

**Burscough Town Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 P Gumus  
 Cllr J Horsley  
 Cllr B Kennedy  
 Cllr N Pollington  
 Cllr M Price  
 Cllr S Purple  
 Cllr B Wilson  
 Jackie Maguire Clerk  
 Sheila Gill  
 Laura Pilkington

**Minutes**

159	<p><b>Welcome</b>          The Mayor opened the April meeting with a warm welcome to all present, including members of the public and Paul Hammond from WLBC. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.</p>
160	<p><b>Apologies</b>          Cllr's Dereli and Pope were accepted.</p>
161	<p><b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b>          Cllr Purple pecuniary interest item 9b folio reference 19 and non-pecuniary folio reference 16.          Cllr Horsley non-pecuniary interest 10F Veterans Support Hub, RBL Local Branch Chairman and Treasurer for the Veteran Support Hub.</p>
162	<p><b>To receive an update on Bobby Langton Way Master Plan from Paul Hammond on Bobby Langton Way.</b>          Paul Hammond introduced himself and colleague Nick Putnam from Tawd Valley Developments informing that he was attending on behalf of Martyn Cousins, he made the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sum has been agreed for the Baron Club with the proprietor and are awaiting updates from the proprietor's solicitor to move forward.</li> <li>• The first phase would be to demolish the Baron's Club and secure the premise, the quotes received so far are in the region of 25k which would allow some of the rubble to be reused for the car park surface.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the bollards blocking Bobby Langton Way would be removed, this would be in consultation with a Transport designer, to stop this area being a 'rat run' with a timeline of a couple of weeks suggested. <i>(the member of the public who lives in the area consulted with Paul Hammond regarding the best areas for the bollards to remain)</i></li> <li>• It is hoped that the Town Council could supply some funding.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that WLBC would do the work as further legal documents would need to be in place if the Town Council took any responsibility.</li> <li>• The Master Plan will take in many elements of the area with a vision to grow and develop the leisure centre and football pitches (to 3G) to enable this to become a community asset in the long term.</li> <li>• Intention is to work with architects to discuss and provide a vision encompassing the whole area, with support to the High Street.</li> <li>• He noted that with the Local Government review WLBC may not be in situ in the next year or so.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Paul Hammond would return to the next Town Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with further information and the Master Plan of the area.</li> </ul>
163	<p><b>To receive any issues by members of the public present.</b>  <i>Members of the public attend the meeting or email the Clerk to bring to attention any concerns. (Max 5 mins each resident)</i></p> <p>A member of the public was in attendance and raised the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area of Mart Lane, Orrel Lane and Victoria Street has an older generation living in the housing.</li> <li>• The barriers are causing problems for the community but would not want them to be removed to cause a 'rat run'. <i>(Consulted with WLBC at this point).</i></li> <li>• Issues with children jumping on the garage at the bottom of Mart Lane and hanging around the Barons Club, this area needs to be secure before demolition takes place <i>(this was agreed).</i></li> <li>• WLBC confirmed that they would consult with residents when appropriate.</li> </ul>
149	<p>Another member of the public was in attendance and raised the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had been informed by the Governors at Lordsgate School that the Bowling Green would be discussed at this Town Council meeting, this was incorrect as discussions had been previously at a Street Scene meeting. He was informed that WLBC are currently writing a document regarding a playing surfaces strategy within Burscough, there would be no changes to green spaces until this document would available. It is understood that WLBC would be holding public consultations. It was noted that Burscough Town Council are supportive of the idea to change the bowling green to car parking.</li> </ul>
164	<p><b>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors.</b> <i>(Max 5 mins per Councillor)</i>  None were in attendance.</p>
165	<p><b>To receive any updates from the Police.</b>  No Police Present.</p> <p>a) Police Surgery was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 with five members of the public attending on separate occasions to speak to the officer.</p>
166	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and the Extraordinary meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</b>  Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. <b>It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were approved and the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Purple with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.</b></p>

167	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) The insurance quotation was considered it was agreed to await the further quotes until a decision could be made. <b>Action: - Deferred to the next Town Council meeting.</b></p> <p>b) <b>It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Crawford and Price.</b></p>
168	<p><b>Street Scene Working Group</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were noted. <b>Action: - Deputy Clerk to circulate the toilet survey to all Councillors. (LP)</b></p> <p>b) <b>It was resolved to agree the quotation from Leafield Environment Ltd to purchase 3 x heritage square litter bins and agreed artwork, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>c) <b>It was resolved to agree the quotation from Ian Yates for removal and installation of new litter bins, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>d) <b>It was resolved to agree the quotation from Flagmakers to complete a site survey for a permanent flagpole at Ringtail memorial, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>e) <b>It was resolved to agree the quotation from Michael Moore to repaint 3 x benches on Liverpool Road and Mart Lane corner, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>f) <b>It was resolved to agree the quotation from Zorb Events to provide an inflatable assault course in support of the Veterans Community Fun Day, proposed by Cllr Gumus and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote. Action: - Cllr Hosley to provide the bank account details from RBL to Deputy Clerk (SG)</b></p> <p>g) <b>It was resolved to award the Grounds Maintenance, Planter Maintenance including Watering and Installation to Michael Winnard, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.</b></p>
169	<p><b>Climate Change Working Group</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the Climate Change working group dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were noted.</p> <p>b) <b>It was resolved to formally agree the name of the gifted land on Back Moss as "Moss Corner", proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>c) The notes provided by Cllr Purple regarding fruit species and ideas for a wildlife pond were noted.</p>
170	<p>Councillors were provided with information following the election process for Burscough Town Council regarding the uncontested seats. There is one seat which is contested on New Lane, there will be a local election to determine the candidate for this seat.</p>
171	<p>Councillors present considered the proposals from Burscough Village Primary school to lower the school age and agreed that they held a neutral stance.</p>
172	<p>Councillors present noted the senior management changes at WLBC.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Town Council will be the Annual Town Council meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 starting at 6:30. The Town Council meeting will follow</p>

**Meeting Closed 8.48pm**