
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 1st July 2026 at The Interchange Building, Station Approach,
Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr Bailey - Chair
Cllr Crawford
Cllr Fairclough
Cllr Kennedy
Cllr Pope
Cllr Price
Jackie Maguire Clerk
Laura Pilkington Deputy Clerk

Minutes

1.	Welcome. The Chairman opened the July meeting with a warm welcome. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.	
2.	Apologies for Absence. Cllr's Moss and Horsley were noted. It was noted that Cllr Jones has withdrawn from this committee due to a conflict of interest with her role as a Borough Councillor for WLBC - being a member of the Planning Committee.	
3.	Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.	
4.	Minutes of previous Meeting of 3rd June 2026. The minutes of the 3 rd June 2026, were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.	
5.	Simon Dale – Volunteer footpath Inspector with allocation for Burscough and Lathom. He informed that he was one of a network of inspectors working around the Northwest, he maintains a footpath data base and has been walking many of the pathways for the last few months. He confirmed that he does not have a budget or a team of people. Cllr Kennedy asked if he could copy the Town Council into any emails he sends to report problems to Public Rights of Way (PROW), he confirmed this. Cllr Crawford thanked Simon for his interest and support to the footpath community. Cllr Pope invited Simon to attend the Lathom Parish Council meeting. Cllr Bailey suggested it may be an advantage to liaise with the ramblers association. The Town Council thanked Simon for his time.	

6.	Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. None were in attendance.
7	Adjournment for comments from resident's points of interest. None were in attendance.
8.	Discuss Planning Applications: 2026/0420/FUL – Lord Street – Objection noted (<i>Burscough Town Council would like to make the following objections: - The proximity of the proposed new development would put an added strain on parking and congestion within the area, this is already a very busy area with the health centre, village centre and dental clinic being in close proximity. This will introduce new multi vehicles and exacerbate parking and congestion issues. This will overdevelop the area and will overlook some of the neighbours which will lead to loss of amenity and privacy for a number of home owners. The refuse and waste storage for a further six independent householders to be located in an existing garage area along with the refuse of a commercial building is inadequate, this area is often overflowing with rubbish which attracts vermin. We also support concerns raised by LCC Highways and Resident Ryan Bowen. We also note that the convenience store has recently started trading and therefore the application becomes part retrospective! We have concerns about the fire safety aspect of six separate flats in such a relatively small space and would therefore ask that consultation with the fire and rescue service is implemented. We question if an additional change of use is required for the convenience store? Finally we observe that the location plan is wrong in identifying where number two actually is on Smithy Walk!</i>) Action: - Ask Cllr Hesketh and Cllr Gordon to 'call in' the planning application at WLBC 2026/0430/FUL – 192 Moss Lane – Objection noted (<i>such an extensive extension variation to condition 2 on the new conditions needs to be reapplied for through a new planning application. The drawings on the previous planning application number 2024/0046/FUL show as different numbers on this planning application).</i>) Action: - Ask Cllr Hesketh and Cllr Gordon to 'call in' the planning application at WLBC 2026/0450/FUL – 87 Orrell Lane – No objections. 2026/0460/LDC – Barn at Back Moss Lane – No objections. 2026/0436/LDC – 7 Hornby Close – No objections. 2026/0474/FUL – 18 Square Lane – No objections. 2026/0507/FUL – 29 Elm Road – No objections. 2026/0512/LDC – 189 Liverpool Road – No objections.
9.	It was noted that Footpath FP0818109 required some maintenance and cutting back. Action: - Cllr Price to organise the maintenance.
10.	The replacement of road surface on Square Lane from 20th July to 7th August 2026 was noted. Action: - Write to LCC Highways as the diversion is dangerous with HGV's going over weak bridge.
11.	The road closure on New Lane where it merges with Marsh Moss Lane 8th August to the 9th August 2026 was noted.

12.	Any late information. It was noted that as we had previously agreed to work with neighbouring parishes, the Town Council would at its next Planning and Foothpaths meeting discuss Planning application 2026/0527/OUT – Land off Ring’O’Bells, proposal for 80 new homes. Action:- Clerk to ask for an extension. The next meeting date is Wednesday 5th August 2026, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm. Meeting Closed 8:20pm	
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