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Pippin Street Road Works Update

The Pippin Street Retail development is now taking shape but for local residents and businesses, road works may be in place almost to Christmas. A new roundabout is being put in place at the existing T-junction of the A59 and Pippin Street, and there will be changes to the existing roundabout at the junction of Pippin Street and Tollgate Road to create a new access to the park for goods vehicles.



Ringtail Retail Park taking shape.

Burscough Parish Council, with the support of local Councillors Cynthia Dereli and Roger Bell has been pressing Lancashire County Council to do everything it can to minimise the disruption and delays for local people and business. We are fortunate that local County Councillor John Fillis is Lancashire County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Rather than decisions being taken by county councillors who have little knowledge of Burscough, we can be confident that those making the decisions know the problems first hand and will do all they can to manage the road works as efficiently as possible.

Cllr John Fillis said *"It's inevitable that there will be delays and disruption, but we will be managing these road works in safest and most effective way. The improvements to this junction have been long overdue and it's time to get on with the work that is required."*

Andrew Burrows, LCC Public Realm Manager has spoken out to reassure members of the public and has advised that although some inconvenience is inevitable, temporary lights won't need to be used at peak times. Speaking prior to the start of the road works, he said *"We're grateful for people's patience while we do this work on behalf of the developer and would ask people who need to use this route to leave more time for their journeys."*



Long awaited improvements for junction of Pippin St and A59 will soon be completed

If you are stuck in traffic and are experiencing unreasonably lengthy delays, please let the Parish Council know and we will pass on your concerns to LCC. You can also contact Lancashire County Council about Highways issues direct on 0300 1236780 or Highways. CustomerServices@lancashire.gov.uk.

Any updates the Parish Council receive will be posted on the Parish Council website www.burscoughpc.co.uk.

You can also use www.fixmystreet.com to report highways problems quickly and easily from your smart phone

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Yew Tree Farm Master Plan

After much consultation and representation, the final draft of the Yew Tree Farm Master Plan is now available for the public to view. Subject to approval, the final stage of consultation will commence on 9th October and run for six weeks. The draft document that will be considered by Councillors (there may be changes yet before it is released for formal consultation) can be found at www.online.westlancs.gov.uk/coins/Agenda.asp?meetingid=1552

YEW TREE FARM – KEY DATES

- **4th September: Draft Master plan will be considered at Planning Committee**
- **16th September: Draft Master plan will be considered at Cabinet Meeting**
- **9th October to 21st November: 6 weeks of consultation with the general public**
- **January 2015: Cabinet adopt final master plan and planning applications may follow**
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- **Planning Applications may come forward for the site.**

Dear Residents

The two key issues, when Yew Tree Farm development was first considered, were those of highway capacity and drainage.

Regrettably neither of these two issues has been addressed in the Master Plan.

In spite of continuous dialogue with both county and borough councils we remain uninformed and therefore unconvinced of any firm proposals in these areas. These things may be resolved but we have not been a party to the proposals.

There seems to be a perception that the planning permission is a “done deal” and that no further opportunity to assess these two vital issues will be afforded. This is of course not true: When the final proposals are published there is a planning consent that is



still dependent on the resolution of these two matters and therefore still an opportunity and obligation to persuade elected representatives and other concerned parties.

No reports are available from LCC WLBC United Utilities or the environment agency that demonstrate there has been sufficient expert scrutiny to be sure that these proposals will not cause irrevocable damage to our local environment and individual properties. It is in fact clear from the plan that it contains no safeguards for existing properties.

Once the damage is done, there will be no remedy for those affected.

Surely it is the responsibility of our elected representatives to satisfy themselves that in both areas of highways and drainage they will not exacerbate already difficult situations by approving these documents for consultation. The people of Burscough will I am sure expect their elected representatives to ensure their future is protected.

*Cllr Alan Bullen,
Chairman, Burscough Parish Council*

These two very serious matters affect everyone in Burscough. We would urge local residents to read this final document and make up their own mind about whether it is good for Burscough or not. Over the coming weeks the Parish Council will examine all aspects of the Master Plan and will consider its response in detail. If you would like to contribute to formulating that response please do get in touch. Your involvement and comments are most welcome.



A major junction is planned for the A59 at Lordsgate Drive

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: TAKING CONTROL OF OUR FUTURE

Burscough is still called a village but with time it will become a town. Change will be on-going but we need to know how best to protect the whole of Burscough for the longer term so that it grows in a healthy and prosperous way.

