

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 February 2026
In the Library, The Barlow, Bolton Road, Edgworth

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

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

A resident was in attendance regarding planning application 10/25/1365. His land is directly behind the proposed development site, and he had some concerns which he discussed with the Councillors who agreed to raise his concerns in their reply to the application.

8455 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Chapeltown Community Garden sign – the new sign has been erected in the Community Garden and the Clerk has posted photographs of it on the website and the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Turton Tower defibrillator – the defibrillator has been collected from the clerk's house.

Maria Square – Cllr Wild confirmed the work will still be completed next week.

Rivington Road car park – Clerk has still received no reply and Cllr Hey agreed to check if a bin has been installed next time he walks there.

Grit bins – the one purchased by the Parish Council has been reinstated.

8456 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8457 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8458 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/1364, 10/25/1365, 10/26/0018 and 10/26/0074

8459 Planning Decisions

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

8460 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman January		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary January	Including expenses	£459.72
Clerk salary January	Including expenses	£1,144.79
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont Toilets – Dec	£25.01
The Barlow	Room hire – Nov & Dec 2025	£51.00
Viking	Postage stamps & printer cartridges	£231.36
Blackburn with Darwen BC	Rental of The Orchards	£50.00
Bolton Mountain Rescue	Donation	£300.00
North West Air Ambulance	Donation	£300.00
Mr Ian C Read	Plumbing works at Belmont toilets	£50.00
Information Commissioner's Office	Data protection fee	£52.00
Edgworth & District HS	Contribution to flowers in Edgworth	£323.06

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£104.51
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£10.60

8461 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Statement of Accounts from CCLA
- E-mail from Bury MBC regarding Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document 19: Hot food takeaways
- Letter from Bolton MBC regarding two planning consultations :
 - Local Plan – Regulation 18 Direction of Travel and
 - West of Wingates Masterplan SPD
- E-mail from P&P Cleaning Services Ltd who had cleaned a sign in Edgworth for free and were advertising their services

8462 Any Other Business

Proposed dates for meetings 2026/27 – Clerk handed round proposed dates and venues for meetings 2026-27. Dates will be confirmed at the AGM in May.

Alternative payment method – Clerk proposed the use of bank transfers in place of cheques as there is a charge from the bank for each cheque issued, plus the cost of posting the cheque. Agreed to defer to the next meeting when there would hopefully be more Councillors in attendance to discuss this.

Christmas Lights switch-on 2026 – Tockholes Parish Council Clerk had informed the Clerk that they had booked their Christmas lights switch-on for the same night and time as Chapeltown & Edgworth's lights switch-ons. The Clerk suggested to the Parish Council that the times at Chapeltown & Edgworth be brought forward half an hour so that the electricians could attend all 3 switch-ons on the same night. The Councillors agreed to bring forward the switch-ons on Friday 27th November to **5.30pm** at St Anne's Church, Chapeltown and **6.00pm** at The Barlow so the electricians can go to Tockholes for 6.30pm. These times have been booked and confirmed with BwDBC.

AGM 2026 – the date has been confirmed as Monday 11 May 2026 at Turton Tower starting at 6.00pm.

Planning applications received by 27 January 2026

10/25/1364 Permission in Principle Proposal: Erection of one dwelling at Former Higher Know Mill, Land to south of Hill Top Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/1365 Full Planning Application Proposal: Erection of outbuildings at Ivy Lea, 5 Edgworth Vale, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to the design and character of the proposed development, however there are some concerns about the excavation to the rear of the development and whether the retaining wall will hold back the adjacent land.

10/26/0018 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 'approved plans', 4 'materials' pursuant to planning application 10/24/0788 "Proposed demolition of stables and construction of one detached self-build dwelling with new site access road" to amend the flat roof materials at Bisley Moorside House, Moorside Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0074 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.8 "protection of sewer" pursuant to planning application 10/24/1020 at Edgworth Cricket Club, Bolton Road, Turton

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2 March 2026 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 7.24pm

Future meetings: 13 April – Broadhead Room, St Anne's Church
 11 May – Turton Tower (including Electors Meeting and AGM)