

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at Burscough Village Primary School,
Colburne Close starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr B Kennedy Chairman
Cllr J Crawford
Cllr C Dereli
Cllr J Horsley
Cllr D Moss
Cllr E Ouko
Cllr N Pollington arrived 7:10
Cllr M Price
Cllr G Sargent
Mrs J Maguire Clerk
Mrs S Gill Deputy Clerk/RFO

MINUTES

81.	<u>Welcome</u> The Chairman opened the November meeting with a warm welcome, this also included Borough Councillors, County Councillor and residents.
82.	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr's Bailey and Teeling.
83.	<u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Kennedy pecuniary interest on item 8 folio reference 159 on the agenda• Cllr Sargent non-pecuniary interest on item 12 on the agenda.• Cllr Pollington non-pecuniary interest on item 12 on the agenda.
84.	<u>To receive any issues raised by members of the public</u> A member of the public suggested the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regarding item 12 on the agenda, would it be possible to look at adding some surveillance equipment in the Stanley Court car park? Cllr Kennedy informed that it would be a better option for WLBC to install.
85.	<u>Comments from Borough and County Councillors</u> Cllr's Burnside and Owen made the following comments: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There needs be further broader evidence with multiple complaints from residents living in the area around Stanley Court car park. Cllr Ouko asked what was the threshold of complaints that needed to be made before anything could be done? It was confirmed by

the Councillors present that the police would inform of this.

Action: - Clerk to write to Inspector Bent and Deputy Police Commissioner Andy Pratt. Councillors were informed that there had been 109 reports over the last 18 months.

- Crucial to log all incidents with the Police and to have a crime number rather than an incident number.
- Cllr Burnside reported that officers from WLBC had attended the area in the daytime but as suspected there were no incidents to report.

County Councillor Pope

Reported the following: - the Clerk confirmed that she had received a letter from Lancashire County Council regarding a proposal for Hydrobrake Chamber, return manhole and pressure relief column in association with proposed retention tank located at Yew Tree Farm, Higgins Lane development. Cllr Pope informed that he would call it in if required by the Town Council. **Action: - Clerk to inform the Planning & Footpaths Committee and ask for an extension to the closing date.**

Councillor Owen

- Requested information from the Town Council regarding the tree by the Bakers and Barbers at the Tale of Burscough point of interest. It was noted that this tree in the square had allegedly caused some damage to the foundations of the Bakers. Cllr Kennedy informed that this tree and all the trees in the village are the responsibility of WLBC and it was part of a project funded from grants sourced and project managed by WLBC.

Councillor Fowler

- Informed that a new Officer (Mr Gregory) had been appointed with the hope that things will move forward on Bobby Langton Way, with more parking being made available. Town Councillors reported that a group of representatives had met with Mr Gregory in the summer asking at a minimum the barriers would be removed.

Councillor Clandon

- Reported that three additional bins had been installed in Burscough, one at Top Locks and two at the Cenotaph. The Litter Pickers were in the process of targeting schools to inform pupils about the problems with litter. The Chairman offered to donate some of his allowance to the 'Litter Pickers'.

86.

Police Report

None were present.

87. Previous Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 12th October 2022
 Cllrs received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. **It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council Meeting dated 12th October 2022, were approved.** These were proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote to be duly signed by the Chairman.

88 Finance

- a) Minutes of the Finance Working Group of 26th October 2022 were noted.
- b) The payment for the full settlement of the account less the retention fee from CBES Contractors, which is scheduled on the payments list was noted.
- c) The 2nd ½ of the precept funds and CIL monies received from WLBC was noted.
- d) The ½ year budget and budget predictions had been reviewed by the Finance Working Group were noted.
- e) It was requested by Cllr Pollington that the Finance and Capital Projects Working Groups would look at available budget and CIL monies and possible projects worthy of spend for discussion at December's meeting
- f) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 9th November 2022 proposed by Cllr Hosley and seconded by Cllr Crawford. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Crawford and Moss.

**Month 8 - Approved
 November 2022**

Folio Reference	Payee	Reference	Description	Online /SO/D D	Amount
138	Alpha Business Products	INV 67964	Photocopier Usage to 30/09/2022	On Line	68.75
139	Sounds Good Ltd	INV000418	PA System re Armistice day & Remembrance Parade	On Line	250.00
140	NRE Surveyors	D12256	Office lease (November 2022)	SO	525.00
141	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2064	Repair of damaged grass mat at Mere Ave - Zip Wire	On Line	126.00
142	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2066	Playground equipment repair as per Inspection reports	On Line	570.00
143	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2065	Playground Inspection 22.10.22 - Mere Ave	On Line	25.00
144	People's Pension (B&CE Holdings Ltd)	25/10/2022	Pension re October Salaries 2022	DD	585.03

