

## Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

### The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 8.00 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs R Bate, Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher, Mr R Gibbs and Mr A D White [Chairman].  
Parish Clerk: Mrs K Proffitt  
Buckinghamshire Councillors: Mr P Fealey

1. **Welcome** The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Buckinghamshire Councillor in attendance to speak.
2. **Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor/s [10 minutes]**  
Councillor Fealey began by remembering Mr Mervyn [Nobby] Davies who passed away recently. Mr Davies ran the village youth club many years ago and Cllr Fealey wanted to share his appreciation of all that he did for the village and support in village activities.

Cllr Fealey reported on the verge works that HS2 are due to undertake on the Radclive Road. There is an issue with when the work can be completed as they need approval from Buckinghamshire Council to allow HGV's on the Buckingham Road for a day so the road can be closed. TfB will also be completing works to the A421/Embleton Way roundabout and they have been asked to complete re-surfacing works down to the ESSO garage therefore it is hoped that they could then move to the Radclive Road job after this but re-routing the HGV's is proving difficult. He mentioned that there is a hole on the green with what looks like a water pipe going through. The Local Area Technician is aware and the highways team are due to repair this.

The following day, Cllr Fealey was due to meet with HS2 to visit and discuss the largest excavation site in the HS2 project at Turweston/Westbury. There are also ongoing discussions with EWR regarding roads including Ox Lane (Padbury), Queen Catherine Road (Steeple Claydon) and Verney Junction as the surfaces need fixing again.

This prompted a discussion around Lenborough Road as this is also breaking up particularly towards the junction of the A413. The sides are so bad that drivers are forced into the middle of the road. Cllr Fealey is aware of this.

He reported that the sharp bend sign and associated works on the Lenborough Road where Ox Lane joins has been completed. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts in ensuring this work was done. Cllr Fealey reminded councillors that the HS2 road safety grant was open and briefly outlined the decision-making process. He warned that the money is available to all of Buckinghamshire therefore it will be sought after.

Cllr Fealey moved on to the S19 Flooding Report. He explained that the report, which is not yet in the public domain, was detailed and contained several grade five issues for which urgent action is required under the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Highways. A highways engineer has been allocated to start working on these issues. The water authority and Environmental Health are looking into contamination issues as contamination was found and they need to find the source and resolve the problem. Dye tests have been carried out on a number of properties to help identify the source of the contamination. He is concerned that the amount of HS2 work in the area could affect the flow of water and cause future flooding therefore he is asking questions about the cumulative effect of the works on the Padbury Brook. He wants to ensure that flood waters coming from the top fields are minimised.

Before he finished, Cllr Fealey was asked if the Parish Council could request a digital sign on the A421 roundabout directing HGV's down the Radclive Road. He promised to find out if this was possible and who to approach for the funding. **Action – Cllr Fealey.** It was also noted that lorries need to be kept off the Buckingham Road as much as possible as it can not cope with them. Lorries frequently ignore the sign outside the pub directing them out of the village via the Radclive Road.

**3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting****4. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Ulph and Mr P Ramsden (Treasurer).

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Matters Arising and Action List**

An updated action list was distributed prior to the meeting.

**7. Declarations of Interest - None****8. Finance**

<b>PC Balances</b>	<b>Deposit A/cc 00165984</b>	<b>24,636.09</b>
	<b>Current A/cc 00152092</b>	<b>6,661.94</b>
	<b>Current A/cc 00672967</b>	<b>3,523.56</b>

**8.1 The following invoices were **approved** for payment:**

£813.30 to E-on for Electricity, £160.00 to Karen Richards for cleaning and £99.50 to reimburse Tom Goodman for snowdrop bulbs.

**8.2 Councillors **noted** the following standing orders/direct debits:**

£360.00 to K Proffitt for Clerks Salary, £30.00 to Perceptive Creations for the website, £130.00 to A Hall for pitch security and £22.30 to Buckinghamshire Council for Waste Removal.

