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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JULY 2026, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKHAM

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Neil Byers | Councillor (Cllr.) and Chair |
| Adam Brierley | Cllr. |
| James Cameron | Cllr. |
| Julia Hesketh | Cllr. |
| Chris Hopkinson | Cllr. |
| Diane Ireland | Cllr. |
| Stewart Jones | Cllr. |
| Maggie Ledger | Cllr. |
| Chris March | Cllr. |
| Elizabeth Squires (Minutes) | Town Clerk and RFO |

## 26/07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*To accept apologies for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllr. Peter Sutcliffe.

## 26/07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.*

No declarations were made.

## 26/07/03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 June 2026.*

The 9 June 2026 minutes were proposed and seconded. Cllr. March asked that proposals and seconding's were undertaken by different members; members agreed. Members who had attended the meeting voted:

Voting: 5 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions.

*Cllrs. Brierley, Jones and Ledger were not in attendance at the 9 June 2026 meeting and Cllr. Sutliffe is not in attendance at this meeting.*

**26/07/04 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY UPDATE**

The police attend when circumstances allow. No report at this meeting.

**26/07/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Matters brought to the Town Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall, this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes, although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.*

There were no attendees.

**26/07/06 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR (FYLDE EAST) AND CABINET MEMBER (RURAL AFFAIRS, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES)**

(i) **Update**

No attendance.

**26/07/07 FYLDE COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

(i) **Update**

Cllr. Brierley provided an update for work on 'Kirkham Baths', the original design has been improved. Local Government Reorganisation will have no impact on the work being undertaken.

**26/07/08 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHAIRS**

*Review of Committee Chairs and attendees as per Standing Orders 2 (j):*

*(vii) Receipt of nominations to existing committees.*

*(viii) To elect members of Committees and Chair.*

(i) Finance and Events

Cllr. March was nominated as Deputy Chair of the Finance and Events Committee; this was proposed and seconded. Cllr. Hesketh to be added as a member. Members voted for the Deputy Chair:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Cllr. March).

(ii) Leisure Parks and Open Spaces

Cllr. Brierley was nominated as Deputy Chair of the LPAOS Committee; this was proposed and seconded. Cllr. Jones to be added as a member. Members voted for the Deputy Chair:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Cllr. Brierley).

(iii) Staffing

Cllr. Jones was nominated as Deputy Chair of the Staffing Committee; this was proposed and seconded. Members voted for the Deputy Chair:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Cllr. Jones).

**26/07/09 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) **Facebook, Working with Carr Hill Academy**

Carr Hill Academy Students have started their work on 'Pop to the Shops'.

(ii) **A583 Safety Scheme**

The A583 Safety Scheme does include lighting. All documentation has been signed. The scheme is due to commence.

(iii) **Twinning**

The Twinning Committee has asked for a Councillor representation. Cllr. Jones asked to be the Town Council's representative.

Cllr. Jones was nominated as the Town Council's representative on the Twinning Committee; this was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Cllr. Jones).

**26/07/10 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(i) **Events Attended**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are attending the Cheese and Wine event at Fylde Council.

(ii) **Legal Services**

Due to the closure of Coupe Bradbury, the Town Council need to source another solicitor. The Town Clerk agreed to send the members detail of a potential supplier.

(iii) **Declarations of Interest**

The member declarations of interest are still being updated.

(iv) **GOS Heating**

The Town Clerk and Cllr. Hopkinson presented a proposed settlement agreement with GOS in respect of the boiler at the Community Centre. This was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(v) **IT System Security Report**

The Town Clerk had previously circulated an IT system security report. This will be presented on a quarterly basis. The Town Clerk agreed to re issue this.

(vi) **A583 Safety Scheme Update**

Covered at 26/07/09 (ii) above.

(vii) **Trees on Brückenau Park**

The Town Clerk informed the members that the tree planted on Brückenau Park has been vandalised. A replacement will be acquired in due course and replanted. The CCTV system is being updated and the existing CCTV on the park is being moved to an area on the allotments for an area that is currently not covered.

(viii) **Boxing Club**

Members discussed the Boxing Club request for Town Council support for the foundation. An initial phased support to 31 March 2027 was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ix) **Club Day**

The Town Clerk presented a thank you letter from the Club Day Committee for the Town Council's donation to support the event.

(x) **Planning Application 26/0216 - 128 Dwellings**

Cllr. Ledger provided an update in respect of this planning application. Central government has set target for new homes across Fylde is in excess of 400 properties by 2042.

Cllr. Brierley confirmed that central government had increased housing targets for Fylde by 60% and that landowners were being contacted to ask if they are willing to sell their land.

**26/07/11 LEISURE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

(i) **LPAOS Issues**

- **Kirkham Juniors Football Club**

There has been no update other than signage has been installed.

- **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club are in the process of transferring the electricity supply to them now that they have set up their bank account.

- **Allotments**

The Town Clerk provided an update.

(ii) **In Bloom Update**

The Town Clerk provided an update on In Bloom issues. Judging in the Kirkham area took place on 8 July 2026. The judges informed the Chair of In Bloom that there had been a great improvement across the town.

**26/07/12 PLANNING**

Fylde Council planning details are added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the members when they are received by the Town Clerk.

(i) **Applications**

Agenda reported applications were discussed. The Town Clerk raised concerns in respect of 26/0391 as this is where the Community Centre's gas meter is sited, Cllr. Brierley also commented on resident parking on Birley Street. The applications were proposed and seconded, subject to the comments in respect of 26/0391 being reported to planning. Members voted:

Voting: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

**ACTION: The Town Clerk to report concerns in respect of planning application 26/0391.**

(ii) **Decisions**

The decisions were noted.

**26/07/13 FINANCES**

(i) **Ratification of the Payment of Invoices**

The Chair presented the invoices paid during June (and 13 relating to May) 2026. The payment of invoices was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Presentation of Bank Balances 9 July 2026**

Members noted the bank balances as at 9 July 2026.

(iii) **Transfer of Funds**

The interest earned on the Corporate Notice account has been transferred to the Corporate Current account.

**26/07/14 EVENTS**

(i) **Update**

The Chair presented the forthcoming events; Kirkham Pride, Soul on the Square, the Classic Car Show, 80s vs 90s Night and the Scooter Meet. An Autumn Festival is also planned.

**26/07/15 BOOKINGS**

(i) **Update**

The Town Clerk provided an update. Additional bookings are being taken for the William Segar Hodgson Pavillion.

The Town Clerk raised the work due to commence on the MUGA site. The gates at the entrance to the park will be temporarily removed and the work will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

Cllr. Brierley asked that a traditional notice board be put in place at the Market Square, some members agreed, other members preferred a digital option. This to be discussed at LPAOS with recommendations being presented to the 8 September 2026 Town Council meeting.

**26/07/16 STAFFING**

Nothing to report.

**PART 2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSION (IN COMMITTEE)**

*The proposal is for:*

*Exclusion of Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.*

**26/07/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 7.00pm, Kirkham Community Centre.

**Signed**

**Cllr. Byers, Mayor and Chair**

**Dated:**

**Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk**