

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST & SAWLEY HELD ON 2nd MARCH 2020
AT SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr. H. Fortune (Chairman), Cllrs. C. Curry, A. Foster, D. Glover, L. Holt, E. Twist, K. Whitwell, P. Wilson Also in attendance ; 5 residents, Parish Lengthsman and Parish Clerk
Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies had been received from Parish Cllrs. G. Curry & R. Park & S. Whittaker also Borough Councillors R. Elms & R. Sherras; it was

1.2 RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted and approved

2. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st April 2019 had been circulated and published on the website and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 1st April 2019 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 Cllr. C. Curry reported that the new Rector, Rev. Mark Williams had been warmly received in the 3 parishes of the Joint Benefice, following a 2 year inter-regnum. A flag had been donated and the mechanism repaired, so a flag would again be flying. Congregations were up somewhat, and hoped to attract more.
- St. Bartholomew's Church, Tosside - Cllr. Fortune reported still 1 service per month, the Vicar will leave in July. Occasional weddings and funerals are still held there, as part of the 4 parish joint benefice
- Bolton by Bowland Primary School - no report
- Bolton by Bowland Young Farmers Club - no report
- Sawley Village Hall - no report
- Tosside Community Link - Chairman of Tosside Community Link reported on the continued success of the venue, including Bowling, 6 weddings last year. He expressed appreciation for the financial support given by Parish Council towards the much used and appreciated sound & audio system. Residents and visitors had all favourably commented on the planting, again funded by Parish Council and Ribbles Valley Borough Council & the Link continued to be financially sound.
- Bolton by Bowland Village Hall - Cllr. Whitwell reported that the Village Hall, as with many others continued to struggle financially and all were asked to support the numerous events held there to assist with the running costs, enabling the venue to continue.
- Cricket Club - Chairman of the Cricket Club reported and would send his report for circulation to Parish Council members. The pavilion was opened in 18987 and the long overdue extension work is ongoing. In addition to cricket, rounders is played there and the Club seeks to diversify further, now attracting players from the Asian heritage communities of Leeds and Bradford. The Club wishes to develop for all ages & both genders & would like to work with the school. An Astronomy Night has been suggested, as the venue is suitable for Dark Skies projects. £10,000 had been spent so far on the improvements, funded by supporters with some special donations and a grant from Ribbles Valley Borough Council. Much work is carried out by the members who are unpaid; however there are significant running costs e.g. £650 per annum for insurance, giving total running costs of £3,000 per year. The Committee is strong, with accounts in the public domain and at Companies House. No members / directors / officers may benefit as any assets must be passed on to a like minded organisation if Bolton by Bowland Cricket Club ceased to exist.
- Drama Club - Cllr. C. Curry reported that the Panto again was a great success, involving all the village. However plays are no longer performed-
- Gardening Club - no report.
- Children's Committee - Cllr. Holt reported this group to include all children in the village from birth to 14 years. Two main events are held annually, the Patronal Festival including a procession from Church to the Green and Annual Sports Day then a Christmas Party for the younger members, with a visit to Panto or Cinema for the older ones; all families pay towards these events.
- FOBBS - This long standing group continues to raise funds for extra curricular activities for the school.
- Bellringers - no report
- War Memorial Committee Cllr. Whitwell reported that work continues to maintain the War Memorial Gardens. An annual event funds the works, including felling of two trees this year, followed by soil over the ground. The Committee meets on three or four occasions annually.
- Monday Club- no report.

- FANS - Cllr.C. Curry reported that approximately 35 members hold very interesting meetings, with two trips during the year Midland Hotel and a walk round Pendle have been enjoyed. The group enjoys carol singing and has raised £1,000 for Prostate Cancer Charity and £500 for Macular Charity. The Senior Citizens' Christmas Meal was again organised with help from Young Farmers and the Group may ask Parish Council for financial support in future
- B x B Buddies - no report
- Sawley Ladies' Group - no report
- Monday Club - no report
- Hungrill Trust - Cllr. Holt reported on the background of the Trust, which owns the green near the school & a field on Hellifield Road. Income is spent on tree works for safety and the upkeep of the road.
- Bolton Hall Estate - no report
- Heritage Trail - Members noted that the book seems very popular, with all proceeds retained in Village Hall accounts.
- Slaidburn Archive - Members were informed that all known Tosside press cuttings etc. are held at the Archive, and have been renovated and preserved to ensure future retention.

4. Any pertinent Matters raised by residents or organisations

There were no pertinent matters raised

All were thanked for their involvement & Parish Council Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.53 pm, inviting all to stay for the Parish Council meeting to follow.

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