

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 at Burscough Town
Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough
starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr S Bradley
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr Pollington
 Cllr Pope
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr B Wilson
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Sheila Gill Deputy Clerk/RFO

Minutes

106	<p>Welcome The Mayor opened the December meeting with a warm welcome, to Cllr Pope who was attending his first Town Council meeting, Cllr Crawford who returned after an absence, residents and Borough and County Councillors. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.</p>
107	<p>Apologies Cllr's Bailey, Dereli and Purple were accepted.</p>
108	<p>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Pollington item 8a expense claim.</p>
109	<p>To receive any issues by members of the public present. <i>Members of the public can attend the meeting or email the Clerk to bring to attention any concerns. (Max 5 mins each resident)</i> Two members of the public attended the meeting to observe with a view of joining the Town Council. Cllr Price raised a point that a pavement on Wheat Lane was overgrown with vegetation, Cllr Edwards raised that he would take this point forward with LCC 'Love Clean Streets' it was discussed that if this application was not successful, we could instruct our contractor to clear the area.</p>
110	<p>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor) Cllr Gordon was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the Clerk for sending points raised by the Town Council regarding the numerous planning application at the site of the Slipway pub. <p>Cllr Hesketh was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Love Clean Streets' isn't easy to use and usually contacts individual officers via their email addresses.

- Connectivity of the mobile phone mast is causing problems for businesses on the High Street. The planning application has been approved for a new mast at a new site, he will continue to chase this up with the supplier and the Council.
- There has been flooding in the road due to a blocked drain outside Bodhi which has been rectified by LCC, but there remains localised flooding outside KC Computers which LCC think the drain under the pavement may be broken, investigations continue.
- Lights on the Stanley Car Park are not working, Cllr Moss confirmed that they had been repaired in the last couple of weeks.
- WLBC has applied to the Government to re-organise to a unitary Council merging with South Ribble and Chorley, they await Government decision.

County Councillor Edwards was in attendance; the Clerk provided a copy of an email from a resident raising a complaint regarding the flags/bunting in the village and made the following points: -

- A letter has been written to LCC highways regarding the deterioration of the flags/bunting on the High Street, Cllr Edwards confirmed that LCC have provided a reference number for the case. He confirmed that flags/bunting will be removed and will email the Clerk as soon they are removed or he has a removal date. **Action: - Clerk to inform resident of all updates.**

111 **To receive any updates from the Police.**

No Police Present

- a) The December edition of 'Our News' was noted.

112 **To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting dated 19th November 2025.**

Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. **It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 19th November 2025 were approved.** These were proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.

113 **Finance**

- a) **It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 17th December 2025 proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Moss and Price.**
- b) The minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting dated 9th December 2025 were noted with a slight change in the minutes to Cllr Pope in attendance and not Cllr Wilson.
- c) **It was resolved to agree the grant application from Dial a Ride for 5K to support running costs, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Bradley with a unanimous vote.**
- d) **It was resolved to agree the grant application from Burscough Bridge Methodist School to update the IT equipment, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.**
- e) **It was resolved to agree the grant application from First Kick Foundation for £750 to assist in supporting a new youth provision, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with unanimous vote.**
- f) **It was resolved to decline the grant application from Sporting Challenge as they currently have significant funds within their accounts, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.**

g) It was resolved to delegate the power to enable the Deputy Mayor and the Deputy Clerk to set the precept figure to be ratified at the Town Council meeting on the 28th January 2026, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.

114 **Street Scene Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Street Scene Working Group dated 9th December 2025 were noted.
- b) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Illumidex to re-wrap the lights onto the tree on Orrell Lane canal bank proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.

113 **Traffic and Transport Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Group dated 2nd December 2025 were noted.

114 **Newsletter & Publicity Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Newsletter and Publicity Working Group dated 20th November 2025 were noted.

115 **Burscough Town Council Staff Meeting**

- a) The minutes of the staff meeting dated 18th November 2025 were noted.

116 **Website**

- a) Cllr Price provided an update and confirmed the website was back and available, further information will need to be updated, although the statutory items were now available – www.burscoughtc.co.uk. Thank you to Cllr Price for all his work.

117 **Burscough Remembrance Events**

- a) The briefing notes were received by the Town Council along with an update from Cllr Horsley and Moss. **Action: - Clerk to organise a meeting to further discuss appointing new members from external groups onto this group.**

118 **Miscellaneous Items**

- a) It was noted that LCC have agreed to cover the installation costs following the agreement from Burscough Town Council to provide funding for lighting columns within Burscough village that are showing wear and tear.
- b) It was noted that Burscough Town Council had won their bid for CIL funding from WLBC of £17,916 for the community orchard. Unfortunately, the bid for the toilet pod and solar spids had been declined.
- c) Following reports of access issues for disabled users of the Interchange building this has been deferred until the next meeting to enable discussions with Cllr Purple who raised the issue on behalf of the user.
- d) It was noted that the next Town Council meeting would be on the 4th Wednesday of the month in January 2026. – 28th January 2026.
- e) It was noted that the Town Council office would be closed from Monday 22nd December 2025 until Monday 5th January 2026 inclusive. Room booking are also closed over this period.

Meeting Closed 8.38pm

Date of next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th January 2026 starting at 7pm at the Interchange Building.

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