

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 OCTOBER 2023**

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

**Present:** Cllrs A Yates (Chair), D Brady, N Bunyan, H Fortune, P Jenkins, L Marsden, R Veitch, S Whitaker, P Wilson Clerk

**In attendance:** Three members of the public

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr S Mitchell

**2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal 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 18 September 2023**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2023 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

None

**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:

3/2023/0692 Bowland Forest Farm, Settle Road, Bolton by Bowland

Objections to be made following further investigation.

3/2023/0685 Broad Ings, Anna Lane, Bolton by Bowland

No objections to the actual planning application but a query be made in respect of the felling of trees at the property.

3/2023/0751 Lawson House Farm, Bolton by Bowland Road, Sawley

No objections to this application.

**7. Audit 2022/23**

The Clerk advised that the notice of conclusion of the audit process had been received by the deadline of 30 September 2023 but the external audit certificate could not be signed off by the external auditors due to matters requiring further investigation and information from the parish council.

## **8. Accounts**

**To approve the bank balance as of 16 October 2023 of £46,028.42** Approved by all

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

1. Mrs C A Holmes	Salary	£179.00
2. James Waddington	Lengthsman fees	£808.54
3. Roger Park	Reimbursement for plants	£148.00
4. Susan Whittaker	Reimbursement for plants	£48.00

All payments were approved.

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

Cllr Paul Wilson advised that only 10 more sign ups were needed in order to have the full complement of sign ups necessary to progress to the next stage of the B4RN project. Over half the necessary finance for the project had been raised so far but there was still over £150K of investment needed.

## **10. To consider the merits of constructing a pedestrian track from Holden to Bolton by Bowland**

The merits of constructing a walkway from Holden to Bolton by Bowland were discussed in broad terms and all councillors were supportive of the proposal. It was agreed that a working party comprising Councillors Brady, Bunyan, Marsden and Murphy be formed with the objective of exploring the proposal in more detail and returning to the parish council with more specific information.

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

It was noted that all defibrillators in the parish needed to be registered on The Circuit. Cllr Murphy advised how replacement batteries and pads could be obtained for defibrillators. It was agreed that Cllr Murphy be the Parish Champion for defibrillators with responsibility for defibrillators in each of the villages being as follows: Tosside (David Mehers), Bolton by Bowland (Susan Whittaker), Sawley (Rob Veitch). Cllr Murphy offered to speak to John Foley regarding the defibrillator located at Holden Clough nursery. Cllr Murphy offered to provide first aid/CPR training in each of the villages with the aim of 12% of parishioners being appropriately trained by the end of the sessions.

Cllr Marsden enquired about the forthcoming moto cross event scheduled to take place in the Holden/Tosside area and the impact on wildlife habitats and the environment. It was explained that appropriate agencies had been contacted the previous year about the event and the conditions required for any intervention were stringent.

Cllr Bunyan advised that it was hoped to hold a mulled wine and mince pies event for residents of the Sawley care home as this event had been well received the previous year. It was noted that the

event had been paid for by private donations from members of the parish council as would be the case in 2023.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 pm.