

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

HELD AT BOLTON BY BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), M Brennan, L Marsden, S Mitchell, A Murphy,
R Veitch, S Whittaker, P Wilson, Clerk

To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Pete Ballan

To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

Adjournment for public session

None

To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 August 2026

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2026 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

To consider any response to be made to planning applications

3/2026/0476 Land north of Woodpecker Cottage, Sawley Old Brow, Sawley

It was resolved that Bolton by Bowland Gisburn Forest & Sawley Parish Council wishes to object to the above application on the following grounds:

- Concerns that the proposal will give rise to future applications for use of the holiday lets as permanent dwellings
- Concerns raised with respect to the accuracy of the submitted business plan
- Concerns raised with respect to the accuracy of the proposal's supporting information with respect to the site's planning history
- Concerns raised with respect to the impact of the proposal upon the visual amenities of the area
- Concerns raised with respect to the impact of the proposal upon the ecology of the area.

Further concerns were also expressed regarding the steep banking in the garden and the prospect of landslip and drainage issues if excavated.

From a pure business perspective, queries were raised as to why someone from Leeds wishes to develop the site in Sawley for (by their numbers) a return of £7531pa. There is a serious concern that, in future, the applicants will try and convert to a permanent dwelling and attempt to develop the remaining site. As applications to develop the former chicken sheds site adjacent to Southport House in Sawley have been rejected by RVBC, despite the support of

residents, it was believed to be inappropriate if an application for a permanent dwelling in the same village is granted via an indirect route.

3/2026/0580 Higher Greenhead Farm, Sawley

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

It was noted that another application for the pet crematorium in Sawley was imminent and it was suggested that enquiries be made of RVBC planning as to how many attempts applicants could have with a previously refused application.

It was also reported that there had been some complaints about noise from Bowland Forest Farm in late evenings/early mornings, especially after events had been held there.

Accounts

To approve the bank balance as of 8 September 2026

£58,960

Approved by all

To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1.	NW Accountants	Monthly fees (Sept 26)	£15.00
2.	Bolton by Bowland Village Hall	Room hire (Sept 26)	£25.00
3.	Easy Websites Ltd	Monthly website fee	£39.60
4.	Royal British Veterans Enterprises Ltd	Soldier silhouettes	£999.00

All of the above invoices were approved for payment.

Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

It was agreed that efforts continue to be made to arrange a meeting with the parish lengthsman to discuss his role and rate of pay.

It was suggested that contact be made with the River Ribble Trust to see if they could help with issues regarding the streams in the village. The Environment Agency were only responsible for the river, not any streams.

It was noted that defibrillators could be rented for a monthly fee, rather than purchased outright and it was suggested this option could be explored in the future. Alex Murphy advised he was hoping to offer First Aid training in village halls before Christmas.

It was noted that RVBC still had an amount of money left for use on community projects and it was suggested that enquiries be made to see if any money could be used for a landscaping project at the Copy Nook corner which could assist with issues regarding the fallen wall.

Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 19 October 2026 at 7.30 pm Tosside Community Hall

