

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 AUGUST 2026

HELD AT TOSSIDE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), P Ballan, M Brennan, L Marsden, S Mitchell, A Murphy, R Veitch, P Wilson, Clerk and three members of the public

To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Susan Whittaker

To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

Adjournment for public session

None

Heath and Longtons Farms, Tosside – introduction by Ian Clemmett, National Trust

Ian Clemmett explained the National Trust's short and longer term intentions for the two farms in Tosside and noted the concerns and suggestions of those present.

To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 June 2026

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2026 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Mandy Brennan advised that she had received orders for poppies and other Remembrance items from all three villages and the total cost would be £1,170. It was suggested and agreed that the names of the villages be on the statues ordered, as appropriate. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the costs of the Remembrance items.

To consider any response to be made to planning applications

3/2026/0948 Skirden Hall, Anna Lane, Bolton by Bowland

It was resolved that there were no objections to the above planning application.

3/2026/0590 Bowland Forest Farm, Settle Road, Bolton by Bowland

It was resolved that the Parish Council wishes to object to the above application due to the revised opening hours being inappropriate for the rural location, leading to potential noise disturbance, and the danger of setting a precedent for other late night openings in the area. It was suggested that TENS applications could be made for specific events where necessary.

Accounts

To approve the bank balance as of 03 August 2026 of £59,590

Approved by all

To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1.	Mrs C A Holmes	Quarterly salary (Apr-Jun 26)	£489.52
2.	NW Accountants	Monthly fees (Jul + Aug 26)	£30.00
3.	Sawley Village Hall	Room hire (June 2026)	£20.00
4.	Tosside Community Hall	Room hire (Aug 26)	£20.00
5.	James Waddington	Parish Lengthsman	£1,337.28
6.	HMRC	Quarterly PAYE (Apr-Jun 26)	£122.20

All of the above invoices were approved for payment

To consider an update on the proposal for a Community Emergency Plan ("CEP")

Andrew Yates advised that the person who was producing the strategy plan was away with work so had been unable to attend this month's meeting but was hoping to attend a future meeting.

To consider road safety issues, road safety measures and road closures

Mandy Brennan advised that she has spoken to Maya Ellis MP about road safety at a recent event involving the MP. It was noted that a group of concerned residents had written to appropriate parties about the dangers of the A59.

Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

Alex Murphy advised that the recent call for an election for the vacancy in the Gisburn Forest ward, which had ended up being uncontested, had cost the Borough Council in the region of £3K. Cllr Murphy noted this was very frustrating as anyone wishing to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council could put themselves forward when there was a vacancy, thereby avoiding unnecessary expenditure which could have been usefully spent elsewhere.

Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 14 September 2026 at 7.30 pm Bolton by Bowland Village Hall