

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Ulph, Cllr Bate, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Gibbs and Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO

**Buckinghamshire Cllrs:** Cllr Fealey

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

None received, all Cllrs were in attendance.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Public Participation Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councilors**

Cllr Fealey advised he has been appointed to the Community Board and the members of the Community Board are currently looking into the priorities to focus on. A meeting will take place in due course which parish representatives will be able to attend.

He mentioned a report for our ward showing crime and unemployment rates will be sent to the Clerk shortly to share with Cllrs.

Cllr Fealey is also Chairman of the Planning Committee which now covers the whole of the Aylesbury Vale and which he believes will be a challenging role. He is also a member of the strategic committee.

Cllr Fealey mentioned the upcoming appeal for the East Claydon battery storage facility which is due to be heard on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The main objections are to the impact on rural life, agriculture and the landscape.

East West Rail will be live early in 2026 with phase 2 coming soon which will include an overtaking loop. Charging units will be needed along the track/overhead for electric trains.

Cllr White questioned the perceived lack of traveller sites in the area and the planning inspector giving the go-ahead to more sites. Cllr Fealey mentioned the current lack of 5 year land stock and the Bucks call for sites, which will include further traveller pitches. He understands this is a hugely contentious issue.

**6. Finance**

**a. To agree the July payment run as circulated**

**GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN July 2025**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk	Clerk salary for June and any related expenses	£544.00
Gawcott Village Hall	Hall hire Jan-June 2025	£168.00
KJ Parker (The Lawn Ranger)	Grass cutting for June	£310.00
Buckingham Almshouses & Welfare Charity	Lease of Hodding Wood from 30/06/25 - 31/01/26	£452.57
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for June	£160.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,634.57</b>

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the July payment run.

**b. To note the balance of accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025:**

- Business account x2092 - £537.03
- Playing field account x2967- £2,580.45
- Deposit account x5984 - £40,282.24

Cllrs noted the account balances to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**c. To review the June bank statements and review and agree the payments and receipts reports**

Cllr Gibbs checked the bank statements against the payments and receipts reports which were agreed and signed.

**d. To note the net position report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Cllrs noted the report.

**7. Planning: To discuss planning applications.**

**a. Ongoing planning matters**

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters in the Parish

Cllrs noted the report and there were no comments made.

**b. Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott**

There was nothing to report.

**8. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters**

Cllr White has been approached by some residents about flashing streetlights, and he has requested that they report the issues via Fix My Street.

Cllr Gibbs mentioned that the footpath along Buckingham Road is very overgrown. Some of the grass has been cut, but there remains a lot of brambles to be cleared. Cllr White believes the solar farm needs to cut their hedges and Cllr Ulph will investigate this. Cllr Tofield will speak to her contact about who owns the land by Harpers Farm to see if it can be cleared. The path itself is broken up and Cllr Gibbs was asked to report this via Fix My Street. Cllr Ulph will try and locate a contact at the University to get them to clear the path. **Action: Cllr Ulph, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Gibbs**

Cllr Tofield mentioned the volume of traffic on Lenborough Road. Cllr Ulph advised it is used as a cut-through to avoid the A421 and that we should look into installing our own road signs.

Road signage to be added as an agenda point to the September agenda. **Action: Clerk**

**9. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues**

The Parish Council has received a second quote for the valuation of Hodding Wood which is £1,900 + VAT. Cllr Ulph will compare the quotes we have received and will inform Cllrs of his recommendation, and he will then instruct them to carry out the valuation. The PC has a right of access through the allotments into the woods which needs to be maintained once the PC purchases the woods. There is presently a lease covenant requiring the cost of repairing the access to be shared by the PC and no doubt this will continue if the wood is purchased. Cllrs agreed they had no interest in purchasing the allotments.

A copy of the Hodding Wood lease is to be sent to Cllr Ulph. **Action: Clerk**

#### **10. To provide updates for the Pavillion, Playing Fields and Play Area**

- a. To consider rubbing down the benches in the play area and re-staining them to improve quality and look

Cllr Burgess advised her husband has fixed one of the benches and he is happy to rub them down and re-stain. Cllrs asked Cllr Burgess to ensure she claims expenses for the materials used for this work.

Cllr White has purchased the anti-climb paint and signage and is hoping to have the paint applied to the all-weather pitch 'cage' before the start of the school summer holidays.

The Clerk was asked to inform our insurance company that the paint was being applied and that signage will be in place. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr White advised there is a wasp nest in the pavilion wall. He has ordered wasp powder and will claim the £26 expenses in due course.

The security person we use at the pavilion and all-weather pitch turns 18 at the weekend and Cllr White has purchased a £50 gift voucher on behalf of the PC. She is currently paid £180 per month and has been on this amount for some time. Cllrs agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> August this will increase to £200 per month. The Clerk will amend the standing order so that the new amount takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Ulph feels the surface in the play park is poor and that with S106 money, we should consider removing the grass and replacing it with rubber flooring. The Clerk will investigate whether any grants are available for this. **Action: Clerk**

#### **11. To report on any other Parish Council business**

- a. Flood protection – to discuss equipment storage

Cllr White confirmed the Village Hall trustees are happy to house the equipment and the PC will pay £25 per month as 'rent'. Cllr White will purchase some padlocks, and he questioned whether a security box which is secured to the ground is needed. Cllrs felt this wasn't a requirement.

The Clerk will set up the new standing order effective 1<sup>st</sup> August. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr White advised that the speed sign as you enter the village from Hillesden is malfunctioning. It has only been 2 years since it was last repaired. Cllr Bate will contact Swarco for a quote to get an engineer out to take a look. **Action: Cllr Bate**

Cllr Ulph felt the speed sign as you leave the village isn't doing the job it is intended to do and it was agreed that the sign will be turned around on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

#### **12. To receive reports from the village hall, solar farm and community group**

Work to the village hall roof should start on 11<sup>th</sup> August and the hall will be closed throughout August.

Cllr Ulph asked if there was anything else the hall needed that the solar farm could help to fund and Cllr White will have a think and get back to him.

The Solar Farm has invested in opening a new Citizens Advice Bureau in Buckingham and the funding will last for 2 years. Cllr Ulph would like to add a note about this in the village newsletter and will obtain approved wording from the Solar Farm.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September the community group is hosting a bingo and fish and chips evening when the raffle will be drawn. Proceeds from the raffle will fund new blinds in the hall.

### **13.Future meetings**

11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December (no meeting in August).

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.01.

Chair: ..... Date: .....

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