

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr A White (Chairman), Mrs R Bate, Mrs S Burgess, Mr R Gibbs & Mrs J Tofield

Also present: Pam Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillors Mr Stuchbury & Mr Fealey

Period of Public Participation - None

98. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors:

Cllr Fealey advised the following:

- Fly tipping penalties increasing to £1,000 (contractor) & for the resident up to £600.
- Changes made at recycling centres and can now dispose of some DIY materials.
- Community Boards, provided update.
- New Inn Lane collapsed drain, works now complete.
- Main Street – 1st phase of works completed, just await pump.
- Lenborough Road and Ox Lane repairs now completed.
- C3 road - HS2 / Buckinghamshire Highways will be carrying out some works.
- Provided general update regarding roadworks.
- Visited school to talk about parking.

Cllr Stuchbury advised the following:

- Report regarding current activities circulated.
- Fire Authority – gave brief update, see link emailed.
- Planning – provided update.
- Childrens Services/Adult Social Care – concerns regarding budgets.
- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – gave brief update.
- Community Boards budget will be reduced next year.
- Budget scrutiny ongoing.
- When patients discharged from Milton Keynes hospital, social services should be in place – advise Robin if know of any instances when this doesn't happen.

99. Apologies – Councillors: Mr Ulph, Mr T Dugher & Buckinghamshire Councillor Ms Cornell

100. Declarations of Interest - None

101. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th November, ref: GwLPC/08/23-24.

102. Finance

102.1. Balance of accounts as at 30th November:

- Business Account x2092 - £4,320.65
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £1,718.31
- Deposit Account x5984 - £41,873.20

102.2. Council resolved to make the following payments;

- P Molloy: £448.20 – November net salary. Online payment.

- HMRC: £22.20 – PAYE Molloy for November. Cheque 001354
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £463.01 – Dog waste collections for 1/4/22 to 31/3/23 (paid via bank transfer)
 - K Richards: £160 – Pavilion cleaning for November. Cheque 001355
 - Heron Signs: £595.75 - New sign for playing field. Online payment.
 - Earth Anchors Ltd: £908.40 – New noticeboard for playing field. Online payment.
 - Playsafety Ltd: £36 – Checklist for play area. Online payment.
 - EON: £384.14 – Pavilion electricity for November. Online payment.
 - M Anderton: £40 – For fitting the noticeboard. Online payment.
 - T Goodman: £103.60 – Bulbs for Hodding Wood. Online payment.
 - A White: £577.23 – Defib battery/thermometers for cabinets & items for pavilion. Online payment.
- 102.3. Council noted payments made by direct debit or standing order:
- A R G Hall: £130 – Securing playing field gate for November.
 - Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing & hosting website for November.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £25 – Waste collection from pavilion for November.
- 102.4. Council noted the following income received in November: £46.27 bank interest, £54.88 NS&I account interest, £3360.48 VAT refund and £610 all weather pitch fees.
- 102.5. Council resolved the payments and receipts summaries as at 30/11/23.
- 102.6. Council reviewed and resolved the November bank statements and bank reconciliation and the chairman signed.
- 102.7. Budget 2024-25 – Cllr White gave an overview. Council resolved budget.
- 102.8. Precept 2024-25 – Council resolved £25,000.
- 102.9. Council noted the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2023 has been published. Clerk now on SCP16 from the 1/11/23.

