

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 11th December 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: Cllr Fealey in attendance

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Robertson sent her apologies.

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 13th November 2025

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

Actions from the minutes were discussed. Cllr White and Cllr Ulph have a potential date of 15th December to meet with a representative of Fisher German to discuss the Hodding Wood valuation. Cllr Bate asked to be included in the meeting and Cllr Ulph will confirm when it will take place once agreed.

Cllr Gibbs advised that the income from the allotments is circa £2000 per year. He was unsure of expenditure. Cllr Ulph mentioned the feedback from the Cllr surgery that allotment holders feel they get little to no support from the charity running the allotments. Cllr Gibbs questioned whether the village hall trustees would be interested in taking on the allotments.

The storage unit at the village hall is already being used but there is still some space available. The caretaker advised they would not give the Parish Council a key to the unit. Several people would need access to the flood equipment which Cllr White didn't believe the village hall would be happy with. Cllr Burgess and Cllr Bate will investigate further and report back to Cllrs. Cllr Ulph and Cllr White still believe the PC needs its own secure shed with access for those who need it.

Cllr Bate has spoken to a sponsor of the village newsletter and has been advised that sponsorship is paid into a TSB account. Cllr Bate will contact the editor to find out more.

4. Public Participation Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councilors

Cllr Fealey mentioned there is a huge planning backlog (approx. 700 applications).

The Community Board will be looking into scams and will organise training for residents, to be held in Bucks Library towards the end of January / beginning of February 2026. Leaflets will be distributed to residents.

He advised that the road from Gawcott to the A421 is being repaired by HS2 and will likely involve night closures.

There are concerns around flu cases and the pressure on doctors and hospitals. Cllr Fealey asked Cllrs to keep an eye on residents. He advised that the Clerk will be sent leaflets about Helping Hands and the local food banks.

Cllr Fealey spoke about the waste centre closure. The fly tipping teams are on alert while the waste centre is closed, however, he advised that most fly tipping in the area comes from

London, Slough etc.

Access to the prison was mentioned. Reserved matters have been granted for access to the site and work has started. The remaining conditions have not been agreed as Highways are not happy with the plans which are still being worked on.

The poor condition of the New Inn Lane road surface was talked about, and Cllr Fealey will pick this up with Highways.

Cllr White spoke about the traveller locations – of which he feels there are too many in and around Gawcott. Cllr Fealey advised that an additional 650 traveller pitches are required by 2040 as part of the Local Plan. Cllr Ulph asked what we can do to stop Gawcott being surrounded by traveller sites, and Cllr Fealey didn't believe there was much we could do.

Cllr Ulph mentioned that the land next to the plastics company on Radcliffe Road has been cleared – an enormous space has been flattened which looks like it is being prepared for something. Cllr Burgess believes it may be used for storage.

Cllr Fealey felt it might be worth the PC writing to Bucks Council to tell them about the traveller sites in our response to the local plan. Cllr White believes he included this in the response that was submitted.

6. Finance

a. To agree the December payment run as circulated

GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN December 2025

Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for November and any related expenses	£544.00
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for November & expenses for cleaning products	£169.89
Cllr White	Expenses - replacement defibrillator pads	£77.94
Total		£791.83

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the December payment run.

b. To note the balance of accounts at 30th November 2025:

- Business account x2092 - £323.00
- Playing field account x2967 - £8,088.20
- Deposit account x5984 - £39,650.13

Cllrs noted the account balances to 30th November 2025.

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

Cllrs Gibbs checked the receipts and payments reports against the bank statements and all were approved.

d. To approve the 2026/27 draft budget and precept

Cllrs resolved to discuss the budget and precept at the January 2026 meeting. The agenda will only cover the budget and precept and anything urgent and will start at 7pm.

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.

b. Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott

- To discuss the traveller site at Radclive Road

Cllrs spoke of the decision to approve the site at Radclive Road following an appeal. At the appeal the inspector mentioned that the percentage of travellers to the settled population of approx. 11% was insignificant.

8. To approve the IT policy as circulated

Cllrs unanimously approved the IT policy which the Clerk will add to the Parish Council website.

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

The Clerk was asked to raise the state of the New Inn Lane road surface with our Highways Local Area Technician. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to speak to Bucks Council about the pole that has been erected outside The Laurels on Church Street. The PC would like to know why we were not notified. **Action: Clerk**

10. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

There was nothing raised.

11. To provide updates for the Pavillion, Playing Fields and Play Area

There was nothing raised for the Pavillion or Play Area.

Cllr White advised the football club has complained about a fence around the cricket strip. Cllr Ulph advised he believes the posts are not safe. It was agreed that Cllrs will take a look and if they agree with the football club, the PC will need to approach the cricket club to ask them to remove what they have installed. The football club wants to see plastic posts being used.

Action: All Cllrs

12. To report on any other Parish Council business

- To discuss installing a defibrillator underneath the Gawcott sign in the centre of the village

The Clerk showed Cllrs what the solar powered defibrillator cabinet looked like. Cllrs felt it might be better placed at The Rise. Cllr Ulph and Cllr Burgess will visit the area to see if it is suitable. The Clerk was asked to send dimensions for the solar powered defib cabinet to Cllr Ulph. The Clerk advised that PC would need to obtain permission from Bucks Highways to install the defibrillator at this location. **Action: Cllr Ulph / Cllr Burgess / Clerk**

- To discuss purchasing an additional MVAS

Cllrs resolved to move this agenda point to the February 2026 meeting.

- To revisit the need for a new, secure storage shed at the village hall

Cllrs resolved to move this agenda point to the February 2026 meeting.

13. To receive reports from the village hall, solar farm and community group

There was nothing to report on the village hall.

Cllr Ulph advised that Callum Anderson MP has requested to attend the solar farm for a photo opportunity. Cllr Ulph will ask the MP why he did not respond to a letter from the solar farm which highlighted the impact of restrictions on schools borrowing and Cllrs agreed he should be questioned about this.

The Community Group hosted a successful Christmas event with approx. 300 in attendance.

14. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

8th January

12th February

12th March

9th April

14th May

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.17.

Chair: Date:

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