

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council – Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council held on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: Pam Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillors Cornell and Stuchbury and four residents

Period of Public Participation

Raised concerns regarding planning application 24/00131/APP. Residents have appointed a planning consultant, report has been forwarded. Buckinghamshire Council have already allocated sites within their 5 year plan, so no further sites required.

Advised that possibly some hardcore already placed on site – photos to be forwarded to Cllr Stuchbury. Cllr Stuchbury gave overview and advised that he has asked for this application to be ‘called in’ (need all 3 councillors to ‘call in’). Raised concerns over badger sets and possible works being carried out over the bank holiday.

137. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors:

Councillor Cornell advised:

- Flooding issue outside the Crown, she will look into and advise.
- Update on banking hub.
- Skate park now open.
- Helping Hands available to residents.
- Richard Roper Playing Field – drainage beneath road being looked into.

Councillor Stuchbury sent through a report.

- Council tax – gave an overview and information available via website.
- Budget setting - gave an overview, especially on adult and social care.
- Provided an update regarding the educational support plan.
- 121 houses at Osier Way – now approved and advised of his concerns. Further development possible.
- Provided information on Councillor ‘call ins’.
- Doctors’ surgery report available. Met with Swam Practice and gave overview.

138. Apologies – Councillor Mrs Bate and Buckinghamshire Councillor Mr Fealey.

139. Declarations of Interest - None

140. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th February, ref: GwLPC/11/23-24.

141. Finance

141.1. Balance of accounts as at 29th February:

- Business Account x2092 - £2,709.73
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £4,002.14
- Deposit Account x5984 - £40,742.20

Councillor Ulph to look into alternative savings accounts.

141.2. Council resolved to make the following payments:

- P Molloy: £450.60 – February net salary.
 - HMRC: £19.80 – PAYE Molloy for February. Cheque 001359
 - K Richards: £160 – Pavilion cleaning for February.
 - EON: £285.04 – Pavilion electricity for February.
 - Youngs Liquid Waste Ltd: £216 – Emptying of septic tank.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £403.54 – Emptying of dog bins.
 - Paragon Tool Hire: £1236.60 – Generator, pump, hose and fuel can.
 - Paragon Tool Hire: £21.60 – Six hi-vis waistcoats.
 - Cartwright Landscapes: £5361.48 – Mowing of playing fields
- 141.3. Council noted payments made by direct debit or standing order:
- A R G Hall: £130 – Securing playing field gate for February.
 - Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing and hosting website for February.
 - Buckinghamshire Council: £25 – February waste collection from pavilion.
- 141.4. Council noted the following income received in February: £44.79 bank interest, £54.88 NS&I account interest, £2,910 football club fees, £120 Nxt Level Coaching and £465 all-weather pitch fees.
- 141.5. Council resolved the payments and receipts summaries as at 29th February 2024.
- 141.6. Council resolved the following earmarked reserves: Bond account £18000, speed sign £4500, pavilion refurbishment works £6000, play area maintenance and equipment £4000 and all-weather pitch £2000.

142. Planning

- 142.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following applications:
- 24/00131/APP – Change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller caravan site and erection of day room – Land to the West of Main Street South, Gawcott. Council resolved to oppose and reviewed comments. Comments to be finalised and submitted.
 - 24/00485/APP – Householder application for first floor extension to garage and convert to annexe including associated works – Gawcott Farm, Lenborough Road, Gawcott. No objection.
 - 24/00498/VRC – Removal of condition 5 (unit to be demolished) relating to application 23/02485/APP (redevelopment of existing barn complex to form 1 No. residential dwelling (retrospective) – Rowan Tree Farm, Hillesden Road, Gawcott. Council resolved to oppose and agreed comments.
 - 24/00731/APP - Change of use from equestrian to a mixed use of equestrian, business and residential use. Demolition of existing equestrian buildings and the erection of single storey stables, storage barn, office and dwelling house – Hollow Farm, Buckingham Road, Gawcott. Council resolved to raise comments only.
- 142.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
- 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 agreed to add a further comment.
 - 23/04010/ADP - Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01242/AOP (Application for Outline Planning Permission with access to provide Allotments, Cemetery, Associated Buildings, Landscaping, New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Engineering (including Ground Modelling) Works, Infrastructure Works (including Drainage Works and Utilities Provision), Demolition, Car Parking and Lighting) - Land South of The A421, Tingewick Road, Buckingham.

- 23/04000/APP - Householder application for demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and erection of single storey rear extension with remodelling of rear external amenity areas - The Cuckoo's Nest, Back Street.
- 142.3. Council noted decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting:
 - 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. APPROVED
- 142.4. Land at The Rise – 50 copies of the printed survey will be supplied. Await final copy of flyer and delivery date.
- 142.5. Other planning issues:
 - Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – no further update.
 - Grendon Prison – Letter received from M Tett, Buckinghamshire Council.
 - Travellers, Radclive Road & Preston Road – as above.

143. Highways

- 143.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Works due to be carried out between May-July 2024. Street light fitted in Hillesden Road.
- 143.2. HS2 traffic – Site visit/tour on the 18th April, Councillor White attending, Councillor Dugher to advise if he can attend.
- 143.3. Radclive Road speed limit reduction – Councillor White to follow up.
- 143.4. Highways and lighting – Updated list of street lights not working due to parts on order has been circulated.
- 143.5. Traffic data – Councillor Bate circulated.
- 143.6. Speed signs – Section 171 Licence to be submitted. Council approved additional cost of £45 for two installation kits. Council agreed to fit the signs ourselves.

144. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 144.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 2 of the works in early financial year 2024-25.
- 144.2. Residents Flood Response Group – Council resolved the volunteer policy. Risk assessment to be completed. Generator and pump now delivered – need to arrange handover.
- 144.3. Hodding Wood – No issues.

145. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 145.1. Pavilion – Funding application successful. Council resolved Award Letter. Clerk provided update regarding works, due to start later this month and completed in May.
- 145.2. Football club – Nothing to report.
- 145.3. Cricket club – Invoice issued.
- 145.4. Nxt Level Coaching – Fees to be reviewed for next financial year, Councillor White to provide suggestions.
- 145.5. Play Area – Playsource carried out most of the works this week. Council agreed additional cost of £231 for basket swing hanger and chain and seat cover.
- 145.6. All weather pitch – Possible additional maintenance visit required. Council agreed maintenance visits to be every 4 months.
- 145.7. Caretaker – Council agreed job specification. Councillor Dugher to prepare ad.
- 145.8. Playing field – Issue with flooding/drainage. Drainage beneath Lenborough Road needs to be increased. See comments under Buckinghamshire Councillors.

146. Other Parish Council Business

- 146.1. Defibrillator at the Chapel – Await agreement, no further update.
- 146.2. Gawcott Newsletter – Content needed by 20th March. Councillor Tofield to prepare draft.
- 146.3. Website – no further update.
- 146.4. Council didn't resolve the request for a contribution towards health and well-being course at the school.
- 146.5. Council reviewed action list, to be updated.

147. Community

- Village Hall – Pre-school move out at Easter.
- Solar Farm – Nothing to report.
- Community Group – Event for village hall centenary.

148. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – to be advised
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 24/4/24 & 10/7/24
- NBPPC – 17/4/24 (online)
- Planning Forum – Councillor Dugher attended and provided update.
- Training: Councillor Ulph attending planning framework course. Council approved cost of £50.

149. Dates of next meetings – Council noted:

18th April (including the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm), 16th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 13th June, 11th July, 8th August (tbc), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November & 12th December.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

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