

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs R Bate, Mrs S Burgess, Mr A Ulph and Mr A D White [Chairman].

Buckinghamshire Councillor Fealey attended the previous Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

3. Apologies from Councillors Mr T Dugher and Mr R Gibbs and Mr P Ramsden.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 14th April 2022

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising: No Matters arising.

6. Declarations of Interest: None.

7. Finance

PC Balances	Deposit A/cc 00165984	£31,920.68
	Current A/cc 00152092	£5,506.84
	Current A/cc 00672967	£8,207.96

The Chairman reported that the Internal Audit has been satisfactorily completed and the Treasurer is in the process of completing the Annual Return. The Accounts have already been approved. If the Return is completed prior to the June meeting, it will be signed off by the Chairman and Councillor Ulph in accordance with established tradition. Copies will be circulated to all Councillors.

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

Karen Richards - Pavilion Cleaning: £200; K Parker - Village Green Cutting; £260.00; e-on – Field electricity: £69.89; Zurich Municipal: £2,411.91 – PC insurance; P Ramsden: £203.96 – treasurer's honorarium and expenses; G Brown: £1668.40 – Hodding Wood tools [grant funded]; Anglian Water: £44.96 – RRPF water; Speedwatch signage – Approx. ££895.30.

7.2. Having approved the expenditure of £3438.35 for two additional pieces of play equipment at the Play Area, Councillors were informed that the order has been placed and in addition the maintenance of swings, basket swing and cable-way will be carried out at the same time.

7.3. Councillor Ulph is meeting with the Treasurer and former Clerk to organise the transfer of financial reporting and RFO responsibilities. The final transfer will take place once the Audit Returns have been signed off and all financial information has been entered onto the Scribe accounting system. Councillor Ulph is also dealing with the bank about the transfer of responsibilities from the Treasurer and change in cheque signatories.

7.4. Councillor Ulph will also investigate and report back on the procedure to be followed if it is decided to transfer banking arrangements from Lloyds to Unity Bank.

8. Highways and Transport

8.1. Traffic Management and Speed Reduction Plan.

A flier alerting residents to the plan being available on the PC website has been distributed. Residents have been asked to comment. To date 6 comments have been received: one negative regarding the Hillesden Road narrowing proposal, others positive with helpful further suggestions. One resident is of the view that there is no speeding problem and any further restrictions are unnecessary.

8.2. The Radclive Road verge works and resurfacing are being followed up by Councillor Fealey. Works to resurface Radclive Road adjacent to Red Lion House are included.

8.3. Highways and Lighting maintenance.

The long-outstanding lighting projects are being followed up again by Councillor Stuchbury. The replacement of the operationally deficient solar lamps along Buckingham Road appears to be underway.

Councillor Fealey has confirmed that repair works at Back Street, New Inn Lane and The Rise are imminent.

Following registration of the Gawcott Speedwatch Group with TVP by Mr Benedict O'Halloran, appropriate signage has been ordered by the Chairman. *[Now received]*.

9. Planning

9.1. Approved applications: No decisions to report. No applications to consider.

9.2. Applications awaiting a decision:

- 21/04245/APP. Old School House Church Street
- 22/00242/APP. Old Eagles Farmhouse Main Street
- 22/00459/APP. 6A The Rise
- 22/00883/APP Manor Farm, Hillesden Road.

9.3. Enforcement

9.3.1. Travellers Radclive Road. Councillor Dugher noted that a mobile home had been delivered to Oakhaven Park. Councillor Fealey has been requested to follow up with the Enforcement Officer, the dumping of waste builders material at the Traveller's Field, the placing of mobile home without consent at Kilcara and the additional residential mobile home delivered to Oakhaven Park. The latter certainly further infringes the occupation numbers set down in the planning consent for this 'development' granted following on appeal. No reply is received when the issue is raised by the PC.

Repro Plastics – no action to report apart from continued loading on the highway.

9.4. Other planning issues

9.4.1. Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman will meet with Buckingham Town officers in due course.

9.4.2. Councillor Stuchbury will take up the matter of the Wates development s106 documents and appropriate wording to allow expenditure on low level highway schemes to reduce the increased traffic impact of the scheme across the Parish. This is particularly important in view of the likely cost of the proposals outlined in the Traffic and Speed Management Plan.

10. Environment

10.1. Flooding. Councillors await a report from Bucks Council and other bodies about the programme to carry out essential remedial work recommended by the s19 Flooding report. Councillor Ulph suggested a letter to Mr Greg Smith MP about the delays to this essential programme of works.

10.2. Hodding Wood. Woodland management works continue. Councillors thanked Mr T Goodman and Mr P Ramsden who are organising the thinning of trees over the next six months.

10.3. The increased verge cutting has commenced to positive comment by residents.

10.4. Jubilee seats are ready to be placed in the Field as now agreed.

11. Leisure

11.1. Playing Field & Pavilion. A schedule of repairs to the Field and Pavilion has been prepared. Playdale will be working on the Play Area in due course [see para 7.3].

11.2. After some discussion, it was agreed that the two Jubilee commemorative seats will be placed in the Playing Field.

12. Community

13.1. The Community Group, Holy Trinity Church and the Chapel are organising Jubilee events on 4th and 5th June. The Crown is holding an evening event on 4th June and an all-day event on 5th June.

13.2. The Village Hall Trustees are considering an estimate for an upgrade to the electrical infrastructure and the replacement of lighting units.

13.3. The Solar Farm grants are available now. The Village Hall Trustees will be making an application for assistance with the costs of energy efficient lighting units. *[Now submitted]*.

13.4. Website. Nothing to report.

13. Administration

14.1. A PC Facebook presence is being actively considered.

14.2. Councillor Ulph will inquire about a separate grant application to the Solar Farm for Hodding Wood planting.

14. Emergency Business: None.

15. Any Other Business: None.

16. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 9th June 2022 at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott, starting at 7.30 pm.

17. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.03 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Chairman

26.05.2022