

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 06 FEBRUARY 2023

HELD AT SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), N Bunyan, H Fortune, P Jenkins, R Veitch, P Wilson, Clerk

In attendance: Eleven members of the public

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Susan Whittaker, Borough Cllrs Rosie Elms and Richard Sherras

2. To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interest

None

3. Adjournment for public session

No comments from members of the public present.

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 January 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 09 January 2023 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

The Clerk advised that she had been liaising with a company who manufactured SpIDs to obtain quotes for potential new SpIDs for the parish. The matter had been complicated by a scheme initiated by RVBC with the same company for the purchase and subsequent hire of SpIDs to Ribble Valley parishes. Quotes were therefore awaited.

The Clerk advised that the damaged 30 mph sign at the entrance to Bolton by Bowland had been reported to Lancashire Highways who had acknowledged that the sign required attention but, as of 06 February 2023, no remedial work had been undertaken.

The Chair advised that the joiner had indicated the commemorative notice boards would be delivered by the end of the week.

6. To receive information regarding the potential development of land adjacent to Southport House, Sawley (For Information Only)

The owners of the land adjacent to Southport House, together with their architect, made a brief presentation about their intended plans for the site. It was explained that the design of the two houses proposed had been amended following the previous refusal of an application by RVBC. The revised plans had not yet been submitted to RVBC. Questions were asked by councillors and members of the public present. In the absence of a formal planning application the matter was not considered further although the Council did show its unanimous support for the intention to build two houses on the site.

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

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

- 3/2022/1064 (Spring Cottage, Sawley)
- 3/2022/1156 (Bolton by Bowland Village Hall, Bolton-by-Bowland),
- 3/2022/1162 (Riverside Cottage, Sawley),

8. Accounts

a) **To approve the bank balance as of 30 January 2023 of £29,038.74** Approved by all

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

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| 1. James Waddington (received 31. 01.23) | Lengthsman | £725.60 | Approved |
| 2. Cathy Holmes (received 31.01.23) | Clerk | £173.14 | Approved |

c) **To consider a proposal for the Parish Council to give grants of £500 to each village for the purposes of celebrating the King's Coronation**

A request for the Parish Council to make a grant of £500 to each village within the parish for the purposes of supporting events planned to celebrate the King's Coronation was considered. It was further explained that on 02 February 2023 RVBC had sent an email to all parishes advising that a grant of up to £250.00 per parish could be made available for parishes intending to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would make grants of £500 each to the three villages and this would incorporate the application for the RVBC funding. It was further agreed to request additional funding from RVBC due to there being more than one village in the parish although it was acknowledged this request may not be successful.

9. To receive a verbal report regarding the Parish Council Liaison Committee ("PCLC") – Thursday 02 February 2023

The Chair provided a verbal update on principal matters covered at the PCLC on 02 February 2023. The timetable for the forthcoming local elections was outlined and it was noted there would be a meeting at RVBC on 13 March 2023 for all prospective candidates.

Progress on the HARP project was summarised and it was explained there would be a dedicated meeting of RVBC's Planning & Development Committee on 09 March 2023 to further discuss matters relating to HARP.

The Chair raised with the PCLC, road safety initiatives across the Borough, including the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in villages, highlighting the specific concerns within our Parish. The Chair requested (and it was subsequently agreed) to form a working party, composed of representatives of Ribble Valley villages and RVBC, which could discuss suitable safety initiatives and lobby Lancashire Highways for their implementation.

10. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

It was suggested that a proposal regarding the B4RN project be brought to the March 2023 Parish Council meeting as certain information had not been made available to Cllr Wilson for the February meeting.

There was discussion regarding the delayed purchase of trees to commemorate the 85th anniversary of VE and VJ Day in 2020. Discussions regarding purchase had started prior to the Covid pandemic but had then stalled. It was suggested that trees be purchased for Bolton by Bowland and Tossie as there was not considered to be a suitable location for planting in Sawley. Cllr Fortune advised he could source the trees and the sum of £150.00 per village was suggested. It was also suggested that commemorative plaques for the trees be purchased.

11. Date and venue of next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Bolton by Bowland Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

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