
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 18th January 2023 at Burscough Village Primary School, Colburne
Close starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr Bailey Chairman
Cllr Crawford
Cllr Kennedy
Cllr Price
Cllr Sargent
Jackie Maguire Clerk

Minutes

1.	Welcome. The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the January 2023 Planning and Footpaths Committee meeting.
2.	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Horsley – Accepted.
3.	Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. Cllr Crawford – McCarthy Stone resident's point. Non-pecuniary interest Cllr Sargent – Item 11 on the agenda. Non-pecuniary interest.
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 7th December 202 The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were proposed by the Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.
5.	Adjournment for comments from West Lancashire Borough Council. None
6.	Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. None
7.	Adjournment for Residents Points of Interest. A resident in attendance reported that he had conducted a survey on gully's on Orrell lane and reported that the majority of the gully's were flowing well apart from the gully's found near the drive way of no 83 and 85 which then returns to the existing culvert. Action: - Clerk to request an update. Further discussion regarding the culvert coming from the Universal Bulk handling site continued and all were in agreement that this culvert should be kept flowing, questions were raised as to if the developer had indeed done any work to repair / check the flow. Action: - Clerk to email the enforcement officer to check if investigative work had been carried out, had there been any repair work done and how the excess water on the site was being managed. A resident in attendance asked the Committee, if there had been any updates to the Red Cat Lane planning application? The Committee confirmed that we had not had any recent information, but had sent a reminder email It was also noted that WLBC had refused to disclose their 3 rd opinion on the two sets of legal advice Action: - Clerk to ask again for the information. Residents also noted they had not received any request to speak forms and knew that the proposed development

	<p>would not be discussed at the January 2023 WLBC Planning meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that Steven Faulkner Planning Manager at WLBC had attended a recent LALC meeting and had provided information with regard to having staffing difficulties and had lost a great number of experienced staff in the department.</p> <p>Another resident offered his support and confirmed he would make comments with regard to the Licensing Application at Unit 14 in the Wharf.</p> <p>8. Comments Burscough Flood Group The Flood Group drew attention to sharing of information and that no plans should be approved until all the issues have been resolved. This doesn't appear to have been the case with the development at Universal Bulk handling.</p> <p>9. Consider Planning Applications:</p> <p>2022/1272/NMA - Former Universal Bulk Handling – Objection noted. <i>There are current problems with the site that has previously reported to you regarding the culvert which has possibly been damaged or is blocked as this issue is causing flooding in Orrell Lane we would recommend that no further work is completed until this issue is resolved. We would also suggest that an inspector visits site at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p>2022/1159/FUL – DS Smith – No objection noted.</p> <p>2022/1298/FUL – 75 Mill Lane – No objection noted.</p> <p>10. Red Cat Lane It was noted as previously stated there was no further information and our comments remain unpublished on WLBC portal. It was suggested that our comments are put on Burscough Town Councils website Action: - Clerk.</p> <p>11. License Application Unit 14 Wharf The License application for Unit 14 was noted which has been requested for Unit 14 in Burscough Wharf, the request is to extend the license until 2am Monday through until Sunday, and until 8am on New Year's Day. This caused concern as anti-social behaviour reported to the police, Borough Council and Management of the Wharf remains unresolved. A councillor reported that the Wharf is a heritage area for all of the community to enjoy and received funding from English Heritage and the lottery, is a historical building with historical features. It was agreed to make an objection to the license regarding the extension of the timings of the licence. Action: - Cllr Crawford and the Clerk to work together to formulate a response. Two members of staff also requested to speak at this point and although they were not permitted the Chairman agreed to hear their comments. They reported they were unhappy with the content of the facebook page and suggested there had been no anti-social behaviour around the area of the wharf.</p> <p>Urgent Planning and Footpath matters raised by the Chairman The Chairman noted that we need to be consulted automatically and would like to see more open and transparent information being shared with ourselves from the Borough Council. He requested information regarding conditions placed on planning application with the hope of sharing with Burscough Flood Group.</p> <p>Meeting closed 8:15pm</p>
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Date of next meeting 8th February 2023 at Burscough Village Primary School, Colburne Close starting at 7pm.

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