While the local plan and the master planning process for Yew Tree Farm have been imposed on us from outside, the Localism Act offers new powers to enable local communities to have greater control.

Led by the Parish Council, a Neighbourhood Plan is created by the local community for the local community: It can't change the local plan because that has already been agreed, but it can enable local people to have more control over how Burscough develops and to improve the quality of development that takes place. The plan will be based on the comments and contributions of local people.

In order to do this we need the support of individuals, groups, and organisations who are committed to community action, to improve the quality of life for all the people who live and work in Burscough. A good number of you have already pledged your support, to take part in discussion groups, to research, to talk to others and gather information, or just to put your point of view and ideas, but more people are needed. Please get in touch and be part of making Burscough what you want it to be.

These are some of the comments from the 2005 Parish Plan.

“A village not overwhelmed by traffic”

“The village atmosphere to be maintained with shop frontages to harmonise with a village appearance and a cleaner tidier village centre”

“By listening to what young people want and encouraging investment in facilities, the youth would be better placed to be part of a happy thriving community”

“To feel safe in our homes and to enjoy walking around the village”

“To retain a village atmosphere in a rural setting”

Funding is available to contribute towards the costs of consultancy to manage the process, leaving enthusiastic volunteers freedom to be energetic and creative.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Grove at 7.00pm on the second Wednesday of each month except for August, and residents are welcome to attend. Find out more about parish council meetings via our website and notice boards across the parish. The parish council office is open between 9.00am and 2.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. At other times a phone message can be left on: 01704 894914 or by email.

Please note that photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means may be permitted with the Councils prior consent.

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Would you like to judge the Christmas Shop Window Competition?

Burscough Parish Council is once again sponsoring the Christmas Shop Window Competition and is seeking judges to make the final important decision on which Shop Window is best.

In 2012, the 43rd Burscough Methodist Scouts were the judges.

In 2013, the 3rd Burscough Brownies and Guides compared all the windows, and following deliberations over hot chocolate at Infusions, awarded the prize to Villages in Partnership.

If your group or class or club would like to choose the winning shop window for 2014, please send the name and address of your club, with your own name and contact details, saying why you think that your group should be chosen, to the Parish Clerk, Martland Mill, Mart Lane, Burscough, L40 0SD. Groups must

- Have at least ten members
- Be properly supported if under 16
- Be available between 4.00 to 5.30pm one afternoon during week of 15th December to view the shops and



2014 winners VIP with 3rd Burscough Brownies and Guides.

make the decision

The judging group, will be selected at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 8th October 2013.

All shops along the A59 between the railway bridge and Spa will automatically be included in the competition. If you wish to be included and your shop is outside of this area, please let us know so we can make sure that all the judges come to see your shop.

BURSCOUGH'S FUTURE IN SAFE HANDS

Congratulations to Burscough Priory students who are celebrating record exam results. * 77% of students gained at least 5A*-C grades including English and Maths at GCSE - the best ever in the school's history across the whole curriculum. An amazing 92% of students achieved a grade C or higher in GCSE English and many subjects, such as Classics, Drama, Geology, PE,

Performing Arts and Engineering to name a few, had 100% pass rates at grade C and above. In Performing Arts, nearly 60% of our entries were awarded A* (the highest grade available). Across the board, 30% of all entries were given grade A* or A. All this success was achieved by a year group that achieved its results in the broadest possible curriculum with over 37 different subjects for them to take at GCSE.

Within this talented group, there is a Magnificent Seven who gained only A* and A grades at GCSE. Katherine Dow, George Huyton, Daniel Jones, Emily Moore, Luke Moore, Ethan Turner-Freeman and Kira Williams

passed 79 GCSE's between them with a grand total of 54 A* and 25 A grades between them. Top honours, just, go to Ethan who managed 11 GCSE grades all at A*!

Priory High is committed to raising the aspirations of all students and continues to enter them for GCSE exams early if they are ready. This summer, in addition to Year 11, many year 9 and 10 students have succeeded in GCSE exams in subjects as diverse as French, Drama, Geology, Product Design, Health and Social Care, Statistics and many others. Some have been awarded bronze awards by the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, as we build confidence and thirst for learning in our community. Year 10 student, Leon Ravenchandran, has been awarded an A grade at A level in Japanese this summer, three years ahead of schedule.

Dr G Clarke, Headteacher Designate said "I am delighted that the hard work of our young people together with the support and guidance from staff and home, has resulted in such an excellent set of GCSE results. Students of all talents and abilities have done extremely well".