1	4		Salary	Salary re October 2022 paid		
5	Employee 07	October 2022	2022	November2022	SO	1,758.01
1	4		Salary	Salary re October 2022 paid		
6	Employee 08	October 2022	2022	November2022	SO	792.52
1	4		428PH0012	Tax & NI period ending 05/11/2022	On Line	713.90
7	HMRC	6651				
1	4		Chairman	Fountain Replacement	on line	50.00
8	Methodist Church	Allow				
1	4		INV 3141	Installation of Xmas lights in Village & on tree	On Line	2,106.00
9	Illumidex UK Ltd					
1	5		INV 3139	Emergency work to replace faulty electrical boxes in 4 hornbeam trees	On Line	192.00
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1	5		INV 3140	Storage, Testing, disposal & Admin re old electrical xmas items	On Line	1,636.80
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1	5		INV 3138	Tree lighting project - lights in 4x Hornbeam trees in village	On Line	3,380.40
2	Illumidex UK Ltd					
1	5		S1224463	Interchange Building works schedule completed (less retention £6,671.24)	On Line	312,213.83
3	CBES Ltd					
1	5		132	Summer watering	On Line	1,831.50
4	M Winnard Landscapes					
1	5		Poppy Wreath	3 x Poppy Wreaths	On Line	60.00
5	Royal British Legion					
1	5		Expenses	Zoom fees and Sympathy card & flowers	Online	26.89
6	Employee 7					
1	5		Licence	Festive Lighting	online	70.00
7	Lancashire County Council					
1	5		B Kennedy	Ink for Printer	online	10.50
9	Expenses					
Total for month						£326,992.13

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Civic Events

- a) The Ringtail Service at Ringtail Memorial will be held on the 11th November 2022 arrival 10:30am, service starts at 10:45am was noted.
- b) The Service of Remembrance Parade starts from Lord Street on Sunday 13th November 2022 forming at 1:15pm setting off at 1:30pm was noted, all Councillors were encouraged to attend where possible.

90.

Interchange Building

- a) The minutes of the Interchange Building Working Group of 31st October 2022 were noted.
- b) **It was resolved to accept the quotation for the external doors to be serviced at the Interchange Building**, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.
- a) **It was resolved to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to accept and sign the deed of variation on the lease agreement,**

	<p>proposed Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to accept the additional Solicitors fees up to 3K, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Moss, with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>c) It was resolved accept the quotation for an EPC survey on the Interchange Building, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley, with a unanimous vote.</p>
91	<p><u>BNP and WLLP Stage 2 / Stage 3 and Complaint to the ICO</u></p> <p>a) Letter noted from the ICO dated the 14th October 2022.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to send the draft letter provided to the meeting to the ICO for comment.</p> <p>c) Action: - Clerk to write again to Paul Charlson regarding the outstanding second opinion on legal advice previously requested.</p>
92	<p><u>Anti -Social Behaviour at Stanley Court Car Park</u></p> <p>a) Information was noted regarding the original planning application for the Wharf.</p> <p>b) Councillors present discussed the way forward to de-escalate the anti-social behaviours; it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Police to find out the threshold for complaints in certain areas. Action: - Clerk. Possible installation of CCTV in the area was also discussed. Cllr Owens offered to organise a petition and would liaise with Cllr Sargent.</p>
93	<p><u>Consultation Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information provided was discussed. Action: - Clerk to respond and provide the following comments: - • <i>Concern that investment zones would be unwelcome in our area in respect of particularly the removal and slackening of planning law as well as workforce rights in which case it becomes levelling down.</i> • <i>This could cause danger to Farmers and the environment.</i> • <i>We are concerned that essentially the idea is to level up but are the relaxations of certain aspects actually mean levelling down.</i> • <i>There was concern that the levelling down could mean big changes to planning applications not going through the correct processes and developers having more autonomy to build large developments with not a proper consultation process being adhered to.</i> • <i>We are very mindful that could affect pay and conditions of workforce and what we require are well trained workers who can achieve proper payment for the jobs they do.</i> • <i>We want a good and reliable Health Service / train service.</i>
94	<p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Dereli, did not raise any points for the Town Council to discuss.</p>
95	<p><u>Merseyrail- Ormskirk to Preston</u></p> <p>Cllr Pollington requested that the Town Council write to Merseyrail to ascertain plans to take electrifying lines from Burscough to Liverpool City Centre without the need to change at Ormskirk. Action: - Clerk.</p>

96	It was noted by the Town Council that there had been an attempted break in at the garage lockup. The Clerk informed that she had organised work to re-secure.
97	<p><u>Telephone Kiosks</u></p> <p>Councillors present at the meeting were informed by the Clerk that the telephone kiosks were in situ at Manor Road and Richmond Avenue as of 24th October 2022, arrangements were in place for defibrillators to be linked into the electrical system.</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.25pm</p> <p>The next Town Council meeting will be held at Burscough Village Primary School, Colbourne Close, on Wednesday 14th December 2022 starting at 7pm.</p>