Burscough Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Burscough Town Council Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting at 7pm

Present
Cllr D Moss Mayor
Cllr J Crawford
Cllr G Fairclough
Cllr Horsley
Cllr B Kennedy
Cllr B Wilson
Sheila Gill Deputy Clerk
Laura Pilkington Deputy Clerk

Minutes

61	**Welcome** The Mayor opened the September meeting, with a warm welcome to County and Borough Councillors and Town Councillors. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.	
62	**Apologies** Cllr's Gumus, Pope, Pollington and Bailey apologies noted.	
63	**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest** None.	
64	**To receive any issues by members of the public present**. *Members of the public attend the meeting or email the Clerk to bring to attention any concerns. (Max 5 mins each resident)* No members of the public in attendance.	
65	**To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors**. (*Max 5 mins per Councillor)* Cllr Gordon made the following points: - • Borough councillors from October will no longer be able to call in planning applications. • The new National Planning Policy Framework had been forwarded to the Clerk at the request of Cllr Bailey. • Cllr Gordon is keen to offer full support for WLBC and the Town Council to move forward with the proposal of the masterplan on Bobby Langton Way. Cllr Edwards made the following points: - • Lancashire County Council have made a bold move on migration status, however did not explain this further. • Several residents have contacted him regarding the walkways at Rees Park, he is arranging a volunteer group to tidy up the area.	
66	**To receive any updates from the Police**. No Police Present. a) The newsletter for August from Police Commissioner Clive Grunshaw was noted.	

67 **To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting and the confidential Town Council meeting dated 19th August 2026.**

Councillors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. **It was resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting and the confidential Town Council meeting dated 19th August, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.**

68 **Finance**

a) It was resolved to agree an amendment to the ATC 20th May 2026-point 11n 'review standing orders for staff salaries to include employee 13', proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.

b) The motion to agree an amendment to the ATC 20th May 2026-point 11o 'review direct debits for pension payments to include employee 13', was not carried due to the contracted hours of employee 13 being under the threshold for the pension scheme.

c) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 16th September 2026, with the following amendments voucher 215 refuse collection £55.81, voucher 216 electricity usage £73.13, voucher 217 window cleaner £110 and voucher 218 repainting of the telephone boxes £1140.00 proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Horsely with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed at the meeting as Cllr's Crawford and Moss. ***Cllr Kennedy requested it to be noted that the amount £4,041.79 was the charge for the New Lane elections in May 2026.***

69 **Street Scene Working Group**

a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 7th September 2026 were noted.

b) It was agreed to defer until the next meeting to agree to provide funds from the CIL budget to WLBC for the surveys and consultant fees to move forward with the demolition of the Barons Club. It was agreed a fair spilt of funds would be 25% from the Town Council and 75% from WLBC and that an agreement should be signed by both parties proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote.

c) **It was resolved to accept the quotation from Illumidex to provide a 25-26ft real Christmas tree at the memorial gardens proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.**

Action – Cllr Kennedy to draft an agreement to be signed by the Town Council and WLBC for all funds going forward towards Bobby Langton Way.

70 **Civic Events**

a) The minutes of the Civic Events working group meeting dated 7th September 2026 were noted.

71 **Traffic and Transport**

a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport working group meeting 8th September 2026 were noted.

72 The responses from the Post Office regarding the recent closure were noted.

73 The two correspondence documents regarding the Local Government Re-organisation were noted.

74	The resignation of Miss Jones from the Town Council were noted. The next meeting of the Town Council will be on Wednesday 21st October 2026 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 7.45pm	