

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr A White (Chairman), Mr T Ulph, Mr T Dugher, Mrs R Bate and Mrs S Burgess

Also present: Mrs P Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillor Mr P Fealey and the Vice Chair, Curriculum & Development Governor from Roundwood Primary School

Period of Public Participation

The Governor from Roundwood Primary School raised the following issues:

- By the school entrance, following works carried out by Buckinghamshire Council, the area puddles in heavy rain – Cllr Fealey agreed to raise with the Local Area Technician.
- Long discussion took place regarding the issues with parents parking during drop off and pick up times. School would like the following: more signage, reduce speed limit, extend yellow lines. Existing yellow lines have faded – Cllr Fealey agreed to raise with Local Area Technician. Parish Council will look into '20 is plenty' stickers and signage for Church Street.

18. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors:

Cllr Fealey advised the following:

- Looking into HGVs weight restrictions through Radclive.
- Banking hub in Buckingham is progressing, currently a 'community banker' visits the library on Thursday each week.
- Boundary Commission – Tingewick and Gawcott will be added to Steeple Claydon ward. With two councillors in place for the 2025 elections.
- Call blocker is available by application to Trading Standards.
- Provided update regarding potholes – 13 gangs working doing approximately 2500 per month.
- Cllr Fealey is now the North Bucks Planning Committee Chairman and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Prison – The inspector has completed their report and sent off to Secretary of State.
- Ox Lane repairs – due Summer/Autumn when the HGVs have left.

19. Apologies - Councillors Gibbs and Cornell

20. Declarations of Interest - None

21. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th May.

22. Finance

22.1. Balance of accounts as at 31st May:

- Current Account - £4,816.79
- Playing Field Account – £580.80
- Deposit Account - £44,325.84

22.2. Council resolved to make the following payments;

- P Molloy: £49.99 – HP Printer.
- Buckinghamshire Council: £32.45 – Waste collection from pavilion.
- K Richards: £200 – Pavilion cleaning.
- E.ON: £619.55 - Pavilion electricity.
- K Parker: £320 – Verge and Village Green cutting.

- Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity: £904.80 – Hodding Wood annual rent to June 2024.
 - A White: £341.65 – Battery for AED (£286.20) and playing field signage (£55.45).
- 22.3. Internal Audit 2022-23 – Council resolved to appoint Mrs D O'Brien to carry out an internal audit, cost £160 as per letter of engagement circulated.
- 22.4. Council resolved the update of the bank mandate to add the new clerk.

23. Planning

- 23.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following revisions to previous applications:
- 23/00829/APP – Poppyfields, Tingewick Road, Gawcott – equestrian building and landscaping; Revised landscaping and layout plan. Not commenting.
 - 23/01126/APP - Pole Barn, Primrose Hill Farm, Preston Road, Gawcott - conversion of 'redundant' agricultural Pole Barn to residential use. Revised layout and land included with proposed residential unit. Cllr White to add comments agreed.
- 23.2. Council noted no further applications received following the issue of the agenda.
- 23.3. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
- 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
 - 22/04287/ALB - Listed building application for external and internal alterations and repairs - Lenborough Manor Farmhouse, Lenborough Road, Gawcott
 - 22/03944/APP - Listed building application for proposed detached double garage and associated hardstanding, fencing, 1.8m high brick wall, and landscaping - Buildings at Manor Farm, Hillesden Road, Gawcott
- 23.4. Council noted no decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting.
- 23.5. Other planning issues:
- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing further to report.
 - Grendon Prison Appeal decision awaited – as Cllr Fealey's comments.
 - Travellers, Radclive Road – Nothing further to report.

24. Highways

- 24.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Await information on grant.
- 24.2. HS2 traffic – Getting occasional convoys. Cllr White to log a complaint regarding times.
- 24.3. Radclive Road speed limit reduction – Cllr White to follow up on petition.
- 24.4. Highways and lighting – Nothing new to report. Outstanding issues with street lighting – clerk to chase Local Area Technician.
- 24.5. Traffic data – May to follow. Cllr Bate to forward to newsletter editor.
- 24.6. Digital speed signs – Clerk provided update. Two signs required. Meeting being arranged to discuss funding.
- 24.7. Hillesdon Road speed limit queried (limited street lighting and an absence of 30mph repeater signs) – await response from Buckinghamshire Council.

25. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 25.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street – Being looked at again to see if possible to get a new drain in between the utilities.
- 25.2. Hodding Wood – Rent being paid. Cllr White to ask about works required to access road.

26. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 26.1. Pavilion – New windows and doors being fitted. Survey carried out, installation in about 6-8 weeks. Cost confirmed at £9987.50 + VAT.
- 26.2. Pavilion - Roof insulation works resolved to go ahead at a cost of £1750. Football club to clear rubbish in the loft – Cllr White to advise.
- 26.3. Football club fees – Remain as they are but rebate agreed when they can't use the all-weather pitch. Requested a storage shed – not agreed. Cllr White to ask to see their accounts.

- 26.4. Play Area - Annual inspection by Rospa is due and Councillor to accompany inspector. Clerk to chase.
- 26.5. Defibrillator – Council resolved taking over the management and maintenance of Football Club AED.
- 26.6. Pavilion – Other items discussed that require attention: showers, re-paint, kitchen units and appliances. Clerk to look at funding available.

27. Other Parish Council Business

- 27.1. Defibrillator – Council resolved to purchase an additional AED to be fitted at a cost of £975 and £495 for the AED and cabinet respectively excluding VAT (£294) to be located at the Chapel, Main Street. Cllr White in discussions with the Chapel about a requested licence. All fitting costs will be covered by the Council. Grants to be investigated.
- 27.2. Defibrillator user training carried out, 14 residents attended. Will arrange another training session, date to be agreed.
- 27.3. Council Facebook page – Clerk provided update, Council resolved to establish a limited Facebook presence managed by the Clerk.
- 27.4. NBPPC – Council resolved joining, annual subscription cost £20. Clerk to action.

28. Community

- Village Hall – All stable financially, await to hear if pre-school will be hiring for next school year.
- Solar Farm – Nothing to report.
- Community Group – Fete on Village Green on the 17th June. Available funds £1650. Best kept village fund (to be applied to renewing plants in the troughs) £1118.

29. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – to be advised.
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 28th June at 6.30pm, in person (Aylesbury)
- Training: 13/6/23 Freedom of Information and 15/6/23 Risk Management

30. Dates of next meetings – Council to note:

13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December
(Note: The August meeting is dependent on the amount of business to be discussed)

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....Chairman / Date.....