

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr A White (Chairman), Mr T Ulph, Mr T Dugher, Mrs S Burgess, Mrs R Bate and Mrs J Tofield

Also present: P Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillor R Stuchbury and one resident.

61. Period of Public Participation

Resident addressed the councillors regarding planning application 24/02147/APP Hollow Farm. He explained the reasons for the application and provided some background information for the council to consider.

62. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillor Stuchbury has forwarded a report and advised the following:

- NPPF Consultation – Provided overview and suggested commenting.
- Affordable Housing Consultation due to be released.
- Advised that the Community Boards budget has been reduced.
- Provided brief updates regarding the fire authority and education.
- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – Provided update and suggested commenting.
- Developers visited Buckingham Town Council regarding the Swan Practice – funding is a concern.
- A421 – Provided an update and advised he's chasing, also raised a public question.

63. Apologies – Councillor R Gibbs and Buckinghamshire Councillors Ms Cornell and P Fealey.

64. Declarations of Interest - None

65. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th July, ref: GwLPC/04/24-25.

66. Finance

66.1. Balance of accounts as at 31st August:

- Business Account x2092 - £3,585.44
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £2,692.15
- Deposit Account x5984 - £27,838.45

66.2. Council noted the following payments made during August:

- P Molloy: £542.40 – July net salary
- HMRC: £45.60 – PAYE for July, cheque 001364
- K Richards: £173.86 – Pavilion cleaning for July and cleaning materials
- K Parker: £280 – Grass cutting for July
- Franklin Handyman: £1127 – 50% deposit for maintenance works at the Richard Roper Playing Field
- A Hall: £130 - Securing the playing field gate for July, paid by standing order.

- Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing and hosting website for July, paid by standing order.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £30.40 – Pavilion waste collection for July, paid by direct debit.
 - Linnell Brothers Ltd: £396 - Two new picnic tables.
 - PKF Littlejohn: £378 – 2023-24 external audit
 - EON: £57.94 - Pavilion electricity for July
 - Frankin Handyman: £1127 – Final payment for maintenance works at the Richard Roper Playing field
 - Pearces: £90 – Clearing rubbish and the old picnic table
- 66.3. Council resolved to make the following payments:
- P Molloy: £542.60 – August net salary
 - HMRC: £45.40 – PAYE for August. Cheque 001365
 - K Richards: £160 – Pavilion cleaning for August
 - K Parker: £280 – Grass cutting for August
 - EON: £39.68 – Pavilion electricity for August
 - Swarco: £540 – Speed sign installation
 - Pearces: £80 – Clearing rubbish from the pavilion
- 66.4. Council noted payments made by direct debit or standing order:
- A R G Hall: £130 – Securing playing field gate for August.
 - Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing and hosting website for August.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £27.10 – August waste collection from pavilion.
- 66.5. Council noted the following income received in August: £27.39 bank interest, £60.08 NS&I account interest, £2,821.25 Buckingham & Villages Community Boards funding for the speed sign and £210 all-weather pitch fees.
- 66.6. Councillor Bate reviewed the July and August bank statements and bank reconciliation.
- 66.7. Council approved the payments, receipts and summary report including budget/actuals as at 31st August 2024.
- 66.8. Council noted that the external auditors signed off the 2023-24 audit on the 5th August. Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on our website and noticeboard.
- 66.9. Council resolved that payments to EON for the pavilion electricity can be made via direct debit.
- 66.10. S106 funds – Amount advised and details of what they can be spent on, as per the agreement. Brief discussion took place and agreed to hold a separate meeting to consider options in more detail.

67. Planning

- 67.1. Council noted applications dealt with under delegated authority:
- 24/02147/APP – Change of use from equestrian to a mixed use of equestrian, business and residential use. Demolition of existing equestrian buildings and the erection of single storey stables, storage barn, office and dwelling house – Hollow Farm, Buckingham Road. The Council discussed the concerns raised by the resident and agreed to leave comments as submitted.
 - 24/02255/APP – Householder application for single storey front extension – Twin Trees, Hillesden Road. No objection.
- 67.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
- 23/04010/ADP - Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01242/AOP (Application for Outline Planning Permission

with access to provide Allotments, Cemetery, Associated Buildings, Landscaping, New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Engineering (including Ground Modelling) Works, Infrastructure Works (including Drainage Works and Utilities Provision), Demolition, Car Parking and Lighting) - Land South of The A421, Tingewick Road, Buckingham.

