

**Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Ulph, Cllr Bate, Cllr Tofield and Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
Buckinghamshire Cllrs: Cllr Fealey

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Burgess.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

5. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councilors

Cllr Fealey was in attendance and advised that Buckinghamshire Council is getting ready for the election on 1st May. He is standing for re-election for the new Ward of Grendon and The Claydons and there is lots of work still to be done, for example with the new prison, solar farms and battery storage sites.

He confirmed work to the culvert in the village is ongoing. Once finished, he will ask that New Inn Lane is resurfaced. He agreed that gulleys need to be cleared on a regular basis. He advised that the East West railway is ready to open, and a new line will be going in to allow for overtaking. An Aylesbury link – 2 km of track – is needed, making direct journeys from Aylesbury to Milton Keynes possible.

Cllr Fealey confirmed that an appeal has been allowed for the development at London Road Buckingham, opposite Lace Hill and therefore the development will go ahead.

6. Finance

a) To agree the April payment run as circulated

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Payee	Detail	Amount
Youngs Liquid Waste Ltd	Removal & disposal of contents from septic tank	£216.00
Clerk	Clerk salary for March and any related expenses	£340.00
Scribe	Accounts renewal 2025	£414.72
KJ Parker/The Lawn Ranger (Bucks)	Grass cutting - March	£280.00
North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	Membership fee to 31st March 2026	£20.00
Karen Richards	Pavilion cleaning for March & cleaning supplies	£169.87
BMKALC	BMKALC & NALC membership 2025/26	£143.88
Clerk	Expenses - Feb-April travel & printing paper	£70.60
Cllr White	Expenses - defib replacement battery	£267.60
	Total	£1,922.67

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the April payment run.

b) To note the balance of accounts as at 31st March:

- Business account x2092 - £1,928.93
- Playing field account x2967- £1,695.35
- Deposit account x5984 - £27,175.98

Cllrs noted the account balances to 31st March 2025.

c) To review the March bank statements

Cllr Tofield checked the bank statements against the payments and receipts reports which were agreed and signed.

d) To review and agree the payments, receipts and summary report including budget/actuals as at 31st March

The finance reports were noted and agreed.

7. Planning: To discuss planning applications.

a) 25/00474/APP – Land off Main Street

Construction of 3 x 5-bed detached dwellings with parking, hard/soft landscaping, access from Preston Road and associated works following demolition of existing stable block

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

25/00607/APP – Old School House, Church Street

Householder application for construction of first floor rear extension & loft conversion. Replacement of flat roof over single storey rear extension with gable ended pitched roof. Installation of 4.no roof lights within the existing roof planes.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

b) Ongoing planning matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters in the Parish

Cllrs noted the report. Most applications listed are still awaiting a decision by Bucks Council.

c) Any other planning matters of relevance to Gawcott

To note the removal of public planning comments from Bucks Council's planning portal.

Cllrs resolved to add a note to the next newsletter to inform residents of these changes and to encourage residents to continue making observations about planning applications.

d) To agree which Sports and Leisure project to assign the £36,346 Sport and Leisure contribution should planning application 24/03636/APP Gawcott Nurseries East Side Of Hillesden Road Gawcott be approved

Cllrs resolved that the contribution is to be used towards the purchase of Hodding Wood recreational area and the adjoining allotments.

8. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters

No matters raised.

9. To report on any Maintenance and Environment issues

Bucks Cllr Fealey mentioned drainage of the Playing Field and that a larger drain is needed under Lenborough Road. The Parish Council wait to see if anything comes of this.

10. To provide updates for the Pavillion, Playing Fields and Play Area

a. To consider the quote received for maintenance to the 3G pitch at a cost of £895

Cllrs agreed to the work being carried out, but they were concerned with the increase in costs. Cllr White will speak to Replay Maintenance about their costs and if necessary, the maintenance contract we have with them will be reviewed. **Action: Cllr White**

The Football Club has been in touch wanting to play a game when the cricket club are preparing the field for their season. Cllr White has advised that they cannot play the game at our pitches, and they will need to source an alternative venue.

The Clerk confirmed the ROSPA annual inspection has been booked for May.

11. To consider the quote received from Franklin Handyman for £2004.80 for installation of a shed base and the build of the shed at the allotments, and to agree on the shed to purchase from the list provided to Cllrs

Cllrs felt the quote was too expensive and were surprised to see that 3 people would be required to build the shed. Cllrs resolved that an 8x6ft shed would actually be needed to house all the equipment.

It was suggested that we obtain a quote from D&A Sheds in Water Stratford and the Clerk will contact them. **Action: Clerk**

12. To consider parishioner request for 'Dead Slow' signs to be added outside her property in Lenborough and on the way to the bridleway from Gawcott

The Parish Council fully supports the aim of getting the signs installed, but Bucks Highway would need to approve the signage as the Parish Council has no rights over the highways. It was suggested that the resident might be interested in heading up the campaign for 40mph along the road and the Clerk will contact the resident about this. **Action: Clerk**

13. To consider the quote from Shred-It for £233+VAT for the safe disposal of Parish Council paperwork

Cllrs resolved to unanimously approve this quote.

14. To report on any other Parish Council business

The Clerk was asked about the elections expenses form Cllrs are required to complete and return to Bucks Council. The Clerk will provide Cllrs with a link to the Bucks Council website showing where this form can be found. **Action: Clerk**

15. To receive reports from the village hall, solar farm and community group

Cllr White advised that unexpected repairs to the flat roof of the village hall had taken place which cost £6000. Some of the money for the repair came from the money that was going to be used on the insulation.

Solar Farm - Cllr Ulph informed Cllrs that all schools in the catchment area have started earth energy training which is being well received.

The Community group will be hosting afternoon tea on the green on 14th June at 3pm.

A 3 month raffle is being launched that day with proceeds going to the village hall. The raffle will be drawn at a bingo and fish and chips evening on 20th September. A Christmas tree lighting event is planned for 6th December.

16. To provide updates on meetings, events and training

No updates provided.

17. Future meetings

15th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 12th June, 10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December (no meeting in August).

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.51.

Chair: Date:

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