**8.3 Councillors **noted** the following income:**

£2730.00 from Winslow United Junior Football Club for pitch hire.

**8.4 Councillors **noted** that an invoice has been received for £345.60 to Scribe for the accounting software however this will be paid after April to ensure it is processed in the correct financial year. The Treasurer will delay the VAT claim until after April so that it can be dealt with in the next financial year also and an updated asset register is required for the Year End.****8.5 It was asked whether the All Weather Pitch pays for itself. The Clerk and the Chairman will consult records and report back. There is a need to start banking any excess and save for a new carpet. The Chairman reported that takings have increased by £90 per week recently and there are a further two or three enquiries regarding regular bookings.****9. Highways and Transport****9.1 Traffic speed 'management'**

Councillors will be meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March to discuss a traffic speed management plan. It is hoped a plan could then help strengthen the parish council's position when applying for grants such as the HS2 Road Safety Fund.

**9.2 Radclive Road: verge upgrade and re-surface**

As previously discussed in the Buckinghamshire Councillors Update (item 2). The parish council must not let HS2/TfB argue over it and ensure it is on their agendas.

**9.3 Lenborough 'bend' signage**

As per the Buckinghamshire Councillors Update (item 2) this is now in place.

**9.4 Highways and lighting maintenance**

The Chairman and Cllr Fealey will keep chasing the lack of maintenance and non-completion.

**9.5 Councillors noted an upcoming long term road closure notice consisting of The Rise/New Inn Lane/Backstreet, it is believed the road will close from time to time for work to be completed around other larger jobs in the area as opposed to a full closure for the duration. Re-surfacing works are also planned outside Red Lion House.****10 Planning****10.1 Decisions:**

10.1-1 21/04245/APP. Householder application for Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side extension. Replace existing rear flat roof with pitched roof, insertion of front and rear roof lights and conversion of loft to habitable space. Old School House Church Street Gawcott. Comments submitted by Parish Council - Awaiting Decision - status **noted** by the Parish Council.

10.1-2 21/04319/APP Variation of condition 1 (plans) attached to permission 15/A2724/NON (Demolition of existing building and construction of three detached dwellings) Bassetts, Main Street, Gawcott. – Awaiting Decision - status **noted** by the Parish Council.

10.1-3 21/04832/APP Milford House Hillesden Road Gawcott Buckinghamshire MK18 4JF. Variation of condition 3 (plans) relating to application 19/01727/APP (Erection of 2 dwellings (Amendment to 17/03593/APP) – Awaiting Decision - status **noted** by the Parish Council.

10.1-4 22/00242/APP (Householder) and 22/00243/ALB (Listed Building) applications for replacement of driveway gates and side panels, erection of boundary fencing and pedestrian gate. Old Eagles Farmhouse Main Street Gawcott Buckinghamshire MK18 4HZ. - Both Awaiting Decision - status **noted** by the Parish Council.

10.2 Applications to consider:

10.2-1 22/00459/APP Householder application for single storey front extension. 6A The Rise Gawcott Buckinghamshire MK18 4HW. Councillors raised no objections to the plans. The Chairman will draft a response. **Action – Chairman.**

10.3 Enforcement:

10.3-1 Travellers Field at Radclive Road  
Nothing to report however councillors noted that a pedestrian gateway has been created linking the property to the caravan site.

10.3-2 Montana House Radclive Road [formerly known as Kilcara]  
No update.

10.3-2 Repro Plastics  
No update.

10.4 Other planning issues:

10.4-1 Buckingham Neighborhood Plan  
The chairman will attend a meeting with Buckingham Town Council when a date is agreed.

