

Burscough Town Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at Burscough Town Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting at 6pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr B Bailey
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr G Fairclough
 Cllr P Gumus
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr A Jones
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr E Pope
 Cllr N Pollington
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr B Wilson
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Sheila Gill Deputy Clerk

Minutes

32	Welcome The Mayor opened the July meeting, with a warm welcome to resident, County Councillor, Town Councillors and Councillor Jones who was attending her first meeting following her election onto the Town Council, she introduced herself, explained that currently works full time and has been unable to attend some of the previous meetings. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.
33	Apologies Cllr Purple apologies noted.
34	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest Cllr Bailey pecuniary and prejudicial interest item 9 b. Cllr Moss non – pecuniary interest item 13 c.
35	Update on Bobby Langton Way WLBC, confirmed further delays receiving quotes for demolition works. Defer to the August / September meeting, Councillors reported their concerns regarding the seemingly current delays.
36	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 A member of the public reported to the Town Council that funding for the post office in Burscough had been withdrawn, with the staff members being reportedly served their redundancy papers. Cllr Edwards reported that there had been an expectation that all rural post offices would close in the future. All Councillors were concerned about this and other post office closures. Action: - Clerk to write to the post office for an update and ask why a proper consultation has not been done, include Ashley Dalton MP and Cllr Edwards in the correspondence.

37	Cllr Price reported two cases of food being dumped on the field behind Tesco and guttering and roofing materials on New Lane. Action: - Clerk to contact the rural task force regarding fly tipping. To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. <i>(Max 5 mins per Councillor)</i> Cllr Edwards made the following points: - • There had been a public meeting at the scout hut in Lathom regarding the proposed Ring O Bells development, he explained his commitment defending green belt policies within West Lancashire. Cllr Pope reported that unfortunately West Lancashire has a housing supply problem which could allow the development to be granted. • Following the recent unconfirmed news regarding changes to the post office in Burscough, he reported his concern and what impact this may have on businesses in the village and confirmed he would be appealing the post office closure. • Cllr Bailey offered his congratulations for the re-surfacing of road space on Square Lane. Cllr Pope reported that capital monies was put in the budget for this project in 2024. Cllr Jones made the following point: - • Regarding the Ring O Bells proposed development Cllr Jones confirmed she had been in touch with many residents who had raised these proposals with her.
38	To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present. a) The next Police Surgery will be held on the 6th August 2026 7:30pm until 8:30pm and the next 21st August 2026 10am until 11am.
39	To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 17th June 2026 Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 17th June 2026, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.
40	Finance a) The minutes of the Finance working group meeting dated 8th July 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to accept the grant application from Friends of Burscough Station for £1,217.40 for the refurbishment of a telephone kiosk at New Lane train station, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Horsley with 11 votes for, Cllr Bailey left the meeting at this point having declared an interest. c) It was decided there was no requirement to delegate the power of the August payments list to the Finance working group. d) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 15th July 2026, with the addition of Illumindex for £887.22, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed at the meeting as Cllr's Crawford and Price.
41	Traffic and Transport Working Group a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Group dated 7th July 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to agree the letter from Traffic and Transport working group to be sent to network rail following disruptions and lack of service following the

	recent heatwaves, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote. c) It was agreed for Cllr Pollington to contact LCC regarding the Tour de France 2027 cycle route.
42	Newsletter and Publicity Working Group a) The minutes of the Newsletter and Publicity working group dated 22nd June 2026 were noted.
43	Personnel Working Group a) The minutes of the Personnel working group dated 24th June 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to make the amendments to the co-option policy proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote.
44	Street Scene Working Group a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated 30th June 2026 were noted. b) Cllr's Fairclough, Pope and Gumus agreed to join the Street Scene working group, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.
	7.05 Cllr Jones left the meeting. c) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Martin Brennan to replace the cobbles on the Canal Towpath by Mill Lane Car Park, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Gumus with 10 votes for with one abstention. d) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Michael Winnard to clean the telephone kiosks housing the defibrillators, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote. e) It was delegated to Street Scene working group to progress the installation of the flag pole at Booths to a maximum cost of 10K to be taken from the CIL budget, proposed Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote. f) An update was received from Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Wilson following their meeting with Martin Donley from LCC regarding a pedestrian area on the industrial estate. g) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Roofers Northwest Ltd for works to the roof at the Interchange building, to be taken from the CIL budget proposed Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote. h) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Christy plumbing to repair the outside tap and the leak at the staff toilet at the Interchange building, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote. i) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Optimal Air Conditioning to repair the heat/cool unit within room 1, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. j) It was resolved to repair the rocking horse (play equipment – Mere Avenue playground), proposed by Cllr Gumus and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote.
45	Cllr Gumus's Action Plan was withdrawn for further discussion from this meeting with a further action for Cllr Gumus to complete. Action: - Cllr Gumus to provide further documents with clear objectives, actions, projects and resource demands, impact criteria (SMART) and responsibility and timeline to be reported to the Town Council for further consideration.

46	The Town Council responses to the Lancashire Local Transport Plan was noted. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 19th August 2026 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 7:37pm
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