
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at The Interchange **Building, Station** Approach,
Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr Horsley
Cllr Kennedy
Cllr Moss
Cllr Price
Jackie Maguire Clerk
Laura Pilkington Admin

Minutes

<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>Welcome. The Vice Chairman opened the January meeting with a warm welcome to Councillors. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence.</p> <p>Cllr's Bradley, Bailey, Crawford were accepted.</p> <p>Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.</p> <p>Minutes of previous Meeting of 3rd December 2025. The minutes of the 3rd December 2025, were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. Action:- Clerk to circulate comments for planning application 2025/0629/FUL and check the detail had been uploaded onto WLBC portal.</p> <p>Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. Cllr Hesketh made the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are at least three large development planning applications being considered at WLBC within West Lancashire area. The planning application number 2025/1014/OUT was originally to be decided through the delegated powers framework; this will now be discussed at a planning committee.• Up to nine dwellings in any planning application can be now decided upon through the delegated powers framework. Therefore, Borough Councillors cannot 'call in' applications.• WLBC are currently behind schedule with planning applications.• There are current and on-going consultations with the government which will mean changes to how planning develops in the future.• The 'live' planning development at 22 Canal Bank has been reported to
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enforcement as the planning application of 2009 is currently out of date.

- Planning application number 2025/1014/OUT — Land South of Dakota Way, will cause more traffic on the roads and requires new infrastructure to support the additional housing.
- The current Local Plan ceases in March 2027, its desperately needs a review.

6. Adjournment for comments from resident's points of interest.
None.

7. Discuss Planning Applications:

2025/1014/OUT — Land South of Dakota Way — Objection noted. *Points raised policies SP3 and GN2 — safeguarded land, drainage United Utilities states proposed development not acceptable, highwdys previously agreed traffic signage have not been added to the highway with no comment regarding increased traffic. There has been no development of a multi-functional games area. For full objection details, please see WLBC website under this application number.*

2025/1043/FUL — 1 Furnival Drive — No objection noted.

8. The correspondence from the enforcement officer at WLBC regarding 22 Canal Bank, New Lane was noted.

9. The temporary road closure on Rivington Drive, Thirnbridge Avenue, Parbold Close and Belmont Close were noted.

10 Urgent Items Brought Forward by the Chairman
None.

The next meeting date is Wednesday 4th February 2026, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm.

Meeting Closed 7:40pm