

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 26 JUNE 2023

HELD AT SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), P Jenkins, L Marsden, S Mitchell, R Veitch, S Whittaker,
P Wilson, Clerk

In attendance: Seven members of the public

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brady, Bunyan and Fortune and Borough Cllr Rosie Elms.

2. To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interest

Cllr A Yates declared an interest in item 6 (i), planning application 3/2023~~2~~/0403 Newhurst House, Anna Lane, Bolton by Bowland

3. Adjournment for public session

An update was provided on planning application 2023/24893/FUL (Bowland Fell Country Park) which had been withdrawn by the applicants.

John Foley expressed an interest in joining the parish council to fill the vacancy in the Bolton by Bowland ward. It was reported that there had also been another written expression of interest, received two weeks earlier, from another resident who wished to join the parish council.

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 May 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

Cllr Wilson advised he had been trying to contact the LCC Countryside Officer, Dave Padley, with a view to obtaining assistance with the collapsed stone walls on Holden Lane.

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

Planning Application 3/2022/0052 Holden Clough Nursery

The Clerk reported that there continued to be no decision yet on this application.

Planning Application 2023/24893/FUL Bowland Fell Holiday Park (Craven DC)

It was confirmed that this application had been withdrawn by the applicants.

Planning Application 3/2023/0213 & 4 Laneside House, Settle Road, Bolton by Bowland

There were no objections to this application.

Planning Application 3/2023/0403 Newhurst House, Anna Lane, Bolton by Bowland

There were no objections to this application.

Audit 2022/23

The Chair explained that the meeting was unable to consider the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 as the internal audit report had not been released as not every parish councillor had yet provided proof of identity. It was explained that an extension of time was to be applied for and that an extraordinary meeting would be held later in July to consider the accounts.

8. Accounts

a) **To approve the bank balance as of 13 March 2023 of £50,081.16** Approved by all

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

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| 1. Mrs C A Holmes | May 2023 salary | £179.20 | Approved |
| 2. Mr J Waddington | Parish lengthsman | £TBA | |

It was noted that the lengthsman had not submitted an invoice and the Clerk was requested to follow this up.

9. To consider making a donation to Little Green Bus

In the absence of Cllr Fortune, who had requested this item be included on the agenda, consideration was deferred until the August 2023 meeting.

10 To consider the latest information available regarding the B4RN project

Cllr Wilson provided an update on the B4RN project, noting that householders were continuing to sign up to the scheme but that further efforts were being made to improve take up. A newsletter from the scheme was imminent.

11. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

Cllr Mitchell reported a large hole in the side of the Hellifield Road in Bolton by Bowland which was potentially dangerous. It was agreed that this should be brought to the attention of Lancashire Highways.

Cllr Veitch complimented the Chair on his excellent work with the Ribble Valley Road Safety Working Group, noting that other villages continued to sign up to the initiative.

Concern was expressed regarding the refusal by RVBC of the planning application for two residential properties on the old chicken shed site in Sawley. It was noted that the parish council and the majority of Sawley residents had been in favour of the development but that there had been considerable objection to the plan for holiday lodges, previously passed.

The rubbish left by travellers who had stayed just outside Holden was discussed and it was noted this was an annual problem which needed to be addressed.

10. Date and venue of next Parish Council meeting

Monday 17 July 2023 at 7.30 pm at Bolton by Bowland Village Hall (Extraordinary meeting)

Monday 14 August 2023 at 7.30 pm at Tosside Community Hall (Parish Council meeting)

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