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

Present
Cllr Bailey Chairman
Cllr Price Vice Chair
Cllr Kennedy
Cllr Pope
Jackie Maguire Clerk
Laura Pilkington Deputy Clerk

Minutes

1.	**Welcome.** The Chairman opened the October meeting with a warm welcome. He noted the fire evacuation procedure. It was also noted that Cllr Body had been invited to attend this meeting following defamation of the Town Council on the West Lancashire Reform Facebook pages but failed to attend.	
2.	**Apologies for Absence.** Cllr's Crawford, Horsley and Moss - noted.	
3.	**Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest.** None.	
4.	**Minutes of previous Meeting of 2nd September 2026.** The minutes of the 2nd September 2026, were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.	
5.	**Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors.** Cllr Gordon made the following comments: - • Cllr Gordon confirmed that the planning application 2025/0548/FUL – Methodist Church and planning application 2025/0726/FUL Ramages had both been refused planning permission at WLBC planning committee. Planning application 2026/0678/FUL Orrell Lane had been deferred due to confusion with the nursery being open for day care and no one hour sessions as first disclosed. • It was noted WLBC Councillors can no longer 'call in' that fit the criteria of planning schedule 1 and planning schedule 2 and can only make representations to the allocated Planning Officer and the Chairman of the Committee.	

6.	**Adjournment for comments from resident's points of interest.** None were in attendance.	
7	**Discuss Planning Applications:** 2026/0771/FUL – 17 Liverpool Road South – No objection noted. 2026/0776/FUL – 13 Gower Gardens – Objection Noted (*The proposed development represents an excessive level of development in relation to the size and character of the property and its surrounding area.* *The proposal would result in the property exceeding what would reasonably be considered an appropriate scale and footprint for the site. The increased built form would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the property and the surrounding area.* *The development should be assessed not only in isolation, but in the context of the existing built environment and the cumulative impact of development in the immediate vicinity.* *There are significant concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed development on surface-water drainage and foul water flooding in the area.* *Flooding and drainage issues are already a concern locally, and these concerns are not merely theoretical. The neighbouring property has experienced flooding/drainage problems.* *Increasing the developed and impermeable area of the site could result in additional surface-water runoff and place further pressure on the existing drainage infrastructure. Therefore, the application should be subject to a thorough assessment of its impact on surface-water drainage and flood risk before any decision is made.* *Consideration should be given to whether the existing drainage system has sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional development and whether the proposal could divert or increase water flows towards neighbouring properties with a potential to displace or provide a concentration of surface water.* *Would the Planning Authority seek appropriate evidence from the applicant regarding: Existing and proposed site drainage; The increase in impermeable surface area; The likely increase in surface-water runoff; The capacity of the existing drainage system; The potential impact on neighbouring properties; How surface water will be managed during periods of heavy rainfall; and whether the development would increase flood risk elsewhere.)* 2026/0785/PNH – Rossindale, Warpers Moss Lane – No objection noted.	
8.	It was noted that Castle Green Homes Ltd had been invited to attend the November Planning and Footpaths Committee to provide a presentation in relation to proposals for 160 homes on the Yew Tree Farm development at Yew Tree farm – phase 5.	
9.	The road closure on Liverpool Road South from Junction Lane to the junction on Chancel Way from the 5th – 9th October 2026 was noted, it was also noted that Cllr Abbott had raised a concern that the diversion goes through Southport.	
10.	The temporary prohibition of through traffic on part of footpaths FP0814044 and FP0818136 from the 12th September 2026 for 6 weeks was noted.	
11.	Late Information Planning application 2026/0734/OUT land west of High Lane with 375 homes was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote that Burscough Town Council would like to make comments it was agreed to schedule on the next Town Council agenda for further discussions. Next meeting Wednesday 4th November 2026 at the Interchange Building starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 7.53pm	