

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Ulph, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Bate, Cllr Tofield, Cllr Robertson, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 5 Members of the Public (MoP)

**Buckinghamshire Cllrs:** Cllr Fealey

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gibbs.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Tofield declared an interest in agenda item 7C.

**3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

**4. Public Participation Session**

A MoP wanted to know who to speak to about the allotments and the lack of water. Cllr White explained that the Parish Council doesn't own the allotments and explained that they are run by the Buckingham Almshouses & Welfare Charity. Cllr White and Cllr Ulph advised they will raise the issue of water at the allotments at their next meeting with the trustees of the charity. Cllr Ulph also mentioned the charity website as a point of contact.

Other MoPs were in attendance to find out more about the draft Bucks Local Plan and the sites in the parish that have been earmarked for development. At this point, it was felt that Cllr Fealey should provide his update which included the Local Plan.

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

Cllr Fealey advised that Bucks Council is now at stage Regulation 19 and the plan now includes the sites deemed suitable to accommodate the 95,000 new homes they need to build by 2045. Residents and Parish Councils are now being asked to make comments on the sites included. There are 3 sites and an employment area that affects the parish and he explained how decisions are made on what is classed as a suitable site. Cllr White highlighted another much larger site that also affects the parish that Cllr Fealey wasn't aware of. Cllr Fealey urged residents to submit their comments on the plan by the 16<sup>th</sup> March deadline.

Cllr Ulph asked about the timescales involved and Cllr Fealey confirmed that the completed plan needs to be submitted to the Government in December 2026. A decision on the plan is expected in 2027/28.

Cllr Fealey mentioned that the prison application is ongoing and they are still fighting against allowing construction traffic through the villages, but they are receiving a lot of pushbacks on this.

He explained that Bucks Council objected to the Rosefield Solar Farm in the Claydons, but the decision lies with the Secretary of State.

He mentioned the next Community Board meeting takes place on 17<sup>th</sup> March and that scams and trading standards will be discussed.

## 6. Finance

### a. To agree the March payment run as circulated

#### GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN March 2026

Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for February	£544.00
Clerk	Expenses - travel & work from home allowance for February	£39.50
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for February & expenses for cleaning products	£120.00
Replay Maintenance	Maintenance of 3G pitch. Year 3 of 5 of the agreement	£1,921.50
BMKALC	Planning demystified training course for Cllr White	£110.00
TEEC Limited	WCAG remediation work to Parish Council website	£42.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,777.00</b>

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the March payment run.

### b. To note the balance of accounts at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026:

- Business account x2092 - £670.85
- Playing field account x2967- £8,155.65
- Deposit account x5984 - £24,868.50

Cllrs noted the account balances to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### c. To review the February 2026 bank statements and review and agree the payments and receipts reports

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

### d. To agree to appoint Brian Fludgate as Internal Auditor to the Council for the 2026 audit period

Cllrs approved the appointment of Brian Fludgate as Internal Auditor to the Council.

## 7. Planning: To discuss planning applications

### a. Planning applications

#### **PL/26/00648/FA - Dove Cote Barn, Manor Farm, Lenborough**

Front porch and single storey rear extension

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

### b. Ongoing planning matters – to receive the report regarding ongoing planning matters in the Parish

Cllrs noted the report, no comments were made.

### c. Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott

- **To discuss the Parish Council's response to the draft Bucks Local Plan**

It was agreed that Cllr White would write the submission for the sites affecting the parish on behalf of the PC and submit them by the deadline of 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## 8. To adopt the amended Financial Regulations as circulated

Cllrs resolved to adopt the amended Financial Regulations which the Clerk will add to the Parish Council website.

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

- To note the culvert on Main Street is due to be filled with concrete

Cllrs noted that the culvert has now been filled with concrete and hope this will not affect the work carried out to the culvert in 2025.

Cllr Ulph mentioned an abandoned car on Lenborough Road. He has tried calling at the bungalow nearby with no success and will now put a note through the door. The Clerk advised Cllr Ulph to report the vehicle via Fix My Street.

## 10. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

There was nothing to report.

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

- Gawcott Village Festival/Fete

The festival/fete will now take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr White has informed the organisers that they will require their own insurance.

Cllr White asked Cllrs to consider decorating the Pavilion and this will be discussed at a later date.

The football club has commented that the large pitch adjoining the Pavilion is waterlogged more frequently than ever before. The other large pitch used to experience the same issues until money was spent on drainage. The PC may need to consider more drainage as a solution.

Cllr Burgess recently witnessed 4 teenagers using the all-weather pitch after climbing in. Cllr White advised the anti-climb paint will be applied when the weather improves.

## 12. To report on any other Parish Council business

- **To discuss the Parish Council donating to the Village Festival/Fete**

Cllrs agreed to donate £500 to the festival/fete.

- **To discuss the Parish Council donating to the Church and Chapel**

Cllrs agreed to donate £250 each to the Church and Chapel.

- **To discuss purchasing an additional MVAS**

Cllr Ulph has spoken to the handyman, and he is interested in the work to install the MVAS machines. Cllr Ulph needs to meet with him and discuss it further. Cllrs agreed to purchase another MVAS from Elan City. Cllr Bate will contact Elan City to ask for clarity about the technical questions she has. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Bate**

- **To provide an update on Hodding Wood**

The trustees of the charity who own Hodding Wood have come back to the PC with a counteroffer. Cllr White and Cllr Ulph will meet with the trustees again to continue with the negotiations and Cllrs agreed to a figure they were comfortable offering. **Action: Cllr White / Cllr Ulph**

Cllr White shared the allotment footpath consultation with all Cllrs and asked them to send over any feedback they may have.

- **To discuss supporting Whaddon Parish Council's 20mph initiative in all Bucks villages and residential areas**

Cllrs agreed they were not in support of this initiative and resolved not to go any further with it.

**13. To receive reports from the solar farm and community group**

Cllr Ulph had nothing new to report on the solar farm.

Cllr White shared details of a 10x8ft shed currently on offer for £1,862.59 and suggested paying the village hall caretaker to erect it. Cllrs agreed to the purchase of the shed which is to be delivered to the village hall. **Action: Clerk**

**14. Future meetings**

To note the date of future meetings

9<sup>th</sup> April

14<sup>th</sup> May

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.44.

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

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