

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

The Minutes of the meeting of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 13th April 2023 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 C Cornell and R Stuchbury.

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular, Mrs Pamela Molloy.

2. Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors C Cornell and R Stuchbury:

The following points were mentioned:

- Concern that there may not be sufficient school places available given the continuing residential development. Some expansion will be necessary at Page Hill and/or Maids Moreton Schools. A s106 education payment will be made by the Osier Way developers.
- An additional three thousand school places have been required in the area since 2015.
- A medium term education strategy for north Buckinghamshire is required.
- More funds are required for child special needs assessments.
- The 'gap' between children's best and worst attainment levels is apparently widening.
- A review into dementia care is underway. More support in the early stages of the illness can save up to two years residence in a care home.
- The report on the A421 route around/through Buckingham is now expected in the summer.
- The Springhill Prison planning appeal decision is also delayed.
- The Osier Way developers have submitted detailed development plans which substantially alter housing types, mix and layouts.

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

3. Commencement of Parish Council business meeting

4. Apologies from Councillor P Fealey.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the 9th March 2023

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	
Current A/C-00152092	£1,372.92	01/04/2023
Playing Field, A/C-00672967	£6,949.78	01/04/2023
Deposit A/C-00165984	£39,046.23	01/04/2023
Total Cash Held	£47,368.93	01/04/2023

Councillors agreed to the payment of the following invoices:

E On	Pavilion electricity	£212.15
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning	£200.00
Assured Drainage	Pavilion drains	£132.00
Replay Maintenance	AWP maintenance	£1128.60
Bucks Council	Dog waste service	£463.01
K Parker	Grass cutting	£280.00
A D White reimbursement	Field Signage [dogs]	£55.45

The Chairman reported receipt of the first tranche of the precept in the sum of £10,000.

7.2. The Treasurer will shortly commence preparations for the Audit Return.

7.3. Approval of the Financial and Management Risk Assessment and Governance Review document. Councillors unanimously approved the document dated 14th April 2023 which was signed by the Chairman.

8. Highways and Transport

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

No further update.

8.2. The Radclive 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 Radclive Road businesses for support for the petition.

8.3. HS2 HGV routing

The Chairman was expecting a report from Mr Chris James, Senior Engagement Manager with EKFB but nothing has been received and none of the points raised in a conversation prior to the March meeting have been actioned.

8.4. Highways and Lighting maintenance

The Chairman is to meet Mr Simon Scullion the new Local area Technician to discuss the poor state of Buckingham, Lenborough and Hillesden Roads.

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 with a request for more members.

8.6. Digital speed signage

Councillor Bate is investigating the market for Vehicle Activated Digital signage and provided volumes of information. It was agreed that a meeting to discuss new signage is required and this will take place on 2nd May at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion.

9. Planning

Applications approved:

- 23/00472/ATC. Coopers Cottage Back Street Gawcott. Tree works.
- 22/B0847/DIS. Buildings at Manor Farm Hillesden Road Gawcott. Some refurbishment details approved; others outstanding.
- 23/00247/ATC. Old Eagles Farmhouse Main Street Gawcott. Tree works.

- 22/04296/CPLK. Lenborough Manor Farmhouse Lenborough Road Gawcott. Certificate [of Lawfulness] Issued.
- 22/01498/APP. Land off Osier Way Buckingham Industrial Estate. Warehouse development.
- Ref. No: 23/00482/APP. Ashridge Main Street Gawcott. Garage conversion and extensions to front, side and rear.

Applications to consider:

- 23/00829/APP. Erection of agricultural/equestrian workshop building, Poppyfields Tingewick Road Gawcott

No comments apart from the height of the proposed building.

- 23/01009/ADP. Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission 18/01401/AOP (four residential dwellings) | Land Adjacent Eagles Farm Cow Lane Gawcott.

Councillors approved of the detailed design of the four proposed dwellings. Concern was again expressed about access, the public footpath and parking whilst the development is underway.

- 23/01126/APP. Conversion of disused storage barn into a dwelling. Pole Barn Primrose Hill Farm Preston Road Gawcott.

Councillors were confused by the apparent redundancy of this building whilst an application for a new agricultural building is under consideration. Appropriate representations will be made.

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.
- 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. Nothing further to report.

9.3. Grendon Prison planning appeal. The Inspector's decision is awaited.

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. A programme for the works is expected shortly.

11. Leisure

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

Councillor Dugher is expecting an estimate for additional insulation in the pavilion. This project should attract Solar Farm grant funding.

The Chairman reported that meetings with the Football and Cricket Clubs to discuss fees and other issues are still to be fixed.

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

Councillor Gibbs provided details of a local handyman who might assist with regular maintenance at the Field and pavilion. It was also suggested that Mr Goodman might be available for paid maintenance work at the Field.

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

It was suggested that the existing picnic table be scrapped and a new table purchased. This will be investigated.

11.2. The poor drainage at the pavilion continues to be problematic. Connection to main drainage will be included in the overall strategy for the Field facilities.

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

11.4. 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.

12.3. Community Group. The future programme is limited by restricted volunteer numbers. However, coronation celebrations are planned on 8th May at the Green and the Village Fete is set for 17th 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 29th April. It is hoped that a number of volunteers will appear encouraged by the provision of a light breakfast and lunch.

13. Administration

The Chairman will meet with Mrs Molloy to discuss the Parish Clerk vacancy.

14. Emergency Business: None.

15. Any Other Business: None.

16. Next Meetings:

The Annual Parish Meeting is arranged for 11th May 2023 starting at 7.00 pm. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and at 8.00 pm by the usual monthly Parish Council business meeting.

17. Closure of Meeting. The business meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Alan D White. Parish Clerk.**31.04.2023**