

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 December 2025

In the Library at The Barlow, Bolton Road, Edgworth

Present: Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)
Councillors J Rigby, D Hey, K Harrison, D Crompton, A Highton and J Rowley

Also present: J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

Apologies: None

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

Phil Broughton from Edgworth & District Horticultural Society (EDHS) was present to again discuss the situation regarding the planters that were removed earlier in the year. Phil explained that the Lengthsman had dropped off 20 planters with some bulbs that were left in them, but the bulbs were not as damaged as the Parish Council had led them to believe and none of the planters were broken. After a conversation between Jean Turner and the Chair, the EDHS has purchased 3 planters together with 10 bags of compost and bulbs which are to be delivered imminently. The Horticultural Society will arrange for 2 of the planters to be filled and placed either side of the stone bus shelter on the crossroads and the other planter to be filled and placed near the glass bus shelter. With regard to the original planters, the HS will purchase additional compost and bulbs for those and place some of them back in front of businesses and homes who will look after them, but the Parish Council will ask the Lengthsman to water them if the weather is particularly warm and they are looking a bit weary. The HS will arrange to send the Parish Council an invoice for 50% of the costs incurred. The Chair thanked EDHS for organising the planters and again apologised for not consulting with them before the original planters were removed and asked to draw a line under the situation now as it has been ongoing for months.

Phil Broughton also asked about the sign for Chapeltown Community Garden that has yet to be erected. The Clerk agreed to contact the Lengthsman and ask him to arrange for it to be put up as soon as possible.

8436 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Telephone Kiosks – Yvette Browne from North West Ambulance Service was again invited to attend this meeting to discuss possible funding for a defibrillator in the telephone kiosk at Entwistle Station, but unfortunately she was again unavailable.

Turton Tower defibrillator – unfortunately Turton Tower are unable to find a suitable place to instal the defibrillator so it is to be returned.

Maria Square – Cllr Wild explained the tree contractor is away now for a couple of weeks but is hoping the work will be completed on his return.

Rivington Road, Belmont – Cllr Harrison’s original appeal against the reply he received from Lancashire Constabulary Data Protection Office was rejected and he is now going to appeal again.

8437 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8438 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8439 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/1086, 10/25/1108 and 10/25/0340

8440 Planning Decisions

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

8441 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman November		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary November		£451.80
Clerk salary November	Including expenses	£1,122.93
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal donation	£300.00
St Anne’s Church	Donation for refreshments for Xmas lights switch-on	£50.00
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont – November	£22.22

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£104.51
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£14.10

8442 Possible funding for defibrillator

Deferred: Yvette Browne unable to attend so discussion deferred.

8443 Precept for 2026-27

Noted: After a discussion all the Councillors agreed to increase the precept by 5% next year.

8444 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Letter from St Annes Church thanking the Parish Council for their attendance at the annual Service of Remembrance.

8445 Any Other Business

Belmont School – Cllr Harrison had received an enquiry from the Head at Belmont Primary School who explained the Governors are exploring the engagement of a lollypop person on High Street as part of the traffic calming measures in the village.

North Turton Trail – Clerk has added the details of the trail to the Parish Council website together with links to the Ordnance Survey website. Cllr Hey has now walked the trail and will contact Roger Binks about making a couple of slight alterations.

Chapelton – Cllr Rowley updated the Parish Council on the recent roadside speed monitoring session in Chapelton on Saturday 29 November. Over a 2-hour period 110 vehicles were clocked with an average speed of between 28-32mph. More sessions will take place with the hope of eventually achieving a 20mph zone through Chapelton.

Rivington Road car park – there have been reports of litter being left on the car park at Hordern Stoops and the Clerk to contact United Utilities to ask if a bin could be provided.

Christmas lights 2026 – there could be an issue with the times for next year's lights switch-on in Chapelton & Edgworth, but the Clerk will keep the Parish Council informed.

Update on Local Government Reorganisation – Cllr Harrison asked if this item could be added to the agenda for the next meeting and Cllr Rigby agreed to get an update for the January meeting.

Planning applications received by 26 November 2025

10/25/1086 Full Planning Application Proposal: First floor extension to form bedroom and bathroom at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council discussed this application and after a vote the majority had no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/1108 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of glazed extension to side and erection of single storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 83 Sharples Meadow, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/0340 Site Address: White Lodge Farm , Blackburn Road, Edgworth, BL7 0PU
Description of Development: Siting of a static caravan (not for
residential use) and use of the land as residential C3 use with the
exception of the land where the caravan is located Application
Reference: 10/25/0340 Appellant's Name: Mr Kenneth Warner Appeal
Reference: APP/M2372/X/25/3374899 Appeal Start Date: 20/11/2025

The Parish Council noted the details of the appeal.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5 January 2026 starting at 6.45pm in the Broadhead Room at St Anne's Church, Chapeltown. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Future meetings: 2 February – The Barlow, Edgworth
 2 March – St Peter's Church, Belmont
 13 April – Broadhead Room, St Anne's Church
 11 May – Turton Tower (including Electors Meeting and AGM)