

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26 FEBRUARY 2024

HELD AT TOSSIDE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates, N Bunyan, S Mitchell, R Veitch, P Wilson
Borough Cllr Rosie Elms, Clerk and three member of the public

In attendance:

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brady, Fortune, Jenkins, Marsden, Murphy and Whittaker

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Cllrs Veitch and Wilson declared an interest in B4RN (item 11).

3. Adjournment for public session

None

4. Local policing issues

Two members of Lancashire Police (PC Dave Green and Sgt Duncan Hall) addressed the meeting regarding local police issues.

5. Gisburn Forest

In the absence of representatives of Tilhill this item was not considered.

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

8. 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:

3/2024/0014 Old Mill Cottage, Long Buildings, Sawley

No objections

9. To consider an amendment to the Financial Regulations and a proposal that the Regulations be reviewed in their entirety

The Chair proposed an amendment to the Financial Regulations. The amendment had been agreed by the preceding Finance Committee and had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Absent members had all signified their agreement in writing. The amendment proposed that the current regulation, namely

“Cheques or orders for payment drawn on the bank account in accordance with the schedule as presented to council shall be signed by two members of council in accordance with a resolution instructing that payment.”

be replaced with

“Cheques or orders for payment drawn on the bank account in accordance with the schedule as presented by the Responsible Finance Officer to the council shall be signed by two mandated signatories in accordance with a resolution instructing that payment. Mandated signatories are three council members of the Finance Committee and the Responsible Finance Officer.”

The amendment was agreed. It was further reported that the Finance Committee would be reviewing the Regulations as a whole and would be making appropriate recommendations to a future meeting of the parish council.

10. Accounts

To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1. Mrs C A Holmes	Salary (January 2024)	£190.92
2. Bolton by Bowland VH Trust	Room hire 22.01.24	£25.00

All payments were approved.

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

The meeting was advised that work had been undertaken in Holden and in Paythorne regarding the installation of B4RN to houses which had signed up to the project. The appropriate cabinet had been installed in the village of Bolton by Bowland. It was agreed that future updates on B4RN's progress in Grindleton and Sawley would be given at meetings.

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

It was reported that Cllrs Yates and Bunyan had had a further meeting on the proposed track to discuss the route it should take. It was deemed most sensible to keep the proposed track to the left of Sawley Road going into Bolton by Bowland. Cllr Wilson offered to provide information regarding land ownership as these details had been obtained as part of the B4RN project. It had been suggested that two alternative plans be drawn up and submitted to a future meeting.

13. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

Cllr Bunyan reported that he had spoken with the residents of Bolton Peel Farm regarding the bright light in the farmyard; which distracted road users and the owners were going to look at the situation.

Cllr Yates reported that the first aid training, organised by Cllr Murphy, was going very well and that the target was to have 25% of the parish population suitably trained at the end of the year.

The recent RVBC Parish Council Liaison Committee had advised that a settlement study was to be undertaken as part of the new Local Plan process. Attendees had also been told of plans to hold quarterly meetings for parish clerks and that fact that Ribblesdale Pool would cost over £20M to rebuild or £3M to refurbish.

The Road Safety Group had asked its 17 member parishes to identify their safety priorities out of gateways, 20mph limits, reduction of 60mph limits and the installation of slow down and rumble strips and the results were being collated. It was noted that Lancashire Highways had indicated they would not contribute towards funding for any initiatives chosen.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 25 March 2024 in Bolton by Bowland Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.