

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Burscough Town Council
Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting
at 7pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr G Fairclough
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr N Pollington
 Cllr E Pope
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr S Purple
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Sheila Gill
 Laura Pilkington

Minutes

144	<p>Welcome The Mayor opened the March meeting with a warm welcome to all present, including 2 members of the public and Cllr Rick Edwards. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.</p>
145	<p>Apologies Cllr's Bailey, Bradley, Dereli, Gumus and Wilson were accepted.</p>
146	<p>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Purple pecuniary interest item 8b folio reference 417.</p>
147	<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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members of the public were present but did not comment. • Cllr Pope reported that he had been unable to speak directly to the member of the public who had raised access issues to the main meeting room, due to the event being cancelled and a meeting clash. Councillors attending the meeting discussed several options to change the table to a pocket wall display for leaflets and a console attached to the wall for the signing into the building book. It was resolved to purchase a pocket wall display and a console table attached to the wall with a total budget allocation of £300, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.
148	<p>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. <i>(Max 5 mins per Councillor)</i> Cllr Edwards was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update to the Town Council following the survey and uneven paving stones in the village area, provided by the Town Council. Cllr Edwards informed that he had raised all issues with LCC and was awaiting an update, which he will provide to the Clerk for circulation.

149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing of Square Lane has been organised by LCC to commence in June this year. • Cllr Pollington reported that the point raised regarding the overgrown footpath on Wheat Lane / Briars Lane had been confirmed by LCC that it was not a footpath. <p>To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present</p> <p>a) The next police surgeries to be hosted at the Interchange building are organised on Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 7:30pm until 8:30pm and Thursday 9th April 2026 10am until 11am. Notices have been placed on the notice boards, website and reminders have been set on our social media pages.</p>
150	<p>To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting dated 18th February 2026.</p> <p>Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 18th February 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.</p>
151	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) It was resolved to agree the CiLCA training invoice for the Deputy Clerk and vire £65.00 from reserves to cover the budget expenditure, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 18th March 2026, with the additions of an emergency works payment to Ian Yates and a Gas invoice for £445.73, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr’s Kennedy and Crawford.</p>
152	<p>Traffic and Transport working group</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport working group dated 9th March 2026 were noted.</p>
153	<p>Street Scene Working Group</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 10th March 2026 were noted.</p> <p>b) Cllr Kennedy gave an update on Bobby Langton Way following meeting with the group on the 10th March 2026. He reported that a compensation agreement had been made by WLBC which had been accepted by the owner of the Barrons Club, although the transfer document had yet to be signed. The next stages of the master plan for the area would include demolition of the Baron Club, with works taking approximately 16 weeks following legal works and procurement works.</p> <p>c) It was discussed if the Town Council would be willing to take this work forward, it was agreed to gather further information. Action: - Clerk to contact Martyn Cousins WLBC for more information as to what stage the master plan is currently at, what the next stages are etc.</p> <p>d) It was resolved to agree the quotation from Paul Adam’s to cut back the vegetation on Back Moss Lane, proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>e) The email from Michael Speed – Electrician was noted regarding the uprighters set into the pavement within the village area and at the granite stone.</p>

	<p>f) It was resolved to agree the quotation for 1 nights work to ascertain faults and report back to the Town Council, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>g) It was resolved to agree the quotation from Flourish for the floral displays within the village (to start at the Station Bridge lamp post and continue up the A59) proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>h) It was resolved to agree the new contract prices for a further 3 years for the ground’s maintenance, planter maintenance, installation and watering contract held by Micheal Winnard, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>i) Cllr Moss provided feedback regarding a replacement of the rocking horse on Mere Avenue play area, it was agreed to repair this item of play equipment.</p> <p>j) It was resolved to agree the quotation from Ian Yates for repair to the play equipment on Mere Avenue following the monthly Health & Safety inspection, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>k) It was resolved to agree the quotation from Ian Yates to replace the bench outside the memorial gardens with a plate ‘Burscough Town Council’ and repair the original bench to be kept in storage until a place is found, proposed Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote. (CIL funds to be used)</p>
154	<p>Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council</p> <p>a) The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on the 11th March 2026 were noted.</p>
155	<p>Climate Change Working Group</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Climate Change working group dated 13th February 2026 were noted.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to support the creation of a community volunteer group, to be known as the ‘Friends of Burscough Town Council Conservation site’ to assist the Councils in the long-term care of the site on Back Moss Lane, with membership and activities co-ordinated through Climate Change working group, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.</p>
156	<p>Interchange Building</p> <p>a) It was noted that the Fire Extinguishers at the Interchange Building had been serviced, with a requirement to replace the 2 x water extinguishers in 2028.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to provide 2 x hygiene disposal units for toilets at the Interchange Building entering a 1- year contract with 365 group, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.</p>
157	<p>The new boundary changes and new districts for Burscough Town Council from May 2026 were noted.</p>
158	<p>Councillors present considered nominating a volunteer within the Burscough area to feature in the Local Life magazine. Neil Hickson – Burscough Community Farm, Frank Timmins – local fund raiser, George Clandon – organiser of the Litter Picker and Sue Lamb – Wellbeing Café.</p>

Date of next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2026 starting at 7pm at the Interchange Building.

Meeting Closed 8.34pm