10.4-2 S106 payments – leisure and highways allocation  
The wording has been agreed for the 'leisure' allocation but the highways wording is still outstanding. The Chairman will keep chasing as will Cllr Fealey. **Action – Chairman/Cllr Fealey**

## 11 Environment

### 11.1 Flooding

Following on from Cllr Fealey's update regarding the flooding report, a degree of responsibility falls upon the parish council and a Community Flood Action Plan must be put in place. The clerk will obtain a template to begin the process of creating a plan. **Action – Clerk.** Councillors were asked whether they thought purchasing a submersible pump could be an option and a discussion around how this could be paid for and the management of the pump occurred. Councillors felt it would be helpful if the parish council could manage something practical and the option of a contract with a 24 hour hire firm was also considered as this would remove the responsibility of managing, storing and maintaining the equipment.

Further discussion took place and it was concluded that the parish council need to use Cllr Fealey where necessary to ensure Transport for Bucks keep up with their responsibilities.

### 11.2 Hodding Wood

The Chairman made councillors aware that snowdrop bulbs had arrived and will be planted throughout the woodland. T Goodman and P Ramsden have reported that the path between the

wood and the top of the allotments gets very wet and is impassable at this time of year. They have asked the parish council to consider purchasing some aggregate to create a pathway. Councillors discussed this but were worried the aggregate would sink, they wondered whether HS2 could help create a French drain via their scheme to help in the community, they would also have the correct skills and machinery to do this. Gravel could then be placed and the area would drain better. The Chairman will contact HS2. **Action – Chairman.**

#### 11.3 Estimates for Village Green and verge cutting for consideration

The chairman has received estimates for grass cutting. The figures are £1080 per season (in addition to the £500 currently paid for the cutting of the village green - £1580 in total). The work includes cutting the verge on Main Street, the green on the Radcliffe Road and the verge on Hillesden Road twice per month and the six village gates will be strimmed once per month. Councillors **approved** the grass cutting for the season (April-Oct).

#### 11.4 Jubilee Seats

The Chairman reported that the seats had arrived and locations were to be agreed. Councillors **agreed** that one should be placed on the village green and the other in the playing field among the line of trees so that people could sit and watch the cricket in the shade. A handyman will need to be found to install the benches.

### 12. Leisure

#### 12.1 Playing Field

A handyman is required to complete odd jobs at the pavilion and councillors **agreed** it would be a good idea to ask him to install a metal gate in the fence so that walkers can enter Faccenda's Field from the carpark. This would help keep dogs and walkers off the playing field as they currently cross it to join the path further up. The Chairman would share the gate options with Councillors at the Traffic Meeting.

#### 12.2 Pavilion – repairs and legionella safety

Parish Councillors were made aware that the legionella safety check is booked in for the week commencing 14 March.

### 13. Community

#### 13.1 Community Group report

The community group are set to fill 17 planters with plants for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The cost was covered by BKV donated money. A fete on the village green is set to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June consisting of afternoon tea and a sing-song and the village hall is also booked as a back up in case of wet weather. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June the Church will host a Jubilee lunch and bunting and other decorations are being organised for Main Street and the Church Path to help recognise the Jubilee event.

#### 13.2 Village Hall report

An application will be made to the Solar Farm to replace the current lighting in the village hall for energy efficient lighting once it is known how much it is likely to cost. The electrics need testing and updated fire escape emergency lighting will be required. The village hall committee will have to pay for this but they were awarded some grant money from the government as part of the 'end of covid' arrangements therefore this will help towards the costs of the required electric work.

#### 13.3 Solar Farm report

Nothing to report.

#### 13.4 Web site report

Nothing to report.

### 14 Administration

#### 14.1 Facebook

Meeting to discuss communications to be booked in due course.

#### 14.2 Future Meeting Start Times

Councillors were asked to consider meeting at the earlier time of 7.30pm. All councillors **agreed** to the earlier start time therefore the April meeting will be the last one to begin at 8pm and from May all meetings will begin at 7.30pm.

15 **Emergency business:** None

16 **Any other business:** None

17 **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing at 8.00 pm at Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott.**

18 **Closure of Parish Council meeting:** The meeting closed at 9.19pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

**Mrs K Proffitt  
Parish Clerk**

**14/3/22**