the new facility [commencing in April] for the payment of council tax in 12 rather than 10 instalments, the Council's objection to the Mayor of London's ULEZ expansion, food waste advice and community fridge locations.

Councillor Stuchbury mentioned a number of issues with which he has been involved over the last four weeks.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Cornell, Fealey and Stuchbury for attending the meeting.

3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

4. Apologies from Councillor Mr T Dugher.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2023

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising: None

7. Declarations of Interest: No declarations

8. Finance

8.1. Current balances are as follows:

Bank Account	Balance	As At Date
Current A/C-00152092	£1,664.40	01/02/2023
Playing Field, A/C-00672967	£12,516.70	01/02/2023
Deposit A/C-00165984	£38,415.20	01/02/2023
Total Cash Held	£52,596.37	01/02/2023

Councillors agreed to the payment of the following invoices:

E on	Pavilion electricity	£381.12
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning	£160.00
Anglian Water	Field	£121.40

8.2. PC Finances

The Chairman will organise a statement in the upcoming Newsletter informing residents about Parish Council finances.

9. Highways and Transport

9.1. HS2 Road Safety Grant Fund - Traffic Management and Speed Reduction Plan

The Chairman reported that only the signage elements of the PC plan will be agreed from the Grant submission. Details are awaited following a 'technical appraisal' said to be underway.

9.2. The Radcliffe Road speed limit reduction petition

Mr Ben Lewis, who runs Repro Plastics, is canvassing Radcliffe Road businesses about support for the petition. A draft form of petition has been agreed by Councillors and has been provided to Mr Lewis for comment.

9.3. HS2 HGV routing

The Chairman reported on a conversation with Mr Chris James, Senior Engagement Manager with EKFB as follows:

- HGV vehicle numbers. An access road at Quainton has been repaired so that HGV travel through Gawcott should now return to pre-Christmas numbers.
- Unauthorised routing along Buckingham Road. This will be further investigated along with signage at the A421 confirming no access to HS2 HGVs.
- Damage to the road surface and potentially to the culvert at the junction of Buckingham and Hillesden Roads.
- Many outgoing vehicles are failing to use Radcliffe Road, ignoring the agreed routing and directional highway advisory signage.

The Chairman will follow these issues up with both Chris James and Councillor Fealey.

9.4. Highways and Lighting maintenance

Limited street lamp repairs have taken place. However, there are still a number of Main Street lights which are not operational. Buckingham Road lighting remains outstanding.

9.5. Traffic data

Councillor Bate provided a brief report on the MVAS data. A report on the progress of the Speedwatch Group will be requested.

9.6. Digital speed signage

Councillor Bate provided details of the investigations for vehicle activated signage with Swarco. Equipment available from other suppliers will be investigated.

10. Planning

Application approved:

- 22/04113/ATC. Wescott House Main Street Gawcott. Removal of young garden trees to create more light for others.

Applications awaiting a decision:

- 22/03945/ALB. Manor Farm Hillesden Road Gawcott. Listed building application for proposed detached double garage and associated hard standing, fencing, 1.8m high brick wall, and landscaping.
- 22/04296/CPL. External and internal repairs and maintenance Lenborough Manor Farmhouse Lenborough Road Gawcott.
- 23/00050/APP. Proposed agricultural storage building | Primrose Hill Farm Tingewick Road Gawcott.
- 23/00178/AOP. Land West Of London Road Buckingham. Outline planning application (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for a residential development of up to 300 dwellings (including affordable housing), employment space and associated infrastructure.

10.1. Travellers Radclive Road. Nothing further to report.

10.2. Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman will meet with the Buckingham Town Plan officer in the next few weeks.

10.3. Grendon Prison planning appeal. The MoJ appeal Inspector is expected to issue a decision by the end of March.

11. Environment

Flooding. The PC is to prepare an Emergency Flood Plan. In the meantime, Buckinghamshire Council is planning to replace the western end of the culvert which presently has a restricted capacity. The works should commence by the mid-year.

12. Leisure

12.1. Pavilion and Field Councillor Ulph is 'refining' an estimate for the replacement of the pavilion timber doors and windows. Thereafter, Members will be asked for a decision on placing the contract.

The Chairman presented 'dogs must be kept on a lead' signage for the Field and arrangements will be made for erection in due course.

The defect in the sub-base of the All Weather Pitch has been repaired.

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

12.3. A development plan for the Field will be drawn up with a view to confirming the investment strategy for the s106 monies from the Osier Way development.

12.4. A further investment of s106 monies would be directed to the purchase of the freehold of the Wood or organising its 'release' from the Buckingham Alms Houses and Welfare Charity. It will be recalled that the woodland was originally gifted to the residents of Gawcott in the seventeenth century.

13. Community

13.1. Village Hall. Presently running satisfactorily.

13.2. Solar Farm. Councillor Ulph reported further outreach work with schools and village halls within a five mile radius. Assistance to vulnerable children and families is also available via a hardship fund.

13.3. Community Group. The future programme is limited by restricted volunteer numbers. However, coronation celebrations are planned and the Village Fete is provisionally set for 17th June.

13.4. Coronation. It was agreed that a new memorial bench will be acquired for the playing field to mark this event.

13.5. Village Clean-up day. Councillor Fealey has offered to organise a clean-up on the morning of Saturday 29th April. HS2 assistance is being organised by Councillor Fealey.

14. Administration

The Chairman reported that a request has been received from the Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity to provide a trustee from the Parish.

Councillor Ulph asked if another Councillor would take on the oversight of the PC website.

15. Emergency Business: None.**16. Any Other Business**

Councillor Gibbs expressed concern that in the course of duties Parish Councillors might be asked for their credentials for carrying out work in the Parish. Councillors did not support identification cards, tags or letters of authorisation.

The Chairman apologised for the haphazard paragraph numbering of the Agenda.

17. Next Meeting: The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 9th March 2023 at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott, starting at 7.30 pm.**18. Closure of Meeting.** The business meeting concluded at 9.05pm..

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Parish Clerk.

03.03.2023