

BOLTON BY BOWLAND, GISBURN FOREST AND SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 OCTOBER 2024

HELD AT BOLTON BY BOWLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bunyan and Fortune

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest

Councillors Veitch and Murphy declared an interest in item 11, B4RN. Councillor Yates declared an interest in item 7, planning applications, in respect of 3/2024/0688 & 9.

3. Adjournment for public session

None

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the parish council meeting of 17 September 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2024 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

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

It was noted that the planning application in respect of land near Woodpecker Cottage, Sawley, to which the parish council had objected, had been refused by Ribble Valley Borough Council.

6. To update on the vacancy caused by the resignation of ex-Cllr Paul Jenkins

It was noted that no one had come forward expressing an interest in the vacancy in the Sawley ward on the parish council. Rob Veitch offered to speak to a couple of people in Sawley to see if they would be interested in coming forward.

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

3/2024/0804 6 Main St, Bolton by Bowland

3/2024/0688 & 89 Alder House, Holden Lane, Bolton by Bowland

3/2024/0744 Corgill Farm, Holden Lane, Bolton by Bowland

3/2024/0742 Bow Laithe Farm, Bolton by Bowland Road, Bolton by Bowland

No objections to the above applications.

8. Conclusion of audit 2023/24

It was reported that the final external audit report and certificate had been received from the external auditors and circulated/published as appropriate.

9. Dog fouling and hedgehog signs

It was reported that signs advising motorists to slow down for hedgehogs and signs advising against dog fouling had been ordered. The hedgehog signs would be given to the lengthsman to put up where appropriate. The dog fouling signs would be distributed to council members who were aware of places where the signs were required.

10. Review of governance policies

It was agreed that council members would look over policies as specified and a discussion as to any amendments deemed necessary would be held at a future meeting.

11. B4RN and RVBC grants

The situation regarding RVBC grants for the B4RN projects was summarised. It was noted that Rob Veitch had volunteered to co-ordinate the grant situation on behalf of the parish council with RVBC and this was accepted and agreed. It was explained that there needed to be planned expenditure incurred by the end of March 2025 in order to qualify for grants. It was further noted that the Sawley/Grindleton project may need to be stalled for a while pending the pledging of further funding.

12. To consider and approve any invoice payments due:

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| • Mrs C A Holmes (September 2024 salary) | £238.60 |
| • Bolton by Bowland Village Hall (room hire October 2024) | £15.00 |
| • HMRC (Clerk's PAYE Jun to Sept 2024) | £155.20 |

b) To approve the bank account balance as of October 2024	£52,731
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13 Matters brought forward

It was agreed that James Waddington should be asked to remove vegetation around road signs which impeded visibility of the signs.

Susan Whittaker advised that a missing manhole cover which she reported on 21 October 2024 to LCC had still not been dealt with so was a danger and it was agreed this should be chased up with the Highways authority.

Lyn Marsden advised that stones positioned by the road in a number of locations on the road to Tosside continued to cause problems when traffic needed to pass. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC again about these stones.

It was reported that Hayden Fortune had ordered wreaths for Tosside for Remembrance Sunday.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 02 December 2024 at Tosside Community Hall at 7.30 pm