

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 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
Cllr M Price
Cllr G Sargent
Mrs J Maguire Clerk
Mrs S Gill Deputy Clerk/RFO

MINUTES

115.	<u>Welcome</u> The Chairman opened the first meeting of the New Year with a warm welcome, this included Councillors, Borough Councillors, County Councillor and residents.
116.	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr's Bailey and Burns were accepted.
117.	<u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</u> None.
118.	<u>To receive any issues raised by members of the public</u> A resident raised the point that there had been recent flooding on Crabtree Lane, he confirmed he had attended and provided a sand bag defence. He asked the Town Council if they had any further updates from Lancashire Council Highways and the promise of 4 new gullies to connect to a storm drain. Action:- Cllr Kennedy to contact Martin Donley. The resident informed also that the Farmer had swept the road without any prompting and residents noted that they were grateful of this action.
119	<u>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors</u> Cllr Pope: - Offered his help regarding new gullies and asked to be copied into any emails. He also reported that Lancashire County highways were looking into the line-of-sight problem on Crabtree Lane, which had already been reported by the Town Council.

Cllr Owen: - Reported that there is funding available from WLBC through the 'Shop Front Town and Village Plan' this could provide opportunities to business in the area. Town Councillors agreed and requested further information.

Cllr Clandon: - Was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email of which the Chairman read to all those in attendance. These points were raised: - No further information available regarding the proposed Red Cat Lane development. The Barons club owner is still trying to resolve his differences with WLBC over the long-term future of the Barons. He also reported to the police vandalism to the property. There has been great concern over possible toxic waste on the development off Abbey Lane, the planning department has been contacted. There has been a report of loud music coming from behind the flats at the Quays, which is now resolved. Burscough Litter Pickers final bag count for the year was 1001

120 Police Report

None were present.

121 Previous Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 14th December 2023

Cllrs received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. **It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council Meeting dated 14th December 2023, were approved.** These were proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote to be duly signed by the Chairman.

122 Finance

- a) The minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting on the 4th January 2023 were noted.
- b) It was resolved to increase the Chairman's allowance to £500 per annum, proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. (The Chairman abstained)**
- c) It was resolved to agree the changes to the Members Expenses and Remuneration Policy, proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.**
- d) It was resolved to accept the draft budget 2023/2024 proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote and duly signed by the Chairman.**
- e) It was resolved to accept the Precept calculation of £39.08 based on a Band D property in Burscough, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote and duly signed by the Chairman.**
- f) It was resolved to make an application for Capital Funding 2023/24 from WLBC for furniture and a media screen for the Interchange Building, proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Moss with a unanimous vote.**

- g) It was resolved to appoint Anthony Deegan as internal auditor for 2022/23, proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Moss with a unanimous vote.
- h) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 11th January 2023 proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Crawford and Moss.

