
Burscough Town Council Meeting
held via Video Conferencing (Zoom) on Wednesday 10th February 2021 starting at
7pm

Present

Cllr B Kennedy Chairman
Cllr R Bell
Cllr J Crawford
Cllr Dereli
Cllr D Moss
Cllr C Ryley
Cllr K Schofield
Cllr J Taylor
Cllr J Tribe
Mrs J Maguire Clerk
Mrs S Gill Deputy Clerk

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| 250. | <u>Welcome</u>
The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Councillors, residents and Borough Councillor. It was agreed to move Network Rail Consultation on Train Services into Manchester up the agenda. |
| 251. | <u>Apologies</u>
Apologies were received from Cllr's Bailey and Booth; these were accepted by the Councillors present at the meeting. |
| 252. | <u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</u>
Cllr Crawford item 14 on the agenda. |
| 253. | <u>Network Rail Consultation on Train Services into Manchester</u>
Cllr Bell gave a brief overview regarding the public consultation addressing the performance of the network into Manchester (including associated stations) and time delays with linking train networks. It was noted that OPSTA had done a number of surveys and discussed with passengers their views regarding this route and were asking for support from Parish / Town Councils in West Lancashire to respond to this consultation. Cllr Crawford commented at the meeting that people with disabilities can be inhibited whilst travelling and more is needed to be done to support their needs in the future.
It was resolved for Cllr Bell to provide a response on behalf of the Town Council to be circulated before submission. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote. |

254.	<p><u>Previous Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 20th January 2021</u> Cllr's received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that minutes of the full Town Council Meeting dated 20th January 2021, were approved. These were proposed by Cllr Ryley and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote to be duly signed by the Chairman when he next attends the Town Council Offices. (Coronavirus Act 2020)</p>
255.	<p><u>Co-Option</u> It was resolved to co-opt N Pollington (Ellerbrook Ward) onto the Town Council this was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Bell with a unanimous vote.</p>
256.	<p><u>Presentation Sophie Moeng Consultation Manager Network Rail</u> Network Rail presentation, Sophie Moeng introduced herself to the Town Council Borough Councillor and resident. It was noted that this was her second presentation to the Town Council. The purpose being to update the Town Council on progress made so far regarding consultation to alterations at the Crabtree Lane Crossing, to permanently close to all vehicles and install a new pedestrian crossing. She informed the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation start date was on schedule to start on the 15th February 2021. • Brochures regarding the proposals had been sent out to residents within 1km radius of the Crabtree Lane Crossing. • Posters had been installed at either side of Crabtree Lane Crossing providing information. • The dedicated email in box address was now in operation for comments from residents. shawsandcrabtree@networkrail.co.uk • The dedicated website www.networkrail.co.uk was now operational. • There would be plans if agreed following the consultation process to clear the entrance to footpath FP 8-18-123, add a turning area after authorisation from land owners, installation of crash bollards, double yellow lines laid and compensatory planting. <p>The Chairman thanked Sophie Moeng for her attendance and keeping the Town Council informed.</p> <p>8:13pm Cllr Schofield joined the meeting. 8:15pm Cllr Bell left the meeting.</p>
257.	<p><u>Comments from Borough and County Councillors</u> Cllr Pope commented:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the Network Rail consultation on train services into Manchester, he requested a copy of the comments with regard objections from the Town Council and suggested circulating to all the Parish Councils.

He also reported to the Town Council: -

- Highways have plans to start the usual road repairs from March 2021.
- Marking of new cycle paths have been identified within the Burscough and Ormskirk area and were now available.

258. To receive any issues raised by members of the public.

Under the provisions of Section 78 of The Coronavirus Act 2020 England and Wales Regulations 2020, meetings can be held on Video Conferencing. Members of the public can join by following the link on the published agenda or emailing the Clerk in order to bring any issues to the attention of the Town Council.

- A Burscough resident attended the meeting to listen to the Network Rail presentation. He also spoke briefly about the telephone kiosk on the A59 in the Village, as this is currently on the Street Scene agenda it was suggested that he joined this particular meeting. **Action: - Clerk to send a link to the meeting and agenda.**

259. Finance

- The following payments were approved at the meeting of 10th February 2021. (proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Schofield. It was formally noted that the Chairman and the Clerk would authorise the online payments.

Month 11					
Folio Ref	Payee	Reference	Description	Online/SO/DD	Amount
181	NRE Surveyors	D10886	Office Lease (February 2021)	SO	475.00
182	People's Pension (B&CE Holdings Ltd)	01 February 2021	Pension	DD	549.10
183	Employee 8	January 2021	Salary	SO	737.50
184	Employee 7	January 2021	Salary	SO	1644.61
185	HMRC	428PH001266512110	NI and Tax	On line	656.43
186	T & CA Ainscough	5177	Crabtree Lane drainage works	On line	3360.00
187	Employee 7	Zoom	1 month's Zoom subscription for Council business	On line	14.39
Total for month					£7,437.03

260. Drainage Scheme - Crabtree Lane

The Chairman updated the Council by informing that the work was now 90% complete. We are currently waiting access for a pipe to go under the road surface from Lancashire County Council. It was noted that the recent heavy rain had prevented flooding in the houses on Crabtree Lane and the residents had noted their appreciation for the work that had been undertaken.

Councillors present at the meeting voiced their congratulations, diligence and hard work to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Gordan Anderson, Gavin Rattray and all those involved in the scheme.

261. Adopt a Kiosk

- a) It was noted that the Richmond Avenue application to BT is still being

processed, from our original application in March 2019.

262. Traffic Resilience

- a) The minutes of the Traffic Resilience Working Group dated 10th December 2020 were noted. Cllr Dereli asked for traffic issues to be factored into any updates to the Neighbourhood Plan.

263. Corporate & Environmental Overview & Security Committee

- a) It was noted that unfortunately our suggestion had not been taken forward. This Committee had agreed to further action climate emergency which will encompass creation / designation of hedgehog and wildlife areas within parks and gardens across the borough.

264. Litter Picking

- a) It was noted that the 45th Scout Group had worked with the Canal and River Trust and now keep stretches of the Canal free from litter. **Action: - Clerk to contact this group and brownies, guides and cubs and inform them of the Grant Policy Scheme.**

265. Alleged Assault on a Town Councillor by a Burscough Property Developer

- a) **It was resolved to respond to the recent correspondence from Clive Grunshaw – Police Commissioner. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Crawford. Action: - Cllr Crawford and Clerk to work together to respond.**

266. Respectful Memory Tribute to Sir Tom Moore

It was noted that the flag at the Memorial Garden had been replaced and raised to half-mast in respectful memory of Sir Tom Moore. Councillors present thanked Cllr Moss for organising the tribute.

Next Town Council Meeting 10th March 2021 starting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Under the provisions of Section 78 of The Coronavirus Act 2020, and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the meeting of Burscough Town Council will be held by electronic communication at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

