

Burscough Town Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at Burscough Town Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr B Bailey
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr G Fairclough
 Cllr P Gumus
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr E Pope
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr S Purple
 Cllr B Wilson
 Jackie Maguire Clerk

Minutes

16	Welcome The Mayor opened the June meeting, with a warm welcome to resident, Borough Councillor and Town Councillors. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.
17	Apologies It was agreed that there would be a new procedure for the recording and acceptance of apologies at full Town Council meetings. It was agreed that apologies from Councillors had to be submitted to the Clerk with a reason for non-attendance as usual, this would be read out at the meeting rather than accepting all apologies would be duly noted in the minutes. Cllr Jones apologies noted.
18	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Gumus non-pecuniary item 10 folio ref 80 – 84.
19	Invitation from the Mayor for Cllr Jones to introduce herself Defer to the July meeting.
20	Update on Bobby Langton Way Defer to the July meeting. Action: - Clerk to contact WLBC regarding Burscough Town Council being invited to future stakeholder meetings.
21	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> A member of the public raised concerns at the Town Council, regarding the proposals for a Marks and Spencer store on the old care home site by booths roundabout. It was noted that she had attended the site and identified twelve different species of birds in the area and noted that it was a habitat for many different types of wildlife. Her concerns had been raised with both Marks and Spencer and WLBC. It was advised that members of the public do not interact until

22	the actual planning application becomes live as this will give the developers inside information as to what objections may be raised. • Thanks was noted to Cllr Gordon for all his help with a flooding issue in a back garden of a property in New Lane. • A member of the public had approached Cllr Purple regarding fines received at the Stanley Club while attending Slimming World, it was suggested that this should be taken up directly with the organiser of Slimming World and the Stanley Club. • A member of the public has raised a point about the attendance of Borough Councillor Jones at Borough meetings; this was re-directed back to WLBC. To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor) Cllr Hesketh made the following points: - • Apologies were sent by Cllr's Gordon and Ryding. • He reported that there were compliance issues with agreement for the purchase of the Barons Club on Bobby Langton Way. • Marks and Spencer proposals – most residents are open to a new store. • During the elections the polling station at the Stanley Club, he understood that the car charging system had been turned off, Cllr Wilson disagreed as when he voted he was told to add in his car registration to their system. • The Our West Lancashire (Owl) and Conservative groups are now working across party with their policies.
23	To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present.
24	a) The last Police Surgery was held on the 5th June 2026 10:30am until 11:30am and the next surgery will be held on Thursday 25th June 2026 7:30-8:30pm. 7:55 Cllr Pope left the meeting. To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting dated 20th May 2026 and the Town Council meeting dated 20th May 2026. Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting dated 20th May 2026 and the Town Council meeting of the 20th May 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Purple with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.
25	Finance a) It was noted that the Annual Governance return 2025/2026 (AGAR) had been returned by the Internal Auditors with no queries raised. b) It was noted that the Annual Governance return 2025/2026 (AGAR) had been sent to the external Auditors with associated papers to complete the Audit process. c) It was resolved to accept the new HMRC mileage rate from 1st April 2026 to 55p per mile for Town Council business, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. d) It was noted that the village clock had been serviced with the report reporting the clock is in good working order.

	e) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 17th June 2026, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed at the meeting as Cllr's Moss and Price. 8pm Cllr Pope returned to the meeting.	
26	Climate Change Working Group a) The minutes of the Climate Change working group dated 12th May 2026 were noted. Councillors were reminded of the 'Friends of Moss Corner' meeting on Thursday 18th June 2026 – all are welcome to attend. b) It was resolved to agree for the Climate Change group to raise awareness and promote 'Lend a Paw' Litter Bin Campaign on behalf of the Town Council, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.	
27	Traffic and Transport Working Group a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Group dated 8th June 2026 were noted. It was noted Cllr Purple was marked as present but is no longer a member of this working group. b) It was resolved to agree the joint letter from Traffic and neighbouring parishes to be sent to Lancashire County Council highways, proposed Cllr Purple and Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. c) It was resolved to delegate to the Traffic and Transport working group to participate on behalf of the Town Council on the Local Transport Plan 2026-2030, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote. d) It was agreed to wait until Marks and Spencer submit an actual planning application before the Town Council engage. e) It was agreed for Cllr's Kennedy and Wilson to meet with LCC highways on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 2:30 to discuss grass verges, footpaths on the Industrial estate behind Booths.	
28	Interchange Building a) The service report from SSSystems for the six-month check of the Interchange building was noted.	
29	The update from WLBC regarding Council Collaboration and Local Government Reorganisation was noted.	
30	It was agreed to defer a review of the co-option policy to Personnel working group Action: - Clerk to organise a meeting.	
31	It was resolved to purchase and plant a tree on 'Moss Corner' in recognition of the work and dedication to the Town Council for Cynthia Dereli, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote. Action: - Cllr Purple to liaise with Ian Wright from LCC to organise. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 15th July 2026 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 8.34pm	

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