

## Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

### The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm at the Gawcott Village Hall.

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

#### 1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Fealey:

Councillor Fealey mentioned the following points:

- The TfB Highways contracts will move to Balfour Beatty, WS Atkins [design] and other specialist groups with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. PCs will receive full details of the new arrangements and procedures by the end of the month.
- The pothole repair process is being reviewed and should improve with the use of new specialist repair equipment.
- The Council Tax increase is set at 4.99%.
- Secondary school places have been allocated. There are sufficient places available despite the increase in housing developments.
- Improving Maths courses [on line] for 19+ age groups are available.
- EWR and HS2-related road repairs will be underway shortly. Ox Lane is scheduled for the summer.
- The Fix My Street process and follow-up reports are being improved.

Councillor Stuchbury mentioned a number of issues with which he has been involved over the last four weeks, in particular, dementia and senior adult care and education for the disadvantaged. It was also confirmed that there would be no strike by fire crews as a pay settlement has been reached.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Fealey and Stuchbury for attending the meeting.

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

#### 4. Apologies: None

#### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023; Matters Arising

The Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no Matters Arising.

#### 6. Declarations of Interest: No declarations

#### 7. Finance

7.1. Current balances are as follows:

Bank Account	Balance	As At Date
Current A/C-00152092	£1,384.40	01/03/2023
Playing Field A/C-00672967	£12,049.76	01/03/2023
Deposit A/C-00165984	£38,415.20	01/03/2023
Total Cash Held	£52,085.84	01/03/2023

Councillors agreed to the payment of the following invoices:

E on	Pavilion electricity	£109.67
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning	£200.00
Scribe	Accounting software	£46.80

7.2. The Chairman explained the 'history' of the £18k National Savings Income Bond, the capital of which may be applied only to works to the pavilion or playing field. Bond papers are held by Lloyds Bank.

7.3. Councillors unanimously agreed to a gratuity to the value of £155 for the retired Treasurer in recognition of 14 years of service to the Council.

## **8. Highways and Transport**

### **8.1. HS2 Road Safety Grant Fund - Traffic Management and Speed Reduction Plan**

The Chairman reported that details of the signage which the County may approve will follow after the 'technical appraisal' said to be underway. Members can assess what extra - PC-authorized signage – may be required to align with the sentiments set down in the Traffic and Speed Management Plan.

### **8.2. The Radcliffe Road speed limit reduction petition**

The finally revised petition forms are being supplied to Mr Ben Lewis who runs Repro Plastics. Mr Lewis has canvassed Radcliffe Road businesses for support with the petition. If successful, the petition will be presented to County by Councillor Fealey.

### **8.3. HS2 HGV routing**

The Chairman reported the conversation with Mr Chris James, Senior Engagement Manager with EKFB as follows:

- HGV vehicle numbers. An access road at Quainton has been repaired so that HGV travel through Gawcott should now return to pre-Christmas numbers.
- Unauthorised routing along Buckingham Road. This will be further investigated along with signage at the A421 confirming no access to HS2 HGVs.
- Damage to the road surface and potentially to the culvert at the junction of Buckingham and Hillesden Roads.
- Many outgoing vehicles are failing to use Radcliffe Road, ignoring the agreed routing and directional highway advisory signage.

The Chairman is expecting a report from Mr James before the April meeting.

### **8.4. Highways and Lighting maintenance**

Limited street lamp repairs have taken place. There are still a number of Main Street lights which are not operational. The Buckingham Road street lighting remains outstanding.

### **8.5. Traffic data**

Councillor Bate provided a brief report on the MVAS data. It was agreed that regular data reports will appear on the website and in the Newsletter.

A report on the progress of the Speedwatch Group has appeared in the Newsletter.

### **8.6. Digital speed signage**

Councillor Bate is investigating the market for Vehicle Activated Digital signage and will report to the April meeting.

## 9. Planning

### Application approved:

- 22/B0847/DIS. Detailed works to buildings at Manor Farm Hillesden Road Gawcott.

