

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 September 2025

In The Broadhead Room, St Anne's Church, Turton

Present: Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)
Councillors J Rigby, K Harrison, D Crompton and J Rowley
Also present: J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public
Apologies: Councillors A Highton and D Hey

Prior to the meeting members of the public were given an opportunity to speak.

A resident was in attendance to discuss planning application 10/25/0784 that the Parish Council considered at the previous meeting and had no objections to the development. The resident lives next door to the property and has some concerns that he felt the Parish Council should be aware of that were not included within the original planning application. The Parish Council listened to his concerns and had sympathy with the resident but before any further decision can be made the Chair advised that he would prefer to have a site visit. Cllrs Wild, Rigby and Crompton agreed to visit the site at a convenient time for both the applicant and the resident. BwDBC planning officers are visiting the site on Monday 8 September but the resident is away that week. The resident thanked the Parish Council for their time.

8407 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Meeting with Edgworth & District Horticultural Society – Chair still waiting for Phil Broughton to contact him to arrange to meet up to discuss the way forward with regard to the planters across Edgworth.

Dog Poo bin objection – the Lengthsman has moved the bin to Horrocks Fold as requested by the residents.

Lights on Green Arms Road – the resident has purchased a lock box and additional fobs – payment included on “Accounts to Pay”

Ryecroft Lane – Clerk e-mailed Martin Kelly at BwDBC on 6/8/25 but no response received.

Telephone Kiosks – Clerk to speak to North West Ambulance Service to enquire about two defibrillators.

Maria Square – Cllr Harrison & Hey met with residents who have no objections to the trees being removed/cut back.

Moorside Road, Edgworth – Clerk to chase up the request sent to BwDBC to move the National Speed Limit sign as requested.

Rivington Road, Belmont – Clerk has received responses from the local Sergeant, Andy MacNae MP’s office, the Chief Constable’s office and Highways @ BwDBC but nothing from the PCC Clive Grunshaw. Unfortunately the responses can offer no viable solutions to the problem and the Parish Council now feel that they have exhausted all the options available to them. The BVRA will be discussing this item at their next meeting (9 September) and have invited the Police to attend the meeting.

Tower Street – Lengthsman to look at options to remove the tree shoots without damaging the main tree.

8408 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8409 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8410 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0815, 10/25/0821, 10/25/0837, 10/25/0834, 10/25/0826, 10/25/0183 and 10/25/0888

8411 Planning Decisions

Noted: Blackburn with Darwen Council’s decisions on planning applications.

8412 Accounts to Pay

Resolved: That cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:

Lengthsman August		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary August		£452.00
Clerk salary August	Including expenses	£1254.02
Christopher Oakes	Locked box & key fobs for Chapeltown	£29.15
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited Assurance Review of AGAR	£378.00
E.ON Next	Electricity @ Belmont toilets	£22.39

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£117.43
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£12.30

8413 Correspondence

Noted: Correspondence received since the last meeting was read and noted including

- Statements from Virgin Money
- E-mail from resident regarding request to change the bye laws to ban electric scooters/bikes etc from the Barlow estate – Clerk to reply to explain the Parish Council do have concerns however the issue would need to be brought up with the Barlow Trustees
- Enquiry from Cllr Harrison asking if planning permission would be required for a possible Summer House to be erected on Belmont Community Garden – no planning permission would be needed.
- E-mail regarding Calderdale Energy Park – Clerk to reply back to say the Parish Council has no further comments as it does not directly impact our area

8414 Any Other Business

AGAR 2024/25 – PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed the Limited Assurance Review for the year ended 31 March 2025. There was just one comment for the Clerk’s attention.

Planning applications received by 28 August 2025

10/25/0815 Listed Building Application Proposal: Proposed replacement window frames at Chapel House Farm, High Street, Chapeltown

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/0821 Full Planning Application Proposal: Erection of a single storey, self build, high sustainability dwelling (designed to achieve Passivhaus standard) with integral garage, including associated land modelling / reconfiguration, garden curtilage, parking, stable block [in an alternative location to that already approved], an outdoor equestrian menage, and hard and soft landscaping (including a community orchard and woodland planting), to be accessed via Horrobin Lane at Land at Horrobin Farm , Horrobin Lane, Turton

Although the Parish Council has no objection to a property on this site, they do have some concerns about the size and scale of this development.

10/25/0837 Full Planning Application Proposal: Alterations to garden and erection of garden room at 353 Chapeltown Road, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/0834 Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: Use of an existing former piggery for the provision of DIY horse livery stables and tack room at Gale Fold House, Belmont Road

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/0826 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation and erection of a single-storey side extension featuring glazed link corridor. External alterations to existing dwelling, installation of decking and timber canopy / posts with decorative planters and two stable block at Turton Manor Barn, Edge Lane, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/0183 Full Planning Application Proposal: Change of use of garage / ancillary living accommodation to self-build dwelling (C3) with proposed side extension, rear dormer and detached garage at Wards Cote Farm, Belmont Road

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development. However, we would suggest the planning officer checks that the footpath that crosses the plot (FP39) is not obstructed during the building works.

10/25/0888 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building at Land off Egerton Road, Belmont

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6 October 2025 starting at 6.45pm at St Peter's Church, Belmont. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

Future meetings:

3 November – The Barlow

1 December – The Barlow

5 January 2026 - St Anne's Church