

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST & SAWLEY HELD ON 1st APRIL 2019
AT BOLTON by BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr. H. Fortune (Chairman), Cllrs. A. Clements, A. Foster, L. Holt, E. Moorhouse, E. Twist, M. Walsh Also in attendance ; Ribble Valley Borough Cllrs. Elms & Sherras, 3 residents, Parish Lengthsman and Parish Clerk

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

Chairman informed all that 1 person was recording the Meeting

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies had been received from Parish Cllrs. C. Curry, R. Park, I. Willock, P. Wilson also D. Holt (Hungrill Trust) ; Colin Darlington (Heritage Trail) had emailed apologies; it was

1.2 RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted and approved

2.The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th April 2018 had been circulated and published on the website and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 9th April 2018 be approved.

3. Reports from Village Organisations to include:

3.1 Parish Councillors who had involvement with various local groups then gave brief reports as follows:

- St. Peter & St. Paul's Church B x B – The Vicar had just retired. Structurally the Church is sound, but sadly there had been a recent theft of books & book shelving, which will have a significant impact on the income derived, which is already low.
- St. Bartholomew's Church, Tosside – 1 monthly service regular attendance, not great but has improved. Clergy are doing an excellent job. Church to become a Chapel of Ease with St. Andrew's, Slaidburn
- Bolton by Bowland Primary School
- Bolton by Bowland Young Farmers Club
- Sawley Village Hall
- Tosside Community Link – Functioning well, used 5 days a week, sometimes more. There are 6 weddings booked (3 in a week) plus 21st Party. Regular events include Bowls, Art Group, Gardening Club, Quizzes, Whist & Dominoes, Dances, bringing the whole community together. Parish Council grants, with other grant funding, has enabled purchase over several years of new crockery, tables, lighting, audio & sound system.
- Bolton by Bowland Village Hall – The new projector purchased with grant assistance, from Parish Council & Lottery means the Film Club has continued to raise more surplus for the Churchyard & the Village Hall. The Village Hall could be used more, however Trustees are mindful of £400 per month basic running costs.
- Cricket Club – Players are needed. Ribble Valley Borough Council has just approved a grant towards refurbishment of the pavilion in order to attract younger & female players. The Ribble Valley friendly matches continue on Thursday evenings, and the football field is used by locals.
- Drama Club
- Gardening Club – members noted that the Garden Show had been successful once again.
- Children's Committee
- FOBBS
- Bellringers – More ringers are needed, there are six bells but currently only 3 regular bellringers. Tuition is available for interested people. Practices are currently once every five weeks.
- Mothers' Union
- War Memorial Committee had organised the very successful "Flame" commemoration of Armistice Centenary. Gardens & War Memorial are kept in good order by a strong committee who organise a small number of events to cover costs.
- Monday Club- more members are needed.
- FANS – going well ; this organisation generates support for local charities & has funds to do so.
- B x B Buddies - have a new organiser. They meet for little ones on Friday mornings.
- Sawley Ladies' Group
- Hungrill Trust – has dealt with the trees and the boundary around the Village Green. However the Trustees expressed concern about the works needed in order to re-surface the road. A grant had been applied for, however has been refused by Craven Trust. Local residents have agreed to give a contribution, but the quotes obtained are beyond Hungrill Trust's financial capacity. There are currently three Trustees, since the Vicar has now left.

- Bolton Hall Estate
- Heritage Trail – 605 booklets are held in stock, and receipt from sales was reported as £898.70, with no ongoing costs

All were thanked for their involvement & Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.55 pm