

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: P Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillors P Fealey, C Cornell, R Stuchbury and four residents.

89. Period of Public Participation

Resident raised issue over recent flooding and concerns over the HGVs coming through for a local development. Another resident also advised that the HGVs have damaged kerb stones and driveway. Pictures to be sent to Councillor Fealey. Concern raised by a resident from The Rise about the existing problems with the foul water system which may be made worse by the four new houses which are being built in Cow Lane.

Councillor Fealey advised that works to the culvert in Main Street/New Inn Lane are due to commence on the 18th November, once works are completed, hopefully the road will be resurfaced. He is also chasing the works required at Lenborough Road. He will arrange for the local area technician to visit to check what can be done if the highway is being damaged by construction traffic.

90. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillor Fealey advised the following:

- Pension credit support – sessions being held at Buckingham library. Plus support still available via the Helping Hand programme.
- MP at Buckingham library on Friday.
- Carers/Care Plan – via Buckinghamshire Council
- Warm Welcome Spaces held in Buckingham library.

Councillor Stuchbury advised the following:

- School funding/education/higher needs care/young adults – consultation being held.
- Has raised various questions including on flooding, await responses.
- Gave brief update on budget.

91. Apologies – Councillor J Tofield

92. Declarations of Interest – None

93. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th October, ref: GwLPC/06/24-25.

94. Finance

94.1. Balance of accounts as at 31st October:

- Business Account x2092 - £2,640.81
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £1,764.65
- Deposit Account x5984 - £41,052.77

- 94.2. Council resolved to make the following payments:
- P Molloy: £571.08 – October net salary and expenses (printer ink)
 - HMRC: £45.40 – PAYE for October.
 - K Richards: £160 – Pavilion cleaning for October
 - K Parker: £280 – Grass cutting for October
 - Village Hall: £168 – Hiring of hall for council meetings
 - T Goodman: £54.99 – Bulbs for verges
 - Mr G Hodges: £250 – Fitting new gate post
- 94.3. Council noted payments made by direct debit or standing order:
- A R G Hall: £130 – Securing playing field gate for October.
 - Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing and hosting website for October.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £35.05 – October waste collection from pavilion.
 - EON Next: £56.61 – October pavilion electricity.
- 94.4. Council noted the following income received in October: £32.41 bank interest, £58.14 NS&I account interest and £670 all-weather pitch fees.
- 94.5. Councillor Gibbs reviewed the October bank statements and bank reconciliation.
- 94.6. Council approved the payments, receipts and summary report including budget/actuals as at 31st October 2024.
- 94.7. Council noted that Lloyds Bank are changing our account to a Community Account and will start charging fees.
- 94.8. Council noted that NS&I are reducing their interest rates.
- 94.9. S106 funds / projects – Council reviewed list of works, Hodding Wood to be added. Buckinghamshire Councils authorisation form to be completed.
- 94.10. Draft budget 2025-26 – Council reviewed and agreed the following: football club rent for pitches, check what was agreed previously. Football club rent for the all weather pitch to be increased to £20 per hour from next season. Cricket club rent, no change. All weather pitch fees for general use to be increased from the 1st January, but review in the light of fees charged for pitches at the Royal Latin School. Budget to be updated and re-circulated for approval at December meeting.

95. Planning

- 95.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following applications:
- 24/03233/APP – Householder application for single storey porch to front entrance door – Hill Farm House, Lenborough Road. Council resolved no objection.
 - 24/03234/ALB – Listed building application for single storey porch to front entrance door – Hill Farm House, Lenborough Road. Council resolved no objection.
 - 24/02850/APP - Erection of self-build dwelling, subdivision of plot and associated works – Land Adj. 45 The Rise. Council resolved to oppose.
 - 24/03139/APP – Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families, each with 2 caravans, together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 4 No. amenity buildings and construction of new access (part retrospective) – Land South of Preston Road, Tingewick. Council resolved to oppose.
- 95.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
- 24/02930/COUAR - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn into one dwellinghouse - Land Off Buckingham Road, Gawcott
 - 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.

95.3. Council noted no decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting.

95.4. 24/01534/PIP – Poppyfields, Tingewick Road – Appeal lodged, await decision.

95.5. Other planning issues:

- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – no further update.
- Proposed Phase 2, Osier Way.

96. Highways

96.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Application submitted on the 29th July for additional items on the Preston Road.

96.2. HS2 – Councillor White attending site tour on the 20th November and to ask if they would donate some signage/barriers to the village.

96.3. Lenborough Road speed limit reduction to be considered. Forms/process information to be forwarded to Councillor Dugher.

96.4. Highways and lighting – no further update.

96.5. Traffic data – to follow.

96.6. A421 workshop on 28th November – Councillor White attending. Councillor Dugher hopes to attend.

97. Maintenance and Environment issues

97.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 2 works commencing on the 18th November.

97.2. Council approved flood information for website and risk assessment.

97.3. Meeting held with residents on the 4th November. Flood response group currently have ten volunteers and would like more – will also ask the chapel regarding storage.

97.4. Hodding Wood – Await confirmation of annual rent from June 2024 to May 2025 of £912.55. Payment not to be made until confirmation received.

98. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

98.1. Pavilion – Await report on heating system, Councillor Dugher to chase.

98.2. Football club – Issue raised over code for key safe, agreed to have separate key safes ie one for the football club and one for the council.

98.3. Cricket club – nothing to report.

98.4. Nxt Level Coaching – Pavilion was left very untidy following the half term week, invoice for extra clean.

98.5. Play Area – final grass mowing required.

98.6. All weather pitch – issue with flood lights, delay getting lights back on, being looked into.

- 98.7. Caretaker – Council have been approached for the all weather pitch opening and closing to be added to the duties of the gate keeper. Concerns regarding safety issues during the winter months to be raised.
- 98.8. Council resolved cost of £250 for the replacement gate post.
- 98.9. Playing field – Issue with flooding/drainage. Drainage beneath Lenborough Road needs to be increased. Councillor Fealey is chasing.

99. Other Parish Council Business

- 99.1. Defibrillator – Councillor White to approach Holy Trinity church.
- 99.2. Gawcott Newsletter – 20th November cut-off date. Clerk to prepare article.
- 99.3. Website – Council agreed that councillors email addresses should remain.
- 99.4. Action list reviewed, to be updated.
- 99.5. Meeting with Callum Anderson MP – 21st February agreed. Agenda required.
- 99.6. Dog bin on Church Street – Council resolved quote, £140.
- 99.7. NALC have announced the pay award for 2024-25. Council noted and agreed back payment to be made and new hourly rate from November.

100. Community

- Village Hall – current booking numbers are low.
- Solar Farm – community funds available for next year. Working with schools via Earth Energy Education. Currently trying to make contact with Buckingham School.
- Community Group – Christmas tree lighting and carol singing on 7th December.

101. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – date to be advised
- Parish Liaison Meeting – date to be advised
- NBPPC – date to be advised
- Training: as details circulated. Listed Building and Conservation Areas, Councillor White attended.

102. Dates of next meetings – Council noted:

12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 17th April (to be confirmed), 8th May (to be confirmed), 12th June, 10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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