

## Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

### The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher, Mr A Ulph and Mr A D White [Chairman]. Treasurer: Mr P Ramsden.

Buckinghamshire Councillor: Councillor R Stuchbury [for AOB Para 16.]

Other attendee: Mr R Gibbs.

A record of all attendees has been retained for Covid-security track and trace purposes.

#### 1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr Gibbs, a potential Parish Council co-optee.

#### 2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor

Councillor Stuchbury reported at the end of the meeting – see para 16.

#### 3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

#### 4. Apologies from Councillor Fealey and Mrs R Bate.

#### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. Matters arising

The Chairman confirmed that the Treasurer has been successful in extracting £3500 from e-on relating to the outstanding payments for the solar panels at the pavilion.

It was noted that there remain two vacancies on the Parish Council.

#### 7. Declarations of Interest: None.

#### 8. Finance

<b>PC Balances</b>	<b>Deposit A/cc 00165984</b>	<b>£24,424.11</b>
	<b>Current A/cc 00152092</b>	<b>£6,890.16</b>
	<b>Current A/cc 00672967</b>	<b>£2,252.13</b>

Councillors unanimously agreed to the payment of the following invoices:.

£452.40: Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity - Rent Hodding Wood, June – December 2021; £131.91: BALC - Subscription for 2021/22; £89.34: reimburse Alan D White - two sets of defibrillator pads; £150 + £120: Karen Richards - Pavilion Cleaner June & July 2021; £130: Mrs J Hall on behalf of Abigail Hall July 2021 - Playing Field assistant [gate security]; £80: K Parker - Village Green Cutting; £207.92: P Ramsden - Treasurer honorarium. £35 Brian Ayres - Independent auditor fee; £77.73 Wave - Water at Field.

Councillors approved the Audit Return papers which have been signed by Councillors Ulph and White and will shortly be sent to the Auditors by the Treasurer.

## 9. Highways and Transport

The schedule of outstanding highway repairs remains largely unchanged but the number of locations requiring repairs is increasing rapidly as previous road works carried out by EW Rail and Bucks Council are breaking up. Furthermore, the damage to verges, road edges and surfaces is increasing. Particular attention has been drawn to Radclive Road, adjoining Red Lion House, and the junction of Main Street and Buckingham Road. Also requiring attention are substantial surface damaged areas at The Rise, Back Street and New Inn Lane. Hillesden Road is also showing signs of structural failure and considerable surface degradation.

A report has been prepared for Councillor Fealey focusing on the HS2 and EWR construction routes and this has been discussed with Councillor Peter Martin who visited the Parish last week.

The Chairman is expecting to meet with Mr Chris James from HS2 to discuss HS2 related road repairs which are becoming urgent, particularly at the junction of Radclive Road and Main Street. The absence of the promised 'No Entry to HS2 traffic' signage at Buckingham Road is also an issue.

The Back Street 'No thoroughfare/Narrow road' signage has been erected.

The Chairman reported some progress at last on the pole to be located at Preston Road for the MVAS.

The Chairman reported there is no further news about the Speedwatch investigations by Mr Benedict O'Halloran. Parish Councillors expressed their full support for this project.

## 10. Planning

The Chairman confirmed that no decisions have been communicated in the last six weeks.

There was some discussion about the Wates Development application. The Chairman confirmed that Wates land is not included in the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan for development but was shown as 'Housing Allocation' in the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan. It is assumed that the new Buckinghamshire Planning Committee will reject the application which will then be determined on appeal in due course.

The Chairman reported minor alterations to the development proposals at Brendale, Church Street. No observations were made.

It appears that Repro Plastics are ensuring that no more than one vehicle will park at their Radclive Road premises to load/unload. Whilst this is an improvement on what has gone before, the Chairman pointed out that this still constitutes a breach of highway and planning regulations.

There are no further reports about the Travellers Field at Radclive Road. There has been no reported action from the Enforcement Officer about the mobile-home, which is now located without consent, at Kilcara Radclive Road. It was noted that 'The Elms' Radclive Road is to be sold by auction on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

The Chairman reported on the outcome of an appeal at The Nursery Hillesden Road. A Certificate of Lawful Development has been issued confirming its Retail use as a garden centre.

The Chairman confirmed that there are three consultation events organised to inform nearby residents of the Ministry of Justice's Grendon Prison development. Appropriate notices have been posted on the Parish Noticeboards and on the website.

## 11. Environment

The flood investigations continue and a report is expected by the autumn. Road gulley cleansing has been carried out and a full drainage survey of Main Street has been completed. In the

Meantime, Anglia Water is being requested to investigate the continuing foul water drainage problems and flooding in New Inn Lane/The Rise.

Mr T Goodman and Mr P Ramsden will be organising the thinning of trees in the woodland over the next six months. They were thanked for their work in managing the woodland.

Fly-tipping at the telephone mast, Radclive Road, has not been cleared. The ownership of the mast site will be investigated. There is further tipping of building materials at the Travellers Field, Radclive Road.

## 12. Leisure

The Chairman reported the successful employment of a Playing Field Assistant, principally to deal with unlocking, locking and checking security at the Field each day.

The ROSPA play area report requires some works to replace swing seats, adjustments to the zip wire and two further wooden posts to be replaced on the trim trail. A contractor will be required to carry out immediate improvements and Wicksteed requested to return to adjust the zip wire and replace two further rotten wooden posts.

It was agreed that the Osborn memorial seat will be ordered as soon as possible. A metal memorial plaque will be added in due course.

## 13. Community

The Village Hall has partially re-opened for children's activities and for Trustee, PC and WI meetings. A return to some degree of normality is expected in September.

The Solar Farm will make funds available for distribution in July and the Chairman with Councillor Ulph will produce a case for a Parish project.

A PC Facebook presence is being actively considered.

## 14. Administration

The Chairman confirmed that a prospective new Clerk has been located and a meeting will be arranged very shortly.

The Chairman invited Mr Ray Gibbs to take up one of the vacancies on the Council. This co-option was unanimously agreed and confirmed, subject to the usual formalities.

## 15. Emergency Business: None.

## 16. Any Other Business:

Councillor Stuchbury confirmed that the Parish Council will be notified and consulted about the services to be offered at the new Swan Practice health centre adjoining Lace Hill.

The Annual Parish Meeting [for those on the Electoral Register] will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. This meeting remains subject to the then Covid regulations.

## 17. **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.**

## 18. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

**Alan D White. Parish Clerk**

**01.08.2021**