

**BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27 JANUARY 2025**

**HELD AT BOLTON BY BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs A Yates (Chair), L Marsden, S Mitchell, A Murphy, R Veitch, S Whitaker, P Wilson, Clerk

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hayden Fortune

**2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

Cllrs Veitch and Wilson declared an interest in item 10 B4RN

**3. Adjournment for public session**

None

**4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 02 December 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 02 December 2024 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

**5. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda – For Information Only**

Progress on the installation of CCTV at various sites across the parish was queried and it was agreed that further enquiries should be made of the police.

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

It was resolved that there were no objections to the following planning application:

*3/2024/0994 Hague Farm, Bolton by Bowland Road – self build agricultural dwelling*

The Chair noted that the planning application had been refused by RVBC

**7. Accounts**

**To approve the bank balance as of 20 January 2025 of £51,394** Approved by all

**To consider and approve any invoice payments due:**

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| 1. Mrs C A Holmes                 | December 2024 salary     | £119.40 | Approved |
| 2. Bolton by Bowland Village Hall | Room hire (January 2025) | £15.00  | Approved |

**8. To consider purchasing grit bins for specified locations in the parish**

Cllr Murphy advised that appropriate grit bins cost £149.22 each and there was discussion as to where grit bins were required. It was agreed that six grit bins would be purchased – two for Tosside, two for Holden and two for Bolton by Bowland. Locations were suggested and agreed. Cllr Murphy offered to purchase the grit bins and secure them in their locations to prevent theft. The Clerk advised that LCC would not fill grit bins they had not purchased themselves so the parish council would also be responsible for buying grit and filling the bins when required.

The Chairman suggested that, due to the lack of service from LCC, the Parish Council take control in maintaining key routes ignored by LCC. It was suggested that the Parish purchase a spreader that can be hitched to both a tractor or 4X4 and maintain its own store of grit. In winter the Parish would agree a rota of volunteers to treat roads. Councillors were asked to submit a list of key routes for their areas. It was agreed by all to have this in place for next winter.

**9. To consider making a financial contribution to a bridge repair as requested by the Ribble Rivers Trust**

The location of the bridge in question was explained and it was noted that the road concerned was a private road so it was not appropriate for public money to be utilised towards its repair.

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

It was reported that the go ahead had been given for both Sawley and Grindleton and a grant had been received, via the parish council, of £50,000.

**11. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only**

Cllr Rob Veitch updated the meeting regarding the parish council vacancy in the Sawley ward noting that he had spoken to a couple of potentially interested parties about the vacancy.

The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Nigel Bunyan had resigned from the parish council with immediate effect for personal reasons so there was now also a vacancy in the Bolton by Bowland ward.

The state of the road opposite Oak Trees nurseries was discussed following hedge works undertaken by an external company. It was agreed that contact be made with the hedge laying company asking them to tidy up the road.

Cllr Marsden highlighted the blocked drain in Holden. Whilst the issue has been reported to LCC there had been no response. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC and demand action.

Dogs fouling Signs, were to be issued to Cllr Mitchel, Whitaker and Yates to install in Bolton by Bowland and Holden.

It was noted that there may be requests for some formal celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in May 2025.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.