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**Planning and Footpaths Committee**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at The Interchange Building, Station**  
**Approach, Burscough starting at 7pm**

Present

Cllr Bailey Chairman  
Cllr Bradley  
Cllr Kennedy  
Cllr Sheedy  
Cllr Purple  
Sheila Gill Deputy Clerk/RFO

**Minutes**

1.	<b>Welcome.</b> The Chairman opened the September meeting with a warm welcome to all present. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> Cllr's Crawford, Horsley and Williams– accepted. Cllr Price sent apologies but due to computer break down they were not received in time for the meeting
3.	<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest.</b> None.
4.	<b>Minutes of previous Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.</b> The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting dated 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2024, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Sheedy with a unanimous vote.
5	<b>Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Gordon: - enquired if any ramblers association's were active in Burscough because he had questions regarding the footpaths – he was directed to use LCC Prow website for information</li><li>• Cllr Hesketh: - Confirmed that Laura Connolly was the WLBC Officer in charge of the Linear Path Project, he has been told that original costings for the path are out of date and another consultant has been appointed, and reports should be in by the end of this month.</li></ul>
6	<b>Adjournment for Residents Points of Interest.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Consider comments from resident regarding application 2024/0593/FUL</b></li></ul> Resident comments noted

7. **Discuss Planning Applications:**

**2024/0681/FUL** – No Objections

**2024/0683/ADV** – BTC response on WLBC planning portal

*Application 8/2001/0880 was the original application for the development of a Tesco store in Burscough. Planning permission was granted which included a condition, no. 16, which required " unrestricted access " to the carpark area. This loosely worded condition led to an ambiguity which even Tesco believed meant a 24/7 use for parking by the general populace. Due to increased pressure, through extensive development in and around Burscough, they recently applied for removal of condition 16, still with the aforementioned in mind ( app. no. 2024/0348/FUL ). They were advised by the case officer dealing with the application that the condition actually meant no physical restriction at the entrance and not what they had believed to be the case for the last twenty-two years! Following this advice they withdrew the application. This has now been followed by an application for advertising consent by Tesco's parking company Horizon, app. no. 2024/0683/ADV*

*As stated Tesco have allowed 24/7 use of their carpark for twenty two years and we feel that there is a possible legal challenge to the validity of now imposing restrictions.*

*We also understand that this application is being dealt with under delegated powers, ie. an officer decision, but are concerned that such an important decision and the opposition that has been demonstrated ( 200+ objections by residents on 0348 and 49 on this current application 0683 ) should be made by elected representatives on the Planning Committee. With all the above in mind Burscough Town Council maintains the objections, and the reasons why, raised in response to app. 2024/0348/FUL*

*We would also ask any decision should take into account policies both in the current West Lancashire Local Plan and the Burscough Neighbourhood Plan that serve to protect and enhance the viability of the commercial and social aspect of our Town Centre! This proposal would have a significant impact on both!*

*Finally, if, given everything previously mentioned, WLBC Planning is still mindful to give advertising consent would there be a possibility for consultation with Tesco for the following concessions?*

- 1. 4hours rather than 3 during opening hours.*
- 2. Unrestricted parking overnight suggested from 7pm to 8am*
- 3. Due to the significant impact it would have on employers/employees working in the Town Centre, a registration scheme which would still allow use of the carpark during working hours.*

**2024/0686/FUL** – No Objections

**2024/0689/PNH** – No Objections

**2024/0687/FUL** – No Objections

**2024/0693/LDC** - BTC response on WLBC planning portal

No objections to the siting, storage and maintenance of equipment, but does object to the use as a fair ground on the basis that it has not been used continuously for the past 10 years as a fairground.

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2024/0697/FUL – No Objections

8. **Note WLBC response regarding breach of condition Unit 8 Burscough Wharf, (vent shaft).**  
The response from WLBC was noted and discussed, it is agreed that it is clearly a regulations breach.

**Action:- Cllr's to ensure on going checks to see if anything is happening with the vent shaft when passing by it. The Clerk to send a reminder to the enforcement officer WLBC at the end of the month to check on the progress of how WLBC are dealing with the issue.**

9. **Note objection Milkie Bar Unit 2 Burscough Wharf. (aluminium pergola)**  
Objection was noted. BTC has already raised an objection last month on the WLBC planning Portal.

10. **Not road closure on Victoria Street – 7<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**  
This was duly noted. It was stated that this was needed because the sewers in that area are in a terrible state

11. **Urgent Planning Matters or footpath matters brought forward by the Chairman.**  
None

The next meeting date is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm.

Meeting Closed 8.24pm















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