103. Planning

- 103.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following applications:
- 23/03455/APP – Householder application for erection of fence and removal of parking space (retrospective) – 11 Gilbert Scott Gardens. Council resolved not to comment.
 - 23/02485/APP – Redevelopment of existing barn complex to form 1 No. residential dwelling (retrospective) (amended 'as built' plans received, all openings on south-western elevation to be fixed shut and have obscured glazing) – Lenborough Farm Barns, Hillesden Road, Gawcott. Council resolved to oppose as information discussed.
 - 23/03301/APP - Change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, hardstanding and dayrooms ancillary to that use - Land Adjacent Radclive Road, Gawcott. Council resolved to oppose.
- 103.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
- 23/02485/APP – Conversion of agricultural buildings to form a residential dwelling (retrospective) – Lenborough Farm Barns, Hillesden Road. Enforcement notice issued 10/11/23.
 - 22/02689/ADP – Erection of 121 dwellings along with landscaping, garages, roads and all ancillary works (Phase 1) following outline permission ref: 19/00148/AOP – Land at Osier Way, Osier Way, Buckingham
 - 23/03222/CPE – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use for the continuation of unrestricted use class B2 activities – Green Haven, Main Street.

- 23/03290/APP - Householder application for two storey rear and two part single storey side extensions - 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Manor Farm Lane.
- 103.3. Council noted decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting:
- 22/03944/APP - Householder application for proposed detached double garage and associated hardstanding, fencing, 1.8m high brick wall, and landscaping - Buildings at Manor Farm, Hillesden Road. APPROVED
- 103.4. Other planning issues:
- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – Council resolved strip of land within the Gawcott Parish being included.
 - Grendon Prison Appeal decision awaited – No further update.
 - Travellers, Radclive Road & Preston Road – Radclive Road site, see 103.1.

104. Highways

- 104.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Updated copy of draft traffic calming proposals received and to be added to the website. Hillesden Road, 30mph repeater signs will not be installed.
- 104.2. HS2 traffic – Cllr White to raise concerns regarding convoys.
- 104.3. Radclive Road speed limit reduction – Cllr White to contact in New Year.
- 104.4. Highways and lighting – Advised street lights due to be repaired in January.
- 104.5. Traffic data – Cllr Bate will circulate.
- 104.6. Speed signs – Funding application submitted. Council noted, due to the requirements of the Section 171 Licence, supplier changed to Swarco.
- 104.7. Devolved services for verge mowing was discussed. Cllr White to get costs for the extra verges. Clerk to look into expressing an interest and date required.

105. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 105.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 1 works – in the process of confirming a supplier who will be able to supply and maintain a temporary pump.
- 105.2. Residents Flood Response Group – Funding application approved and award letter received – clerk to check some of the terms and conditions. Need an update from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the pump in the phase 1 works before an order is placed.
- 105.3. Hodding Wood – Council resolved the costs for the bulbs at £103.60.

106. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 106.1. Pavilion refurbishment works – Clerk met with the Community Boards Manager, who advised that match funding is required. Council resolved to match fund at £6,000.
- 106.2. Football club – Advised two pitches are water logged.
- 106.3. Cricket club – Arranging fixtures.
- 106.4. Play Area – Clerk to prepare list of works to be carried out.
- 106.5. All weather pitch – Booking system available via Scribe, cost £276/year plus £189 set up fee. Clerk to look into in New Year.
- 106.6. Caretaker – No further update.

107. Other Parish Council Business

- 107.1. Defibrillator at the Chapel – Match funding approved but needs to be fitted within 4 weeks. Cllr White advised agreement may take up to 3 months.
- 107.2. Gawcott Newsletter – Content needed by 20/12/23.
- 107.3. Website – Updates ongoing.

- 107.4. Council reviewed and allocated parish/councillor responsibilities. Clerk to circulate updated list.
- 107.5. Council agreed minor amends and resolved the following policies: Document Retention Policy and Equality & Diversity Policy.

108. Community

- Village Hall – Pre-school now staying for another term.
- Solar Farm – Nothing to report.
- Community Group – Reviewing whether enough support to hold a summer fete or may do joint event as centenary of Village Hall.

109. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – 8/2/24
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 24/1/24
- NBPPC – 10/1/24
- BMKALC are running free training sessions in January..

110. Dates of next meetings – Council resolved:

11th January, 8th February, 14th March, 18th April, 16th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August (tbc), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November & 12th December.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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