

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7.30pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Cllrs: No representatives in attendance

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ulph.

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 12th March 2026

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

Cllr Robertson joined the meeting.

Cllr White advised that access for construction traffic for the prison has been approved by Bucks Council and approximately 20% of this traffic will be through the villages and will affect Gawcott.

The anti-climb paint has been added to the all-weather pitch and notices have gone up in the area advising of the paint.

A planning application for Oak House to reduce the level of the garden and erect a timber-clad annexe was submitted in late 2025. Bucks Council approved the level of the garden but refused the annexe. In February 2026 Bucks Council granted a Certificate of Lawfulness for siting of a mobile home for ancillary use to the main dwellinghouse, however, it appears that a mobile home is not what has been built. The building is over a meter taller than it should be and its 3 windows look directly into the garden of a neighbour. Cllr White has contacted Cllr Fealey from Bucks Council to find out what can be done but has had no feedback yet.

4. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

There were no Bucks Cllrs in attendance and no update provided.

6. Finance

a. To agree the April payment run as circulated

GAWCOTT WITH LENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN April 2026

Payee	Detail	Amount
Clerk	Clerk salary for March	£544.00
Clerk	Expenses - travel & work from home allowance for March	£39.50
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for March & expenses for cleaning products	£160.00
Cllr White	Expenses - skip hire & felt for shed roof	£343.20
Martyn Minnie	Removal of old shed and erection of new shed	£500.00
Elan City	Purchase of solar MVAS	£2,867.99
KJ Parker	Grass cutting - March	£380.00

North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	Membership to 31st March 2027	£20.00
Gawcott Village Hall	Hall hire for PC meetings - Jan/Feb/March 2026	£72.00
	Total	£4,926.69

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the April payment run.

b. To note the balance of accounts at 31st March 2026:

- Business account x2092 - £1,109.01
- Playing field account x2967- £8,253.00
- Deposit account x5984 - £18,070.81

Cllrs noted the account balances to 31st March 2026.

c. To review the March 2026 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.

7. Planning: To discuss planning applications

a. Planning applications

PL/26/01213/FA – The Laurels, Lenborough Road, Gawcott

Addition of first floor balcony to master bedroom. Consent reference 24/01276/APP for works to house

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

PL/26/00059/FA – Unit 3, Gawcott Fields Farm, Gawcott Road, Buckingham

Change of use from dog grooming and hydrotherapy swimming for dogs (Use Class E) to swimming pool for local community (Use Class F2)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

PL/26/01855/KA – Land Along Main Street, Gawcott

Various tree surgery works (Gawcott Conservation Area)

This is the Parish Council's application, so no comments were made.

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

- **Bucks Local Plan – to note the Parish Council's submission**

Cllr White submitted his response to the local plan on behalf of the Parish Council. He will share his submission for the proposed 3,000 houses between Gawcott and Buckingham with all Cllrs. **Action: Cllr White**

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

- To note the abnormal load deliveries passing through Gawcott from 25th March to 17th April

Cllrs noted the abnormal load deliveries passing through Gawcott.

Cllr White mentioned some potholes on Hillesden Road and Lenborough Road which he will report via Fix My Street. **Action: Cllr White**

9. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

There was nothing to report.

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

- Change from football to cricket on the main field

The changeover from football to cricket takes place next weekend, with the first cricket game taking place at the beginning of May.

Cutting of the playing field has commenced.

Maintenance to the all-weather pitch takes place tomorrow (10th April).

Cllr Burgess explained that there has been a lot of dog waste being left in the general waste bin at the playing fields. It was agreed that a new dog waste bin would be installed by the fencing at the Pavilion and Cllr Bate will share the What3Words location with the Clerk. Cllr White will create some signage reminding residents of the correct bins to use for their waste.

Action: Clerk / Cllr Bate / Cllr White

Cllr White will speak to the decorators used at the village hall for a quote to decorate the interior of the Pavilion. **Action: Cllr White**

The Clerk confirmed the RoSPA play inspection has been booked and will take place in May/June.

11. To report on any other Parish Council business

- To provide an update on Hodding Wood

Cllr White confirmed there was no further update at this stage. The charity will be contacted shortly to resume discussions. **Action: Cllr White**

Cllr Gibbs confirmed the charity will be obtaining their own valuation for Hodding Wood.

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

- Village hall – updates on internal decoration and storage shed

The village hall has been decorated. Volunteers may be needed to decorate the kitchen area. The new shed has been erected, but it needs a stronger lock and security before anything is stored there.

There was no update on the solar farm.

13. Future meetings

To note the date of future meetings

14th May

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.35.

Chair: Date: