
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 4th March 2026 at The Interchange Building, Station Approach,
Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr Kennedy Acting as Chairman
Cllr Bradley
Cllr Crawford
Cllr Fairclough
Cllr Moss
Cllr Price
Jackie Maguire Clerk
Laura Pilkington Admin

Minutes

1.	Election of Chairman for this meeting Due to both the Chairman and Vice Chairman being unavailable Cllr Kennedy was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote, therefore elected as Chairman for this meeting only.
2.	Welcome. The acting Chairman opened the March meeting with a warm welcome to Councillors. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.
3.	Apologies for Absence. Cllr's Bailey and Horsley were accepted.
4.	Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.
5.	Minutes of previous Meeting of 14th January 2026. The minutes of the 14 th January 2026, were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.
6.	Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. Cllr Pope made the following points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reported that a WLBC cabinet meeting the Government Reorganisation document was approved.• The Development Strategy Plan was also approved, it was noted a new Local Plan would take approximately 30 months for the process. Cllr Gordon made the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reported to the WLBC cabinet meeting flood area's in Burscough, is awaiting

<p>7.</p>	<p>responses from Paul Charleson WLBC regarding flooding and drainage issues in West Lancashire. Cllr Hesketh made the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections will take place in May 2026. • Feels strongly that there will be a number of large developments in West Lancashire and still no infrastructure. <p>Adjournment for comments from resident's points of interest. None were in attendance.</p> <p>Discuss Planning Applications:</p> <p>2026/0080/FUL – The Hawthorns, 59 Crabtree Lane – Objection noted. (<i>Inappropriate development within greenbelt land, material change of use from a gym to a dwelling with full residential accommodation. Recommendation that a full drainage, sewage and surface water survey is completed</i>)</p> <p>2026/0135/FUL – 66 Moss Lane – No objection noted.</p> <p>8. The appeal outcome to the Secretary of State and Commerce following the appeal made by Jones Homes, on the proposed development on Land to the West of Red Cat Lane was noted as granted.</p> <p>9. It was noted that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State and Commerce for a retrospective detached garage at Heskinfields, School Lane.</p> <p>10. It was agreed to continue to monitor the proposed development on High Lane in Ormskirk as this may affect the infrastructure within Burscough.</p> <p>11. The correspondence was noted from Burscough Village Primary School regarding planning application 2025/0237/FUL. Action: - Clerk to send a copy of the grant application form.</p> <p>12. The road closures on Alexander Close 18th March 2026, Crabtree Lane to junction of Red Cat Lane 7th April – 14th April 2026, New Lane 9th April 2026, Warpers Moss Lane – 11th and 12th April 2026, School Lane 15th – 19th April 2026 were noted.</p> <p>13. Urgent Items Brought Forward by the Chairman None.</p> <p>The next meeting date is Wednesday 1st April 2026, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 7.53pm</p>
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