
Planning and Footpaths Committee
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at The Interchange Building, Station Approach,
Burscough starting at 7pm

Present

Cllr Bailey Chairman
Cllr Horsley Vice Chairman
Cllr Crawford
Cllr Kennedy
Cllr Moss
Cllr Price
Jackie Maguire Clerk

Minutes

1.	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Bailey was elected as Chairman he was proposed by Cllr Crawford and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote. Cllr Horsely was elected as Vice Chairman he was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Moss with a unanimous vote, both Councillors accepted the nominations.
2.	Welcome. The Chairman opened the July meeting with a warm welcome. He noted the fire evacuation procedure.
3.	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Bradley was accepted.
4.	Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest. None.
5.	Minutes of previous Meeting of 7th May 2025. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting dated 7 th May 2025, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Crawford with a unanimous vote.
6.	Adjournment for comments from County and Borough Councillors. Cllr Pope / Cllr Gordan made the following points: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Farm application was approved for commercial units all parties supported with the following conditions, one way system on Martin Lane, drainage due to being close to Martin Mere and Brandreth farm who are currently building a new barn with has had approval from WLBC.• Slipway application – Cllr Hesketh has called in the application.

	<p>Adjournment for Residents Points of Interest.</p> <p>The residents of Crabtree Lane provided comments via an email regarding the planning application at the Slipway Pub, these were taken into consideration when this particular application was discussed. Action: - Clerk to contact the residents and suggest they add to WLBC portal, but they must use their names as WLBC do not accept anonymous comments.</p>
7.	<p>Discuss Planning Applications:</p> <p>2025/0237/FUL – Burscough Village Primary School – No objection – <i>although BTC would recommend that BVP take advice from Sports England and as advised consider moving the proposed development. Additional car parking would be required and the TC would be happy to engage with BVP with a view to possible financial support with respect the parking.</i></p> <p>2025/0491/FUL- Martin Inn – No further comments, <i>we further support our previous comments on planning applications for the Martin Inn.</i></p> <p>2025/0495/FUL – The Slipway – Objection – <i>This is again a retrospective planning application and requires a flood risk assessment as the Canal is a natural flood defence and this area is regularly waterlogged along with the nearby road. There is also a problem with the culvert heading towards the village which could cause future flood risk. Planning instructions state that buildings cannot be built on top of a culvert, of which we are aware of one in the location of the proposals. Why is the 4 x en-suite bedrooms under the same application number, this is unsuitable for the area and maintain our previous objections as previously made and support residents comments – flood risk, surface water flooding, impact on the wildlife in the area and residential amenity. There was also concern raised over the ownership of the Slipway, previous applications had been made by Holt pub group and this application is in the name of Mr Addison?</i></p> <p>2025/0511/FUL – Thatch Cottage, Moss Lane – No objection.</p> <p>2025/0525/FUL – 2 Lordsgate Drive – Objection. Vote for 2 against and 4 for the objection motioned carried. <i>Overdevelopment of the site.</i> Cllr Pope confirmed that he had called in the application.</p> <p>2025/0548/FUL – Burscough Methodist Church – Cllr's present at the meeting agreed to look at WLBC portal and make any comments via email.</p>
8.	<p>Consultation on proposed Planning adjustments were noted, received from WLBC. Action: - Clerk to add the website and facebook page.</p>
9.	<p>It was agreed to invite a speaker to consider flooding problems which may affect future development as requested by Cllr Dereli. Action: - Clerk to organise for the July TC meeting.</p>
10.	<p>Ormskirk to Burscough Linea Path, agreed to invite Suzanne Hill to the TC meeting in July 2025 as requested by WLBC. Action: - Clerk to organise.</p>
11	<p>Urgent Items Brought Forward by the Chairman</p> <p>None.</p>

<p>The next meeting date is Wednesday 3rd September 2025, at The Interchange Building, Station Approach, starting at 7pm. Unless a contentious planning application is received in August and the group decided to meet.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.40pm</p>
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