

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22 APRIL 2024**

**HELD at TOSSIDE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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

**In attendance:** One member of the public

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Brady, Bunyan, Murphy and Whittaker

**2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest**

Cllrs Veitch and Wilson declared an interest in B4RN (item 10).

**3. Adjournment for public session**

None

**4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 March 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2024 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:

*3/2024/0152 Greaves Farm, Holden Lane, Bolton by Bowland*

*3/2024/0177 Higher Greenhead Farm, Sawley*

No objections

**7. To consider a review of the Financial Regulations**

The Chair advised that a review of the Financial Regulations had concluded that, other than the amendment already implemented regarding allowing the Clerk to sign cheques as a signatory, no other changes were deemed necessary.

**8. Accounts**

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

- Mrs C A Holmes ( March 2024 salary) £238.60
- Tosside Community Hall (room hire x 1) £20.00
- HMRC (Quarterly PAYE Dec 23 to Mar 24) £161.20
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All payments were approved.

**b. To approve the bank account balance as of 15 April 2024 £60,612**

#### **9. To consider the installation of CCTV cameras in Bolton by Bowland and Sawley**

It was reported that CCTV cameras were already on the outside of the pub in Sawley for their own purposes but an approach would need to be made if additional cameras were to be put up for policing purposes. Sawley Village Hall was having its AGM on 25 April 2024 at which CCTV cameras would be discussed. It was reported that the sale of the pub in Bolton by Bowland was going ahead but it was not certain who the new owner was so an approach could not be made until this had been finalised.

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

The meeting was advised that a £50K grant had been received from Ribble Valley BC which left the project £20/30K short in Bolton by Bowland. In Sawley all the necessary wayleaves were now in place and appropriate public meetings were planned for May 2024.

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

In the absence of Cllrs Bunyan and Murphy this item was not considered.

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

It was reported that speeding on Settle Road remained a problem and that data relating to incidents should be collated and sent to LCC. The shocking state of Main Street in Bolton by Bowland was discussed and it was agreed a formal complaint should be lodged with LCC. The problem of dog fouling on the field next to the cricket field in Bolton by Bowland was raised and the Clerk offered to contact RVBC's Environmental Health department to discuss the matter further. It was agreed an application be made to Ribble Valley BC for a Ribble Valley in Bloom grant and, depending on the amount received, grants may then be made to each of the villages for planting. The Chair provided an overview of parish councillor attendance at meetings and it was noted that, in some cases, attendance rates were as low as 50%, with the knock on effect being at times the meeting was close to a quorum.

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 May 2024 in Bolton by Bowland Village Hall at 7.00 pm. (Annual Meeting)  
7.30 pm (Parish Council Meeting)

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm.

