

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22 JANUARY 2024

HELD AT BOLTON BY BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair) P Jenkins, L Marsden, R Veitch, S Whitaker, P Clerk

In attendance:

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brady, Bunyan, Fortune, Mitchell and Murphy.

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Cllrs Veitch and Wilson declared an interest in B4RN (item 9).

3. Adjournment for public session

No members of the public were present.

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 November 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2023 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 letter of concern regarding planning applications by Bowland Forest Farm was outstanding.

It was suggested that a decision regarding whether to purchase a new SpID be deferred pending the outcome of decisions made by the Road Safety Working Group.

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

It was resolved that the following comments be made in respect of the specified planning applications:

3/2023/1018 Peele House, Sawley Road, Sawley

No objections

3/2023/1023 6 Main St, Bolton by Bowland

No objections

7. Audit 2022/23

The Clerk advised that the external auditors had informed her that none of the objections raised by a complainant had been upheld. The external audit certificate had therefore been released.

8. Accounts

To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1. Mrs C A Holmes	Salary (Nov & Dec 23)	£316.18
2. HMRC	Oct-Dec 23 PAYE	£126.80

All payments were approved.

To consider an update on the latest situation regarding the bank account

The Clerk advised that the new bank account with Lloyds was now operational and the arrival of the cheque book was awaited. It was suggested that, when the cheque book arrived, the Clerk and Chair sign all the outstanding cheques as this logistically made the most sense.

10. To consider the latest information available regarding the B4RN project

The meeting was advised that the roll out was at a similar stage to that previously advised. B4RN wished to apply for a grant from the REPF fund in the Parish Council's name. It was agreed that the Parish Council would endorse any grant application made but did not want the application to be made in the Council's name as this could jeopardise any application the Council may wish to make in its own right.

To consider whether to participate in the Hedgehogs R Us Highways project

The meeting considered information regarding this project previously circulated. It was agreed that a box of surrounds be purchased and these could be distributed to the school and the lengthsman for placing where considered appropriate.

11. An update on the possible construction of a pedestrian track from Holden to Bolton by Bowland

In the absence of most of the working party, it was agreed to defer consideration of this item to a subsequent meeting. However, Cllr Marsden cautioned that serious consideration needed to be given to the type of surface for any path if it were to be used by horses. It was also noted that any path designated a public bridleway could legally be used by cyclists.

12. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

It was noted that no quotation had yet been received from a local stone mason regarding the repair of the damaged village sign on the Hellified Road. Cllr Whittaker agreed to contact the stone mason again.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 26 February 2024 in Tosside Community Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.