

Burscough Town Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at Burscough Town Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting at 7:30pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr B Bailey
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr P Gumus
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr E Pope
 Cllr S Purple
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Sheila Gill
 Laura Pilkington

Minutes

1	Welcome The Mayor opened the May meeting following his election to Mayor, with a warm welcome to Jonas Forshaw Village Agent. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.
2	Apologies Were noted as received from Cllr's Fairclough, Wilson, Price and Pollington and were accepted by the Town Council, with a unanimous vote. Cllr Jones sent apologies with 5 against acceptance, 4 abstentions, therefore this apology was not accepted.
3	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Purple non - pecuniary interest item 9h folio reference 54. Cllr Horsley non-pecuniary interest item 9h folio reference 44.
4	To receive an information regarding Village Agents from Jonas Forshaw. Jonas Forshaw introduced himself as a Village Agent for West Lancashire and informed the Town Council regarding the following points: - • A Village Agent is someone that sign posts members of the community to available services within the local area. • Community Futures have been commissioned by LCC from January 2026 for a 2-year period. • They can help with peoples change of circumstances helping continued independence. • Can also help accessing certain benefits within the local area. • Has been in touch with SWALICAN and other local Parish Councils Was asked if he would come and meet residents at the Old Peoples Club, which Jonas agreed and Councillors offered to provide contacts for the Peter Lathom Trust. The Council thanked Jonas for his attendance.
5.	To receive any issues by members of the public present. <i>Members of the public attend the meeting or email the Clerk to bring to attention any concerns. (Max 5 mins each resident)</i>

	Members of the public were not in attendance although Cllr Bailey made the following point on behalf of residents: - • He had been contacted by 2 members of the public who were unhappy that they had not been aware when choosing to vote for Cllr Jones that she would not be available part of the year when out of the country and therefore could not effectively represent the community and that this had not been disclosed prior to the election.
6	To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (<i>Max 5 mins per Councillor</i>) None were in attendance.
7	To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present. a) The last Police Surgery was held on the 15th May 2026 10:30am until 11:30am.
8	To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting dated 15th April 2026. Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 15th April 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.
9	Finance a) The minutes of the Finance meeting dated 13th May 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to agree the end of financial year 2025/2026 budget figures, proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Horsley with 7 for and 1 abstention. c) It was resolved to agree the Annual Governance Return for the end of the financial year 2025/2026, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. d) It was resolved the agree the Exercise of Public Rights accounts availability from 15th June 2026 until 24th July 2026, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote. e) It was resolved to agree the Insurance quotation from Zurich, on a three year contract, for the Town Council Insurance proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote. f) It was resolved to agree the Town Councils Asset Register, proposed by Cllr Gumus and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote. g) It was resolved to agree the VAT claim to HMRC for a total of £9,537.29, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. h) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 20th May 2026, proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed after the meeting as Cllr's Moss and Crawford.
10	Street Scene Working Group a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 5th May 7th 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to agree the quotation from Michael Moore to stain and varnish the clock and tower, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Purple with a unanimous vote.

	c) It was noted that the signs on the Bus shelter by St Nicholas way was due to be installed on the 14th May 2026 by Ace Shelters. d) It was resolved to agree 2 x signs for the fence by the Interchange building for staff parking, proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.	
11	Climate Change Working Group a) The minutes of the Climate Change working group dated 12th May 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to purchase 13 trowels at £4.50 each for use whilst working on Moss Corner from B&Q, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.	
12	Traffic and Transport Working Group a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Group were noted.	
13	Consider responses to Jones Homes regarding three options for Street names for the new development. a) Councillors present agreed they would want to consult with residents and felt they could not comment on the matter. Action Cllr Horsley provide letters for the residents of Red Cat Lane and Jones homes for the Clerk to send	
14	The Council notes the retirement of former Councillor Cynthia Dereli and would like to put on record our thanks and appreciation for decades of unstinting public service not only to the Town Council but also to the Borough and County Councils and would like to wish her good health for the future. Action: - Mayor to compose a letter for the Clerk to send on behalf of the Town Council.	
15	The Council also notes former Councillor Stephen Bradley retirement for the Town Council and would like to record our thanks for his service over the three years. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 17th June 2026 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 8.52pm	