

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at Burscough Town Council
Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting
at 7pm

Present

Cllr B Kennedy Mayor
 Cllr D Moss Deputy Mayor
 Cllr S Bradley
 Cllr J Crawford
 Cllr C Dereli
 Cllr J Horsley
 Cllr N Pollington
 Cllr S Purple
 Jackie Maguire Clerk

Minutes

132	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Mayor opened the February meeting with a warm welcome. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.</p>
133	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr's Bailey, Ouko and Price – were accepted.</p>
134	<p><u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Crawford – nonpecuniary – residents points flooding issues Liverpool Road South.</p> <p>Cllr Dereli – pecuniary point 8C folio reference 237.</p>
135	<p><u>To receive any issues raised by members of the public.</u></p> <p>Two members of the public attended the meeting wanting to record their thanks to the Town Council, Cllr Crawford and Cllr Pope regarding flooding issues raised within the back gardens to their properties on Liverpool Road South. They noted their disappointment with responses received from WLBC who have reported 'no direct evidence the flood waters are coming from the McCarthy Stone Development', Officers at WLBC had confirmed that a third party had signed off on the drainage systems within the development, which the Town Council reported was not unusual. It was reported by the residents that no water was coming out of the attenuation pipe into the SUD's system only a trickle of brown sludge, which would indicate the drainage system was not working correctly. It was suggested that residents contact the developer – Crompton Developments to discuss. It was noted that the Town Council were awaiting responses from WLBC following their recent correspondence. Action: - Clerk to ask for a</p>

	response.
136	<p><u>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Gordon raised the following points: -</p> <p>He suggested flood zones were available on WLBC website. Which are accurate. He also reported that a motion had been received from Cllr Dowling regarding the closure of the swimming pool, along with Cllr Hesketh, Cllr Gordon was working on an amendment to the document which would go for consideration at the next cabinet meeting on the 26th February 2025. Cllr Crawford raised the point within the Local Plan, which reports swimming pools should be kept open for health and wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>Cllr Pope was not available due to a meeting clash, although he had corresponded with Cllr Pollington regarding a meeting to be organised to further discuss a traffic survey with the Director of Highways, this has been delegated to his deputy and will be organised very soon after the ½ term break.</p>
137	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The February 2025 Neighbourhood Watch newsletter was noted. It was agreed that this would not be printed into the agenda packs in future. A link would be sent to all Councillors when the agenda is circulated. b) The crime's reported in Burscough during December 2024 were noted.
138	<p><u>Previous Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 29th January 2025</u></p> <p>Cllrs received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 29th January 2025 were approved. These were proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Bradley with a unanimous vote duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.</p>
139	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was resolved to accept the proposal for a scribe accounting system to enable management of the Town Council budget proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote. b) It was noted that there were no payments on the multipay card for end of January / early February. c) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 19th February 2025 proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.

The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Crawford and Moss.

Folio Ref	Inv Date	Payee	Reference	Description	Online/ SO/DD	Amount
223	31/01.2025	Shaw Savage Business Services Ltd	IN00072453	Fan heater & office stationary	On Line	116.37
224	01/02/2025	People's Per	01-Jan-25	Pension re January salaries 2025	DD Pd 14/02/2025	710.35
225	01/02/2025	HMRC	428PH001266	Tax & NI period ending 05/02/2025	On Line	919.51
226	29/01/2025	MWinnard Landscapes Ltd	INV 213	Green area's maintenance (Ar	On Line	3,715.00
227	23/01/2025	Alpha Busin	INV 111824	Set up new user to print & sca	On Line	24
228	31/01/2025	Alpha Busin	INV 84584	Photocopier usage 31/12/2024	On Line	39.02
229	31/01/2025	Alpha Busin	INV 84489	Scan contract 28/01/25 - 27/02/25	On Line	.12.00
230	07/02/2025	N Power	IN12516774	Electricity costs re January 2025	On Line	555.85
231	01/02/2025	Employee 7	Salary re Jan	Salary re January 2025 paid 05/02/2025	SO Pd 03/02/2025	2,129.74
232	01/02/2025	Employee 8	Salary re Jan	Salary re January 2025 paid 05/02/2025	SO Pd 03/02/2025	933.55
233	01/02/2025	Employee 9	Salary re Jan	Salary re January 2025 paid 05/02/2025	SO Pd 03/02/2025	278.41
234	20/01/2025	Wave(Anglia Water	Water charge	Monthly DD payment re water	DD Pd 10/02/2025	46.8
235	07/02/2025	Tide Cleanin	INV BTC	External window cleaning at I	On Line	55
236	12/02/2025	Yates Playg	INV-2346	Supply & Install 3 x compositi	On Line	3,312.00
237	23/01/2025	The Burscough	Mayors Allowar	Donation to the Burscough Hub fr	On Line	250.00
		Total for month				£13,097.60

140 **Capital Works Project Working Group**

- The minutes of the Capital Works Project Working Group dated 11th February 2025, were noted.
- Cllr Kennedy noted that he had corresponded with CRT regarding the works to the canal tow path from the bridge to the kissing gate. He was awaiting a quote for additional chippings to finish off the works.

141	<p><u>Street Scene Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) The minutes of the Public Toilet meeting with WLBC dated 28th January 2025, were noted. d) It was resolved that all Councillors present agreed that the current public toilets within Burscough were not fit for purpose and were unwilling to take on the responsibility from WLBC proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Purple with a unanimous vote. Action: - Clerk to write to WLBC to inform of the decision. e) Cllr Kennedy reported that he had met with representative from Danfo regarding a toilet pod with a 5-year lease and turnkey facility and was awaiting costs. f) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Total Exterior Group for a pressure wash and deep clean of the village area, proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.
142	<p><u>Civic Events Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was resolved to agree the quotations for flags and bunting to adorn the village to commemorate VE Day (8th May 2025) – 80th anniversary, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Bradley with a unanimous vote. b) Councillors in attendance noted the invitation to attend the Veterans Hub Brunch on Saturday 8th March 2025.
143	<p><u>Newsletter and Publicity Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minutes of the Newsletter and Publicity Working Group meeting dated 11th February 2025 were noted. b) It was resolved to agree prizes of £20, £10, and £5 for a small puzzle prize for school age children which will appear in the next edition of the newsletter, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.
144	<p><u>Climate Change Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minutes of the Climate Change Working Group dated 4th February 2025 were noted.
145	<p><u>Miscellaneous Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The responses from the Lancashire County Council Flood Agency regarding the satellite pumping station at The Five Alt and Crossen's pumping station were noted. Action: - Cllr Kennedy to send email response to Ashley Dalton MP. b) The responses Cllr Pope regarding the pedestrian crossing on the junction of Lordsgate Lane, Liverpool Road South and Abbey Lane were noted.

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| | <p>c) The responses and correspondence updates regarding issues raised by residents living on Liverpool Road South were noted.</p> <p>d) The minutes of a staff meeting on the 11th February 2025, were noted.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.58pm</p> <p>The next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 starting at 7pm at Burscough Town Council Offices, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough L40</p> | |
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