

**BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 04 AUGUST 2025**

**HELD AT BOLTON BY BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs A Yates (Chair), L Marsden, R Veitch, S Whittaker, P Wilson Clerk and two members of the public

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Cllr Hayden Fortune

**2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 7, Tosside Community Hall. Cllrs Veitch and Wilson declared an interest in item 10 B4RN.

**3. Adjournment for public session**

None

**4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 June 2025**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2025 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

**5. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda – For Information Only**

It was noted that a final decision regarding the location of grit bins would be made when more Council members were present.

**6. To consider any response to be made to planning applications**

*3/2025/0418 The Court House, Gisburn Road, Bolton by Bowland*

There were no objections to this application.

**8. Accounts**

**To approve the bank balance as of 29 July 2025 of £62,987** Approved by all

**To consider and approve any invoice payments due:**

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| 1. Mrs C A Holmes                 | £238.60 | June 2025 salary |
| 2. Bolton by Bowland Village Hall | £65.00  | Room hire x 3    |

**9. To consider supporting the charity Murphy Army Animals in War, by the purchasing and laying of purple wreath at B-by-B memorial on Remembrance Sunday with a contribution of £27.50.**

It was explained that purple wreaths had been laid last year by various towns in the locality

including Clitheroe and Settle and that the charity was hoping to expand the initiative to other towns and villages. It was agreed that a wreath should be purchased for Remembrance Sunday 2025 and Cllr Susan Whittaker indicated that she would like to lay it on the day.

**10. To consider the installation of traffic signs and road markings for B-by-B as proposed by LCC Highways at a cost of £6816. Details previously submitted to councillors by email.**

- **2 gateways at Main Street bridge and Hellifield Road.**
- **New 30mph speed roundel on Gisburn Road.**
- **Dragons' teeth approach 20mph sign at school.**

It was agreed that the measures outlined above should be implemented and financed as indicated. It was further agreed that further consideration should be given to the introduction of a formal passing place on Holden Lane. Measures previously outlined for Tosside should also be brought back to a meeting for further consideration.

**11. To re- consider the request from Tosside Community Link for a grant of £1,000 which would be used towards the costs of the installation of solar panels on the building.**

The history regarding the application for funding for solar panels for Tosside Community Hall was explained, with Cllr Wilson noting that £1K of funding had to be obtained from other sources before RVBC would make a grant of their own for the project. It was noted that certain matters regarding the operation of the Hall had been brought to the attention of some members of the parish council, but that it was within the remit of the Charity Commission, not the parish council, to deal with such matters. It was agreed that the request for a grant of £1,000 should be actioned but that a watching brief would be kept on the situation at the Hall.

**12. To receive an update on the proposal for CCTV cameras in the villages**

It was reported that the PCC in Tosside had no objections in principle to CCTV being sited on a pole in the church yard at Tosside, subject to any planning permission being required and consent of the Diocese of Blackburn which could take some time to obtain. The PCC had requested that a formal approach be made from the parish council. A public meeting was to be held in Bolton by Bowland on 07 August 2025 to discuss the siting of CCTV on the Coach & Horses in Bolton by Bowland. It was noted that permission for siting CCTV on The Spread Eagle in Sawley may not be easy to obtain as the pub was not locally owned so alternative venues in the village were suggested.

**13. To consider the latest information available regarding the B4RN project**

It was reported that the B4RN project was progressing well in Grindleton and Sawley.

**14. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only**

An email from RVBC regarding an investigation into former parish councillor Nigel Bunyan and the conclusions of that investigation had been previously circulated to all parish councillors.

The summary of the investigation was read to the meeting. It was agreed that the parish council accept the findings of the investigation and that the matter be closed.

The situation regarding the purchase of 8 grit bins was summarised and it was agreed that locations for the bins needed to be finalised by September 2025 as Cllr Murphy wished to work on the bases for the bins.

The adoption of a Community Emergency Plan was discussed. It was noted that a great deal of work would be required on such a Plan and that it was more sensible that a distinct sub-group of interested parties work on the Plan rather than the parish council itself. Offers of help with the Plan were received from two members of the public present, both of whom advised they had experience of such Plans in their professional lives. Cllr Yates offered to facilitate an initial meeting regarding the establishment of the Plan.

Cllr Yates advised that he would report back on the situation regarding SpIDs at the next meeting.

#### **15. Date and venue of next meeting**

Monday 15 September 2025 at 7.30 pm in Sawley Village Hall