
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 5th August 2026 at The Interchange Building, Station Approach,
Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

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

Minutes

1.	Welcome. The Chairman opened the August meeting with a warm welcome, to Cllr's Hesketh, Gordan and Ryding. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.	
2.	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Fairclough was noted.	
3.	Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.	
4.	Minutes of previous Meeting of 1st July 2026. The minutes of the 1 st July 2026, were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.	
5.	Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. Cllr Gordon made the following comments: - • He reported that 591 was now the government housing quota for the area. • He provided a hard copy of notes he had taken at a Local Plan Committee meeting to share with this committee. He suggested that this information must be shared with residents – that the housing numbers does not reflex the need for the local area. Action: - Clerk to distribute the electronic version to the Planning and Footpaths Committee, it was also agreed to post on our social media site and website for information. Councillors suggested that this could be also circulated through the Area Committee Cllr Gordon agreed to oversee the distribution. • The Local Plan is due to expire in 2027.	

	Cllr Hesketh made the following comments: - • The Local Government Reorganisation has now been agreed and is moving forward, with Burscough coming under South Lancashire. • Currently there are 72 Councillors in West Lancashire, after the re-organisation there will be 45 Councillors within 15 wards which is a significant change. • There is currently a push forward to create more Parish Councils in the area.	
6.	Adjournment for comments from resident's points of interest. None were in attendance.	
7	Discuss Planning Applications: 2026/0525/FUL – Martin Inn, Martin Lane – No objection noted. 2026/0527/OUT – Land Off Ring O Bells Lane – Ask for a further extension due to outstanding Highways responses, this has been agreed and will be further discussed at our September Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting on 2nd September 2026. 2026/0535/FUL – Beaufort Care Home, High Lane - Ask for a further extension due to outstanding Highways responses, this has been agreed and will be further discussed at our September Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting on 2nd September 2026. 2026/0580/PNH – 58 Red Cat Lane – It was agreed for the Planning Officer to make the decision as the Town Council cannot decide if prior approval is required. 2026/0581/FUL – 58 Red Cat Lane – No objection noted. 2026/0590/FUL – Fairways Red Cat Lane – Objection noted (<i>Burscough Town Council support Highways responses regarding the new vehicular access being located too close to the existing vehicular access, this will limit the distance between to two access points which will lead to conflicting vehicle movement which in turn causes a safety concern whilst accessing the highway</i>).	
8.	2026/0611/LDC – Land South of Four Paddocks – Objection noted (<i>It was noted that concerns were raised that this building has been in position for so many years and not had the relevant planning approval, in our view enforcement should have objected</i>)	
9.	The responses from Public Rights of Way regarding FP0818109 was noted this area has now been cleared for easy access.	
10.	The correspondence from Cllr Gordon and Cllr Hesketh regarding the call in of planning applications 2026/0420/FUL (Lord Street) which is awaiting a relevant cabinet meeting and 2026/0430/FUL (Moss Lane) which was rejected were noted Any late information. None. The next meeting date is Wednesday 2nd September 2026, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm. Meeting Closed 8:20pm	

