

Burscough Town Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at Burscough Town Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr B Kennedy Deputy Mayor
 Cllr B Bailey
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr G Fairclough
 Cllr N Pollington
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr S Purple
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Sheila Gill Deputy Clerk
 Laura Pilkington Deputy Clerk

Minutes

47	Welcome The Deputy Mayor opened the August meeting, with a warm welcome to resident, County and Borough Councillors and Town Councillors. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.
48	Apologies Cllr's Gumus, Horsley, Jones, Moss, Pope and Wilson apologies noted.
49	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest None.
50	Update on Bobby Langton Way Following correspondence received from WLBC, it was confirmed further delays regarding a legal issue with the sale which related to a matter with the seller's solicitor. WLBC confirmed they would attend the September meeting to provide a face to face update.
51	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 attended the meeting and provided the Town Council with a petition with a number of signatures regarding the closure of the post office in Burscough and adjoining areas. It was raised that a number of disabled residents were having difficulties accessing the services of a post office. The resident was provided with a leaflet regarding support from the Village Agent in the area, this was well received. Action: - Clerk to send a reminder along with the petition to the Post Office.
52	To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor) Cllr Edwards made the following points: - Square Lane resurfacing has been completed, there are a few patch work areas, Cllr Edwards confirmed that he had discussed with LCC highways. There were also a few complaints from neighbours as most of the work was completed during the night. LCC highways have apologised to the residents affected.

53	To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present. a) The Police surgery held on the 6th August 2026 7:30pm until 8:30pm was unattended. The next surgery will be held 21st August 2026 10am until 11am.
54	To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 15th July 2026 Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 15th July 2026, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.
55	Finance a) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 19th August 2026, with the following amendments voucher 173 removed due to course cancellation, voucher 179 electricity usage changed to total amount £91.34 and voucher 187 bank charges £11.35, proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed at the meeting as Cllr's Crawford and Price.
56	Climate Change Working Group a) The minutes of the Orchard Planning meeting dated 17th July 2026 were noted. b) The minutes of the Climate Change working group dated 28th July 2026 were noted. c) It was resolved to agree the answers provided by Climate Change working group for the birds and green space questionnaire, proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. d) It was resolved to update the Climate Change remit to include Friends of Moss Corner, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Pollington.
57	Interchange Working Group a) The minutes of the Interchange working group dated the 29th July 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to dissolve room 2 and room 3 on the room booking system and change to room 2 large meeting room, from the 1st October 2026. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. c) It was resolved to agree an increase in fees from the 1st October 2026 for room 1 to be £12.00 per hour and room 2 large meeting room to £18.00 per hour, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Bailey with a unanimous vote.
58	Street Scene Working Group a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 11th August 2026 were noted. b) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Michael Moore to fully repaint the telephone kiosks at Richmond Avenue, manor Road and outside Purley Pizza, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote. c) It was resolved to delegate to the Deputy Clerk the authority to accept and purchase replacement glass panels up to a maximum of £200 for the telephone kiosk repair on Manor Road, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.

	d) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Michael Moore to repaint 3 benches at the memorial gardens and 1 bench at the wharf car park, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. e) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Les Kirk to repair the light on the clock in the village, proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. f) It was resolved for the Town Council to proceed with an insurance claim for the damage to the bench on Square Lane, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.	
59	The Town Council considered if they would like to make an application for Capital Grant Funding from WLBC. They wanted to find out how much monies were available and what was the maximum amount available on each application. Action: Deputy Clerk (SG) to find out, defer to the next meeting.	
60	The responses from WLBC regarding the recent fly tipping reports were noted. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 16th September 2026 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 8pm	