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**Burscough Town Council**  
Planning and Footpaths Committee  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Burscough Village Primary School started at 7pm

Present

Cllr Bailey            Chairman  
Cllr Crawford  
Cllr Horsley  
Cllr Ryley  
Jackie Maguire    Clerk

**MINUTES**

1.	<p>Welcome. The Chairman opened the meeting with warm welcome, to the July 2022 Planning and Footpaths meeting and welcomed residents who were in attendance.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence. Cllr B Kennedy and these were accepted.</p>
3.	<p>Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.</p>
4.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were proposed by the Cllr Ryley and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.</p>
5.	<p>Adjournment for Comments from West Lancashire Borough Council. None.</p>
6.	<p>Adjournment for Residents Points of Interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents attended the meeting to speak about planning application number 2022/0580/FUL. It was noted by the Town Council that the resident raised a number of issues of concern regarding the proposals for a new long house at Martin Mere. These were: - removal of 13/17 trees in the proposed location, basin and culverts provided drainage from the northside but as some of the culverts had been removed this now effects residents' drainage on Fish Lane, noise for extended periods which can be heard inside properties in the area and adjacent public footpath diverted because Martin Mere claimed this was causing disturbance to the wild life.</li></ul>
7.	<p>Comments from Burscough Flood Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported that the Flood Risk Management Report provided with the documentation for application number 2022/0580/FUL should be written by a competent person. They also supported the points raised above.</li></ul>
8.	<p>Consider Planning Applications. Application 2022/0580/FUL was moved forward up the agenda to enable public discussion.</p> <p>2022/0580/FUL – The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust: The Town Council objected and raised the following points. <i>The application identifies that the proposed site lies within a designated flood zone 3 and that the area has flooded in the past. The transpiration rate of a single tree is within a scale of three to four</i></p>

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*thousand litres/day taking the lower rate, this equates to thirty-nine thousand litres/day, a significant loss of ground and surface water removal in an area of high risk for flooding, and therefore the claim that removal would not increase such risk is incorrect! National Planning Policy, in broad terms, requires any development should not create or add to any existing problems. Removal of these trees will create further flooding both on and off site. It is also noted, with concern, about the Flood Risk Assessment not being prepared by an independent consultant, considering the flood risk involved. The adjacent public footpath was diverted because of claims, by Martin Mere, that walkers/ hikers were causing disturbance to the wildfowl which doesn't exactly equate to what they are now proposing to do! We fully support MWLBG with their requirement for the recommended surveys to be undertaken, with regard to the existing round house. As a designated SSSI site it seems to be moving away from the original concept of conservation in that activities that have been introduced are in contrast and have led to increased noise emanating from the site, to the detriment of immediate neighbours. This proposal can only add to that!*

2022/0595/FUL – 6 Ellerbrook Drive: No objection.

2022/0597/FUL – 1 Delph Drive: No objection

2022/0555/FUL – Back Moss Farm: No objection, *The Town Council noted their support.*

2022/0529/LDC – Four, The Paddock, Flax Lane: Objection, *there is concern from the Town Council that additions to this property have remained unchecked since 2007, which further exceeds the 10-year period. We have also seen logs being sold at the curb side and we would question home produced meat for sale on the roadside. It was noted there was no adequate space to pull in from the road.*

2022/0551/FUL – 24 Chapel Lane: No objection.

9. Urgent Planning Matters

2021/0588/FUL – Martin Lane Farm: Support, *Burscough Town Council are in support of this application and are in support of thriving businesses.*

10 Footpath Matters.

- a) The response from Lancashire County Council regarding footpath numbers FP118 and FP119 were noted.
- b) It was noted that the footpath from Moss Nook to Crabtree Lane had been cleared by an unknown member of the public.
- c) The field that has been obstructed by a farmer on the footpath Red Cate Lane to Crabtree Lane had been reported to the Public Rights of Way office within Lancashire County Council.
- d) It was noted to enable members of the public to report overgrown pathways, adverts had been placed on the website, social media and newsletter publication providing contact details.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting – Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at Martland Mill Conference Room. Mart Lane starting at 2pm.





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