

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 APRIL 2023

HELD AT 7.30 PM AT TOSSIDE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), N Bunyan, H Fortune, R Veitch, S Whittaker, P Wilson,
Borough Cllr Rosie Elms, Clerk

In attendance: Two members of the public

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Paul Jenkins and Borough Cllr 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 14 March 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

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

Planning Application 3/2022/0052 Holden Clough Nursery

The Clerk advised that she had been notified of instances of non-compliance by the nursery with previous planning conditions imposed and it had been suggested contact be made with the enforcement team at RVBC. An email had accordingly been sent to the planning officer dealing with the application asking that the enforcement team be made aware of the instances of non-compliance. No response had yet been received.

3/2023/0215 Laneside House, Settle Road, Bolton by Bowland
There were no objections to this application.

3/2023/0131 Coach & Horses, Main St, Bolton by Bowland

There were no objections to this application.

3/2023/0246 Land adjacent to Southport House, Sawley

It was noted that a formal planning application in respect of the former chicken sheds had now been submitted to RVBC and that the closing date for comments was 05 May 2023. Councillors were requested to inform the Clerk of their comments, if any, as soon as possible.

7. Accounts

- a) To approve the bank balance as of 10 April 2023 - £28,056 Approved by all**
- b) To consider and approve any invoice payments due:**

1. Tosside Community Lin	Room hire	25.00	Approved
2. Cathy Holmes	Clerk	£238.80	Approved
3. Zurich Municipal	Insurances	£292.52	Approved
4. HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£135.60	Approved

8. To consider the Parish Council's Asset Register

The Clerk advised that she had updated the most recent Asset Register she could find, dated 2019. The contents of the Asset Register were noted and approved.

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

Cllr Wilson provided an update on the latest situation regarding the rollout of the B4RN in the locality. It was noted that £400K was needed for the project and approximately £200K was still required.

10. To consider an application to Lancashire County Council ("LCC") for a grant for the B4RN volunteer group

Cllr Wilson explained that a pot of money was available from LCC's Parish Champion for community projects but that applications needed to be made via appropriate parish councils. It was agreed that the parish council could submit an application on behalf of the B4RN volunteer group for a grant, but that the detail for the application form needed to be provided by an appropriate member of the volunteer group.

11. To consider the use of the parish council bank account by the B4RN volunteer group for the purposes of obtaining grants etc

Cllr Wilson explained that the B4RN volunteer group had encountered difficulties when trying to open a bank account and that, in other areas, they had resolved this issue by using a parish council bank account for the purpose of receiving monies from other organisations. It was agreed that the B4RN volunteer group could use the parish council's bank account for the purposes of the project but that there needed to be an arm's length agreement in place between the council and the B4RN group and that all group monies in the account needed to be clearly identifiable as such.

12. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

The background to a water supply issue at Grunsagill was explained and Borough Cllr Rosie Elms advised that she could contact United Utilities about the issue if more information was provided. It was noted that the Head of Environmental Health at RVBC had now also been notified of the problem and had also offered to assist.

It was noted that two damaged signs in Sawley and one in Bolton by Bowland had been reported to Lancashire Highways but no repair work had yet been undertaken. It was agreed that these issues, together with any other outstanding highways matters, should be collated by councillors and reported at the next meeting. A letter could then be sent to County Cllr Ged Mirfin requesting if repairs could be expedited.

A letter from Newton in Bowland Parish Council regarding the HARP had been previously circulated and councillors were asked to indicate their support by email to the Chair as soon as possible.

It was suggested that Sgt Kev Day of the Rural Task Force be invited to a future meeting.

13. Date and venue of next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7.30 pm at Bolton by Bowland Village Hall