Month 10 - Approved January 2023

Folio Ref		Payee	Reference	Description	Online/SO /DD	Amount
186	15/12/2022	Key Financial Associates(John Halbert)	Xmas Comp (1)	1st Prize in the Christmas Window Competition 2022	Chq 300017	150.00
187	15/12/2022	Profile Hair Studio	Xmas Comp (2)	2nd Prize in the Christmas Window Competition 2022	Chq 300018	75.00
188	19/12/2022	NRE Surveyors	D12387	Office lease (January 2023)	SO	525.00
189	01/01/2023	People's Pension (B&CE Holdings Ltd)	20/12/2022	Pension re December Salaries 2022	DD	621.53
190	01/01/2023	Employee 8	Salary December 2022	Salary re December 2022 paid January 2023	SO	844.87
191	01/01/2023	Employee 7	Salary December 2022	Salary re December 2022 paid January 2023	SO	1,838.91
192	01/01/2023	HMRC	428PH00126651	Tax & NI period ending 05/01/2023	On Line	798.97
193	19/12/2022	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2087	Playground Inspection 16.12.22 - Mere Ave	On Line	30.00
194	04/01/2023	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2090	SPIDS Mill Ln & Red Cat Ln 30/09/2022 - 23/12/2022	On Line	561.60
195	04/01/2023	Yates Playgrounds Ltd	INV-2089	SPIDS New Lane 30/09/22-23/12/22	On Line	390.00
196	13/11/2022	Banks Brass Band	PO 159 BTC	Remembrance Service band	Chq 300019	300.00
197	30/11/2022	Alpha Business Products	Inv 69248	Photocopier Usage 30/11/22	On Line	86.08
198	31/12/2022	Alpha Business Products	Inv 69444	Photocopier service contract (30/12/22 -29/01/23)	On Line	12.00
199	03/01/2022	Traidcraft (E Hawksby)	BTC Mtg 14/12/22	Fairtrade Refreshments served at FTC Mtg 14/12/2022	On Line	11.55
200	08/11/2022	Defib Machines	Inv 64247	Annual Charge for Defib machine O/side Purely Pizza	On Line	464.28
201	08/11/2022	Defib Machines	Inv 64248	Annual Charge for Defib cabinet O/side Purely Pizza	On Line	438.00
202	01/01/2023	Grenke Leasing Ltd	Inv 61653/2023	Photocopier lease 01/01/2023-31/03/2023	On Line	159.84
203	02/12/2022	Elliot's Electrical Contractors Ltd	Inv 4339	Hire of security barriers for removal of kiosks for refurbishment(Manor & Richmond)	On Line	1,307.18
204	02/12/2022	Elliot's Electrical Contractors Ltd	Inv 4340	Disconnect & reconnect electrics for Defib's at Richmond & Manor	On Line	2,152.04
205	04/01/2023	Images of Burscough (Michael Dawson)	Grant	Additional grant funding re Blue Plaques price increase from original grant	On Line	372.49
206	04/01/2023	Derian House (Purely Pizza)	Donation	Donation on behalf of Purely Pizza for the use of their electricity for the defibs	Chq 300020	25.00
207	08/12/2022	Burscough Litter Pickers (George Clandon)	Donation	Donation from the chairman's allowance to Burscough Litter Pickers towards their insurance	On Line	150.00
208	04/01/2023	Employee 07	Expenses	January'23 Zoom expenses & calendar for office	On Line	24.39
209	05/01/2023	Ace Shelters	Inv 1492	Removal of damaged bus shelter (A59 by Platts Lane)	On Line	420.00
Total for month						£11,758.73

- 123 Interchange Building
- a) The Chairman informed Councillors present that Network Rail had signed their part of the agreement on the 20th December 2022. Arrangements will now be made to move into the building, the Clerk informed telephone and internet access had been ordered. WLBC had informed that they owned some of the spaces on the car park. **Action: - Clerk to find out further information with regard to the possibility of leasing.** Councillors thanked the Chairman and the Clerk for all the work they have done reaching an agreement regarding the lease of the Interchange Building with Network Rail and Lancashire County Council.

- 124 Land Bounded by Liverpool Road South, Burscough
- a) Response noted from WLBC regarding land bounded by Abbey Lane.
 - b) **Action: - Clerk to contact the environmental agency.**

- 125 Climate Change
- a) Cllr Dereli, informed that Fair Trade requires new engagement, this doesn't stop us being a Fair-Trade Council.
 - b) Cllr Derelli suggested to those present her thoughts around Credit Unions it was further agreed to invite a member of Credit Unions to speak at a future meeting.
 - c) Cllr Derelli also made a suggestion once the booking system for room space is available to look at the possibility of providing space to meet regarding Green Issues.

- 126 Merseyrail- Ormskirk to Preston
- a) The response from the Executive Director Place – Merseytravel was noted.
 - b) Cllr Pollington informed there was a potential to expand the network from Burscough to Liverpool City Centre. **Action: - Clerk to invite Tony Killen to a future meeting to discuss future plans as mentioned in the response letter.**

Meeting closed 8:42pm

The next Town Council meeting will be held at Burscough Village Primary School, Colbourne Close, on Wednesday 8th February 2023 starting at 7pm.