### Applications to consider:

- 23/00482/APP. Ashridge Main Street Gawcott. Garage conversion, front extension and first floor extension to the rear.

Councillors considered this application. The Chairman reported the application is almost a mirror image of the adjoining property where extension works have just completed. There will be no diminution in parking spaces. Councillors had no comments to make. It is assumed that the neighbours at 'Weedon' are aware of the proposals but there will be a very minimal/ no effect on their property.

- 23/00472/ATC Coopers Cottage Back Street Gawcott. Reduce maple to ground level – totally overgrown presently. No Councillor observations.

### Applications awaiting a decision:

- 22/03945/ALB. Manor Farm Hillesden Road Gawcott. Listed building application for proposed detached double garage and associated hard standing, fencing, 1.8m high brick wall and landscaping.
- 22/04296/CPL. External and internal repairs and maintenance Lenborough Manor Farmhouse Lenborough Road Gawcott.
- 23/00050/APP. Proposed agricultural storage building at Primrose Hill Farm Tingewick Road Gawcott.
- 23/00178/AOP. Land West of London Road Buckingham. Outline planning application (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for a residential development of up to 300 dwellings (including affordable housing), employment space and associated infrastructure.

**9.1. Travellers Radclive Road.** Nothing further to report.

**9.2. Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the Buckingham Town Plan consultant who will keep in touch with GwL as the Plan proposals develop.

**9.3. Grendon Prison planning appeal.** The MoJ appeal Inspector is expected to issue a decision by the end of March.

## 10. Environment

**Flooding.** The PC is to prepare an Emergency Flood Plan. In the meantime, Buckinghamshire Council is planning to replace the western end of the culvert which presently has a restricted capacity. The works should commence by the mid-year.

## 11. Leisure

**11.1. Pavilion and Field** Councillor Ulph is awaiting a third estimate for the replacement of the pavilion timber doors and windows. Thereafter, Members will be asked for a decision on placing the contract.

The Chairman reported that the Football Club are suggesting that the Field fees are far too high. A cost budget has been supplied to the Club and Councillors agreed that any reduction in fee levels would not be possible. On the contrary, fees will need to increase next season.

'Dogs must be kept on a lead' signage for the Field will be erected in due course.

The Chairman suggested that a 'contractor on call' is required for small repairs and works at the Field. Councillor Gibbs will investigate.

Councillor Dugher will investigate insulation installation/improvements at the pavilion.

**11.2. The ROSPA** inspection of the Play Area will take place in the spring.

**11.3.** A development plan for the Field will be drawn up with a view to confirming the investment strategy for the s106 monies from the Osier Way development.

## **12. Community**

**12.1. Village Hall.** Presently running satisfactorily.

**12.2. Solar Farm.** Councillor Ulph reported further outreach work with schools and village halls within a five mile radius. Assistance to vulnerable children and families is also available via a hardship fund.

**12.3. Community Group.** The future programme is limited by restricted volunteer numbers. However, coronation celebrations are planned and the Village Fete is set for 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**12.4. Coronation.** It was agreed that a new memorial bench will be acquired for the playing field to mark this event.

**12.5. Village Clean-Up day.** Councillor Fealey has offered to organise a clean-up on the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. HS2 assistance is being organised by Councillor Fealey. Volunteers will meet at the Village Hall at 9.30 am, organisers at 8.30 am.

## **13. Administration**

The Chairman reported that a request has been received from the Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity to provide a trustee from the Parish. The Chairman will investigate a potential candidate.

Councillor Dugher has agreed to relieve Councillor Ulph of responsibility for the oversight of the PC website.

**14. Emergency Business:** None.

**15. Any Other Business:** None.

**16. Next Meeting:** The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Gawcott Village Hall Buckingham Road Gawcott, starting at 7.30 pm.

**17. Closure of Meeting.** The business meeting concluded at 9.20pm..

Signed.....

Date.....

**Alan D White. Parish Clerk.**

**14.03.2023**