

**Burscough Town Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Welcome</b>          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><b>Apologies</b>          Cllr's Bailey, Dereli and Purple were accepted.</p>
108	<p><b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b>          Cllr Pollington item 8a expense claim.</p>
109	<p><b>To receive any issues by members of the public present.</b>  <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 the meeting with a view of joining the Town Council.          Cllr Price raised an overgrown with vegetation pavement on Wheat Lane, 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><b>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor)</b>          Cllr Gordon was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the Clerk for sending points raised by the Town Council regarding the numerous planning application at the site of the Slipway pub.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Hesketh was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Love Clean Streets' isn't easy to use and usually contacts individual officers.</li> </ul>

- 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 and that flags/bunting will be removed he confirmed that he will email the Clerk as soon they are removed. **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**
- f) **It was resolved to decline the grant application from Sporting Challenge as they currently have significant funds within their accounts.**
- g) **It was resolved the 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were noted.
- b) **It was resolved to offer £150 prize for the best shop window and £75 for the runner up proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Bradley with a unanimous vote.**
- c) It was agreed to hold the judging for the competition week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025, with Jackie Wilson and Laura Pollington acting as judges.

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**Traffic and Transport Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Group dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were noted.

102 **Climate Change Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Climate Change Working Group dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were noted.
- b) The Cllrs wished to express their gratitude and thanks to Cllr's Purple & Wilson for all the work put into arranging for volunteers/ members of the public for assistance with the planting of the trees on the gifted land.

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7.35pm Cllr Purple left the meeting / 7.38pm Cllr Purple returned to the meeting.

**Newsletter & Publicity Working Group**

- a) The minutes of the Newsletter and Publicity Working Group dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 were noted.

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**Burscough Remembrance Memorials**

- a) The Councillors wished to express their gratitude and thanks to Cllr Horsley and administration staff for all the work put into arranging both remembrance services.
- b) It was agreed as Kevin Walker WLBC had raised an issue with the road closure as Ventbrooks had not followed the plan due to safety of the parade, the Clerk would discuss other options for next year. **Action: - Clerk.**

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**Website**

- a) It was noted that work continues with the website by Cllr Price, it was noted the site was currently unavailable interim measures had been made on our facebook pages for anyone wanting to book a room.

**Miscellaneous Items**

- a) **It was resolved to send a supporting letter to First Kick Foundation proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote. Action:- Deputy Clerk to send letter as agreed.**
- b) It was noted that Avian influenzas had occurred at Martin Mere as declared by the Government on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- c) Councillors present received an update on mobile telephone masts in Burscough, **Action: - Cllr Purple to follow up with EE.**
- d) The correspondence was noted from WLBC regarding an agreement of an outright ban providing animals as prizes.

- e) **It was resolved to take the next steps to find land ownership at Junction train station proposed Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Purple with a unanimous vote. Action: - Administration and Financial Assistant to contact land registry as appropriate.**
- f) It was noted that Burscough Town Council would not want to hold an event on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the Cricket Club. **Action: - Clerk to inform Kenny.**
- g) The office closure dates of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were noted.

**Meeting Closed 8.15pm**

Date of next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 starting at 7pm at the Interchange Building.

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