

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: P Molloy (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Councillor R Stuchbury

103. Period of Public Participation – None

104. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Councillor Stuchbury advised the following:

- Buckingham Town Council – neighbourhood plan consultation is underway.
- Flooding – raising various issues/questions. Suggested checking the S19 report.
- Reducing adult social care at Well Street. Provided update regarding special education needs.
- Buckinghamshire Council – gave update regarding additional housing. Buckinghamshire Plan outstanding.
- A421 consultation – provided overview.

105. Apologies – Councillors T Ulph, T Dugher and Buckinghamshire Councillors C Cornell and P Fealey.

106. Declarations of Interest – None

107. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th November, ref: GwLPC/07/24-25.

108. Finance

108.1. Council noted balance of accounts as at 30th November:

- Business Account x2092 - £1,954.73
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £1,341.40
- Deposit Account x5984 - £41,179.87
- NS&I bond account - £18,000

108.2. Council resolved to make the following payments:

- P Molloy: £633.20 – November net salary
- HMRC: £68.20 – PAYE for November
- K Richards: £202.92 plus extra £40 (paid by Nxt Level) – Pavilion cleaning for November and cleaning products
- Franklin Handyman: £140 – Re-fitting a dog bin
- BMKALC: £50 – Training course
- Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity: £905.15 - Annual rent for Hodding Wood
- Buckinghamshire Council: £456 – Emptying of dog bins

108.3. 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 and hosting website for November.
- Buckinghamshire Council: £27.10 – November waste collection from pavilion.

- EON Next: £135.91 – Pavilion electricity for November
- 108.4. Council noted the following income received in November: £37.02 bank interest, £60.08 NS&I account interest, £365 Nxt Level Coaching and £400 all-weather pitch fees.
- 108.5. Councillor Gibbs reviewed the November bank statements and bank reconciliation.
- 108.6. Council approved the payments, receipts and summary report including budget/actuals as at 30th November 2024.
- 108.7. Council noted that NS&I are reducing their interest rates.
- 108.8. S106 funds – Council approved the authorisation form.
- 108.9. Draft budget 2025-26 – Council reviewed, minor amend agreed. Budget approved.
- 108.10. Precept for 2025-26 – Council resolved the precept at £27,000.

109. Planning

- 109.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following applications:
 - 24/03423/APP – Householder application for single storey extension and fenestration alterations – The Old Barn, Lenborough Road. No objection.
 - 24/03335/APP – Householder application for new pool house enclosure / building – The Laurels, Lenborough Road. No objection.
 - 24/03547/APP – Householder application for two storey part first floor side and rear extensions with inset balcony, including raising of existing roof to provide additional accommodation in the roof space, garage conversion, porch extension and fenestration alterations - Garden Lodge, Church Street. No objection.
 - 24/03636/APP – Demolition of existing commercial buildings associated with former garden centre nursey and erection of 9 dwelling houses, garaging, parking, new access and landscaping – Gawcott Nurseries, East Side of Hillesden Road. No objection.
- 109.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:
 - 24/03233/APP – Householder application for single storey porch to front entrance door – Hill Farm House, Lenborough Road.
 - 24/03234/ALB – Listed building application for single storey porch to front entrance door – Hill Farm House, Lenborough Road.
 - 24/03139/APP – Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families, each with 2 caravans, together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 4 No. amenity buildings and construction of new access (part retrospective) – Land South of Preston Road, Tingewick.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 24/01927/ADP, 24/01965/ADP & 24/01966/ADP – Land off Osier Way.
- 109.3. Council noted decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting:

- 24/02850/APP - Erection of self-build dwelling, subdivision of plot and associated works – Land Adj. 45 The Rise. APPROVED
- 24/02930/COUAR - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn into one dwellinghouse - Land Off Buckingham Road, Gawcott. APPROVED

109.4. Other planning issues:

- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – consultation running until the 30th January.
- Proposed Phase 2, Osier Way – Councillor White to draft response.
- 24/01534/PIP – Poppyfields, Tingewick Road – Appeal lodged, await decision.
- 23/03301/APP – Land adjacent Radclive Road - Appeal lodged, Councillor White to draft response.

110. Highways

- 110.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Application submitted on the 29th July for additional items on the Preston Road. Clerk to chase.
- 110.2. HS2 – Councillor White attended site tour and provided update. He recommended attending.
- 110.3. Lenborough Road speed limit reduction to be considered. Forms/process information to be forwarded to Councillor Dugher.
- 110.4. Highways and lighting – no further update.
- 110.5. Traffic data – issued.
- 110.6. A421 workshop – Councillors White and Dugher attended. Councillor White provided overview.

111. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 111.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 2 works commenced on the 25th November. Requested update, await response.
- 111.2. Flooding/Flood Response Group – Council resolved the purchase of a 2nd generator, pump and hose, splitter box, plus six high viz vests, cost £1075.50 plus VAT. Council noted that EKFB have agreed to pay for the generator. Discussed the issue of storing the equipment, concern raised regarding security and accessibility if stored at the allotments. Agreed to ask group members if anyone able to store. Also now received some barriers and cones via HS2.
- 111.3. Hodding Wood – Invoice for rent being paid.

112. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 112.1. Pavilion – Await report on heating system, Councillor Dugher to chase.
- 112.2. Football club – Members agreed to increase fees for the all-weather pitch from next season. Also agreed to review hire agreements. Football club shed was blown down in the storm, agreed they could store their equipment in the pavilion on a temporary basis.
- 112.3. Cricket club – Invoice issued for the 2024 season.
- 112.4. Nxt Level Coaching – Paid additional £40 for cleaning. Booking for 3rd January.
- 112.5. Play Area – Arrange one final grass cut, if possible.
- 112.6. All weather pitch – Council resolved the cost of £50 per month for unlocking / locking the gate. Starting from 1st January.
- 112.7. Caretaker – Council have agreed, no longer required.
- 112.8. Playing field – Issue with flooding/drainage. Drainage beneath Lenborough Road needs to be increased. Clerk to request an update.

113. Other Parish Council Business

- 113.1. Defibrillator – Councillor White to approach Holy Trinity Church and the Chapel.
- 113.2. Gawcott Newsletter – 20th January cut-off date. Include a thank you to EKFB.
- 113.3. Website – Council agreed to put new website on hold.
- 113.4. Action list reviewed, to be updated.
- 113.5. Meeting with Callum Anderson MP on the 21st February. Agenda to be agreed.
- 113.6. Dog bin on Church Street – work carried out.
- 113.7. Milton Keynes Play Association events for 2025 – Not agreed.

114. Community

- Village Hall – No new bookings. Committee meeting being held. Looking at advertising.
- Solar Farm – Expanding the educational initiative via Earth Energy Education to all 9 primary schools in the area in 2025.
- Community Group – Christmas tree lighting event went ahead in the chapel.

115. Meetings, Events and Training

- Community Boards Meeting – date to be advised
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 30th January
- NBPPC – 22nd January
- Training: as details circulated.

116. Dates of next meetings – Council noted:

9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 17th April, 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December (no meeting in August).

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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