

BOLTON BSY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

HELD AT SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), H Fortune, L Marsden, S Mitchell, R Veitch, S Whittaker,
Clerk

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs Alex Murphy and Paul Wilson

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Cllr Veitch declared an interest in item 11 B4RN.

3. Adjournment for public session

None

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04 August 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 04 August 2025 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

It was noted that contact needed to be made with Cllr Murphy regarding the final locations for the grit bins as these would need to be in place for the winter months.

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

3/2025/0562 Wycongill Farm, Holden Lane, Bolton by Bowland

3/2025/0611 Howgills Barn, Bolton by Bowland

3/2025/0642 Closes Hall Farm, Bolton by Bowland

There were no objections to the above applications.

8. Accounts

To approve the bank balance as of 08 September 2025 of £62,588 Approved by all

To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1. Mrs C A Holmes	£405.88	July & August 2025 salaries
2. N W Accountants	£15.00	Monthly fee
3. Sawley Village Hall	£15.00	Room fee

9. To consider an update on the proposal for a Community Emergency Plan (“the Plan”)

It was explained that there had been a meeting of interested parties on 02 September 2025

at which it had been decided that the focus initially needed to be on devising realistic aims for the Plan. A list of potential emergencies which the Plan could cover was provided. A list of tasks which had been allocated to various individuals was outlined and it was noted these needed to be progressed before the group would meet again.

10. To consider the speed data received from the SpIDs temporarily installed in Bolton by Bowland and Sawley

It was reported that the data produced from the SpIDs had revealed that the average speed of vehicles through Sawley was 35 mph with over 1500 vehicles going through the village each day, on average. The average speed of vehicles passing through Bolton by Bowland was 24.7 mph with 300 vehicles on average each day. It was agreed that the exercise had been useful and should be repeated in a few months' time, possibly with the Bolton by Bowland SpID being placed further down the hill near the school.

11. To receive an update on the proposal for CCTV cameras in the villages

It was reported that a consultation meeting had been held on 07 August 2025 with the consultation period remaining open until 15 September 2025 for further comments, although none had been received. A quote of £1,140 had been received from the recommended supplier for CCTV on the Coach & Horses. It was confirmed that any CCTV installed would only focus on the actual roads and everything else would be blacked out. Next steps in the installation procedure would involve the formulation of an appropriate policy and procedures document and registration with the Information Commissioner for data protection purposes. There had been contact with RVBC who had confirmed that appropriate grant monies had been set aside for the project.

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

It was reported that the B4RN project was progressing well in Grindleton and Sawley and a lot of work was currently being done.

13. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

It was reported that the bridge over the stream near King Henry Mews, which carried a public footpath, was very slippery and a local resident had fallen on it and sustained a fractured arm. The Clerk advised she would report it to LCC via the Love Clean Streets app.

The planting of bulbs and flowers was discussed and it was agreed that each village could spend up to £200 on planting.

The council had made enquiries with RVBC & LCC to extend the C3 bus service (connecting to Clitheroe) in to Bolton-by-Bowland and Holden. A decision was expected by November 2025.

14. Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 20 October 2025 at 7.30 pm in Tosside Community Hall

