

## The Powers and Duties of the Parish Council

Much is written about the Parish Council 'doing nothing' about street lighting, potholes, drainage, roadworks and many other things which cause annoyance to residents. The fact is that Parish Councils have limited power: limited by statute and by meagre financial resources.

Who does what around Gawcott with Lenborough?

Activity	Service	Action by Parish Council
Waste Bins	Litter/dog waste bins	Provision of bins. Bucks Council empties waste and dog waste bins
Bus Shelters	Provision of the two bus shelters	Maintenance and management
Churchyard and War Memorial	Contribute to the upkeep of the Churchyard & War Memorial	Grant given to Holy Trinity Church to assist with Churchyard/War Memorial maintenance
Defibrillator	Provision and management of the machine	Management and maintenance of the machine at the Village Hall. The machine at the Playing Field is managed by the Winslow Junior Football Club
The Green	The Village Green is owned by the Parish Council	Management and maintenance. NB: The Library is managed by the WI
Hodding Wood	Leased from the Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity	The PC has a lease from the Charity and manages the woodland
Street lighting	Buckinghamshire Council provides and maintains street lighting in the Parish	Continually chasing for delivery of the service
Litter	Clearing and tidying the Village	Occasional Village tidying sessions are organised to clear verges and streets in conjunction with Parish groups
Notice Boards & Website	Providing information	Parish Council notice boards are located at the Green and at the Village Hall. Website: <a href="http://www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk">www.gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk</a>
Planning	Buckinghamshire Council is the planning authority and gives notice of most applications affecting the Parish	Councillors provide relevant observations on most planning applications. They DO NOT make planning decisions
Playing Field	The Playing Field, Pavilion, All-Weather Pitch and Children's Play Area. NB: NOT the play area at The Rise	The Field was gifted to the Parish in 1984 and is managed and maintained by the Parish Council on behalf of residents
Seats	Seats around the Parish	Provision and maintenance of seats
Signs	Signage and speed signs	Provision of Vehicle Activated Signs. Other speed signage should be provided by Bucks Council
Traffic calming	Reducing the speed of traffic	Parish Council finances the provision of road narrowing features and signage
Verges	Planting and clearing litter	Planting bulbs on verges. Clearing litter. Parish Council maintains some verges in default by Buckinghamshire Council

**Highways** are the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council and NOT the Parish Council.

Please report street light and signage defects, potholes and other highway-related issues at: <https://fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk>

Any questions or queries about the Parish Council or the services provided should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: [parishclerk@gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@gawcottwithlenboroughpc.co.uk)

The Village Hall is owned and managed by the Village Hall Charity. Contact: [gawcottvhall@gmail.com](mailto:gawcottvhall@gmail.com)