

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2026

HELD AT SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllrs A Yates (Chair), M Brennan, L Marsden, S Mitchell, R Veitch S Whittaker, P Wilson, Clerk and one member of the public

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hayden Fortune

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

None

3. Adjournment for public session

None

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 02 December 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 02 December 2025 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

It was reported that Cllr Murphy had had to buy the grit for the grit bins privately as Lancashire County Council would not fill bins they had not provided.

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

It was resolved that there were no objections to the following planning applications:

3/2025/0958 Broad Ings, Anna Lane Bolton by Bowland

3/2026/0012 Springside Farm, Knotts Lane, Bolton by Bowland

7. Accounts

To approve the bank balance as of 18 February 2025 of £52,031 Approved by all

8. To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

1. Mrs C A Holmes	November & December 25 salaries	£310.32
2. NW Accountants	Monthly fee	£15.00
3. Sawley Village Hall	Room hire (January 2026)	£15.00
4. LCC	Road safety measures	£6,816.00

All of the above invoices were approved for payment

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

Andrew Yates provided a summary of a meeting held in December 2025 regarding the next steps in the formation of a CEP. A founding Committee, comprising four members, would be established and one of the members had already agreed to produce a strategy document. The Committee would engage with the Lancashire Resilience Forum. It was again stressed that the success of any CEP would depend on community engagement and it would therefore be vital for the establishment of the CEP to be publicised at an appropriate time.

10. To receive an update on the proposal for CCTV cameras in the parish

It was confirmed that the proposal for the site of potential CCTV cameras in Tosside was still with the Diocese of Blackburn for a decision and that the parish council had been warned at the outset that this could take several months.

Nothing further had been heard from the owners of the Coach & Horses regarding the potential siting of CCTV at the pub so Susan Whittaker agreed to pursue this further.

11. Matters brought forward by members – For Information Only

There was discussion regarding a possible site for a defibrillator in Holden and it was noted further discussions needed to be had with Holden Clough nursery as to whether they would agree to having a defibrillator outside the boundary of their premises.

It was agreed that the website needed an overhaul and it was reported that the Chair and the Clerk were going to have an online meeting with Easy Websites in the near future. Mandy Brennan offered to be the councillor with responsibility for the website so it was suggested and agreed that Mandy Brennan also join the online meeting. It was further suggested that the parish council have a Facebook page, although it was noted that keeping this updated could be an onerous task so it may be better to use the existing village Facebook page to publicise parish council matters.

12. Date and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7.30 pm Tosside Community Hall

There would be no meeting in February 2026