

Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr A White (Chairman), Mr T Ulph, Mrs S Burgess, Mr T Dugher, Mrs R Bate, Mr R Gibbs and Mrs J Tofield
Also present: P Molloy (Clerk)

117. Period of Public Participation – None

118. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors – None present

119. Apologies – Buckinghamshire Councillors C Cornell, R Stuchbury and P Fealey.

120. Declarations of Interest – None

121. Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th December, ref: GwLPC/08/24-25.

122. Finance

122.1. Council noted balance of accounts as at 31st December:

- Business Account x2092 - £3,117.53
- Playing Field Account x2967 – £1,641.35
- Deposit Account x5984 - £39,507.86
- NS&I bond account - £18,000

122.2. Council resolved to make the following payments:

- P Molloy: £633.20 – December net salary
- HMRC: £68.20 – PAYE for December
- K Richards: £120 – Pavilion cleaning for December
- P Molloy: £23.45 – Expenses (printer ink)

122.3. Council noted payments made by direct debit or standing order:

- A R G Hall: £130 – Securing playing field gate for December.
- Perceptive Creation: £30 – Managing and hosting website for December.
- Buckinghamshire Council: £28.25 – December waste collection from pavilion.

122.4. Council noted the following income received in December: £31.62 bank interest, £56.37 NS&I account interest, £398.18 solar panels feed in tariff, £900 cricket club rent and £705 all-weather pitch fees.

122.5. Councillor Gibbs reviewed the December bank statements and bank reconciliation.

122.6. Council approved the payments, receipts and summary report including budget/actuals as at 31st December 2024.

122.7. S106 funds – Council agreed first two projects, items to be costed. Two potential contractors discussed and to be contacted.

122.8. Precept for 2025-26 – Council noted request submitted.

123. Planning

123.1. Council reviewed and resolved the following applications:

- 24/01965/ADP – Submission of reserved matters details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning permission 19/00148/AOP (outline planning permission (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for a residential development of up to 420 dwellings (including affordable housing), and associated infrastructure including provision of open space (including formal play space); car parking; new pedestrian and cycle linkages; landscaping and drainage works (to include SuDS attenuation and two new accesses off Osier Way and one new access off Gawcott Road. Includes demolition of the existing pigsty) (Phase 2) - Land Off Osier Way, East Of Gawcott Road and South Of Buckingham Ring Road, Buckingham. Council agreed not to comment.
- 24/03854/APP – Siting of two caravans (retrospective) - Eagles Farm, Cow Lane, Gawcott. Council agreed to submit comments.

123.2. Council noted applications awaiting consideration:

- 24/03335/APP - Householder application for new pool house enclosure / building – The Laurels, Lenborough Road.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

123.3. Council noted decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting:

- 24/03423/APP - Householder application for single storey extension and fenestration alterations – The Old Barn, Lenborough Road. REFUSED

123.4. Other planning issues:

- Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation running until the 30th January. Council agreed to support in general but to object to area highlighted in pink on the plan for development. Councillor White to draft response.
- 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, comments submitted.

124. Highways

- 124.1. HS2 Road Safety Fund – Application submitted on the 29th July. Chased for a decision, await response.
- 124.2. HS2 – Council discussed offer of tree saplings, Councillor White to seek advice regarding types of trees.
- 124.3. Lenborough Road speed limit reduction – Councillors White and Dugher to review petition format.
- 124.4. Council reviewed letter from Callum Anderson MP regarding 20mph zones – agreed to add to agenda.
- 124.5. Highways and lighting – No further update on street lights. Bus stop discussed, agreed to obtain timetable for Brackley/Banbury service. Information to be added to newsletter and shared via Facebook.
- 124.6. Traffic data – issued.

125. Maintenance and Environment issues

- 125.1. Drainage improvements in Main Street. Phase 2 works due to re-commence on the 20th January.
- 125.2. Flooding/Flood Response Group – Second generator, pump and hose ordered, await delivery. Council reviewed options regarding storage. Await response from BAWC.
- 125.3. Hodding Wood – Council to check insurance and also discussed the issue regarding tree surveys.

126. Pavilion, playing fields and play area

- 126.1. Pavilion – Await report on heating system, Councillor Dugher has chased. Clerk to look into possibility of gas connection.
- 126.2. Football club – New shed installed.
- 126.3. Cricket club – Invoice paid for the 2024 season.
- 126.4. Nxt Level Coaching – Councillor White to contact regarding mud left on floor.
- 126.5. Play Area – Back fence has a slat missing.
- 126.6. All weather pitch – New system in place from the 1st January for unlocking / locking the gate. Maintenance scheduled for the end of January.
- 126.7. Playing field – Issue with flooding/drainage. Drainage beneath Lenborough Road needs to be increased. Requested an update, await response.

127. Other Parish Council Business

- 127.1. Defibrillator – Councillor White has a meeting arranged with Holy Trinity Church.
- 127.2. Gawcott Newsletter – 20th January cut-off date. Include thank you to EKFB.
- 127.3. Website – Nothing to report.
- 127.4. Action list reviewed, to be updated.
- 127.5. Meeting with Callum Anderson MP on the 21st February. Agenda to be updated and recirculated.
- 127.6. Council noted elections being held on the 1st May. Clerk to recirculate information.

127.7. Council agreed clerk vacancy ad. Current interest discussed and interview to be arranged.

128. Community

- Village Hall – Income is low at present.
- Solar Farm – Disappointing last quarter due to weather. 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 well. Planning event for June.

129. Meetings, Events and Training

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

130. Dates of next meetings – Council noted:

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 9.30pm

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