- 24/00131/APP – Change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller caravan site and erection of day room – Land to the West of Main Street South, Gawcott.
 - 24/00498/VRC – Removal of condition 5 (unit to be demolished) relating to application 23/02485/APP (redevelopment of existing barn complex to form 1 No. residential dwelling (retrospective) – Rowan Tree Farm, Hillesden Road.
 - 24/01927/ADP, 24/01965/ADP & 24/01966/ADP – Land off Osier Way.
- 67.3. Council noted decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting:
- 24/01331/VRC - Variation of condition 7 (water quality) 10 (plans) relating to application 20/00886/ADP (Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 17/04668/ADP as amended by 17/A4668/NON - To vary drawing references within condition 10 to allow amended distribution, and amendment, of proposed homes and give effect for 9 additional homes to the layout of homes south of Tingewick Road) – Land at Tingewick Road. APPROVED
 - 24/01276/APP - Householder application for demolition of conservatory, extension and alteration to existing house and single storey enclosure to existing pool - The Laurels, Lenborough Road, Gawcott. APPROVED
- 67.4. 24/01534/PIP – Poppyfields, Tingewick Road – Appeal lodged.
- 67.5. Proposed changes to National Planning Policy Framework, consultation ends 24th September – Councillor Dugher to review.
- 67.6. Other planning issues:
- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan, consultation extended to 2nd October – Councillor White to review.
 - Preston Road Appeal – no further update.
 - Land at The Rise – no further update.
 - Proposed Phase 2, Osier Way – Councillor White to draft a response to planning agent.

68. Highways

- 68.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Works started on the 9th and due to complete by 28th September. Council noted application submitted on the 29th July for additional items on the Preston Road.
- 68.2. HS2 – HS2 visitor van will be at the playing fields on the 26th September, between 3-7pm. Advertised in the newsletter and via Facebook.
- 68.3. Radclive Road speed limit reduction – Councillor White chasing.
- 68.4. Highways and lighting – Await date for some of the street lights to be fixed as the gear trays have now arrived.
- 68.5. Traffic data – Councillor Bate provided update.
- 68.6. Speed sign – Council noted and agreed additional cost of £78.27 for clips, bracket and T-bar tool. Council considered the Gold maintenance cover but resolved to keep the Bronze warranty cover as included.

69. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 69.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 2 – Clerk to request an update.
- 69.2. Residents Flood Response Group – Risk assessment to be finalised.
- 69.3. Hodding Wood – Await response regarding the rent.

70. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 70.1. Pavilion – Appointment to be arranged for heating assessment, agreed cost of £120.
- 70.2. Football club – Reduced hours of use for the all-weather pitch to 5½ hours per week. Council to agree new rates.
- 70.3. Cricket club – Council discussed email received, response to be drafted and circulated for comment.
- 70.4. Next Level Coaching – Invoice issued for use during the summer holidays.
- 70.5. Play Area – Council resolved not to proceed with the replacement of the two posts for the cableway due to costs.
- 70.6. All weather pitch – Nothing to report.
- 70.7. Caretaker – No response to ad.
- 70.8. Council confirmed maintenance works at the Richard Roper Playing Field, cost £2254.
- 70.9. Council resolved works to be carried out to some trees at the playing field and the felling of a cherry tree on Main Street, cost £670 (Bigtrees). Works being carried out on the 10th October. Additional cost required for tree along fence line.
- 70.10. Playing field – Issue with flooding/drainage. Drainage beneath Lenborough Road needs to be increased. Chased on the 20th August for an update, no response.

71. Other Parish Council Business

- 71.1. Defibrillator – Council agreed to pay for the electricity at possible new location (Glass Studio), approximately £25/year. Clerk to review budget for new defibrillator.
- 71.2. Gawcott Newsletter – 20th September cut off date. Councillor Tofield to prepare article.
- 71.3. Website – Reviewed email regarding accessibility. Clerk to obtain quotes for a new website.
- 71.4. Action list reviewed, to be updated.
- 71.5. Meeting with Callum Anderson MP to be arranged – request dates/times.
- 71.6. Council resolved renewal of Microsoft subscription, cost £59.99.
- 71.7. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, consultation to the 13th October. Councillor White to review.
- 71.8. Dog bin on Church Street – Councillor Bate to inspect and advise.

72. Community

- Village Hall – External decoration carried out.
- Solar Farm – Nothing to report.
- Community Group – Village Hall centenary weekend was successful.

73. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – 17th October.
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 16th October
- NBPPC – 18th September (online)
- Training: as details circulated. Listed Building and Conservation Areas, 14th October, Councillor White attending.

74. Dates of next meetings – Council noted:

10th October, 14th November, 12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April (tbc) and 8th May (tbc)

Meeting closed at 10pm

Signed.....Chairman / Date.....