

+To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 March 2026
At St Peter's Church, Belmont

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

Also present: J Smith (Clerk) + 4 members of public

Apologies: Councillor D Hey

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

Mike Phillips from BVRA informed the Parish Council that the foundations for the summer house would be laid the following day and it had been agreed that the contractors would use the power supply from the toilet block while that work is taking place.

A resident from Edgworth was in attendance for some advice regarding a Community Trigger Order that he has apparently been served with. He is helping a neighbour with a boundary dispute and in some papers issued by the Court it says he has a Community Trigger Order but this is the first he has heard about it. He asked if the Parish Council would know who had made the Order – the Police or BwDBC? He has previously asked Cllr Neil Slater to look into the matter, but he has said he cannot find one on record. The resident understood that this is not a Parish Council matter, which the Councillors confirmed, but they did suggest that he e-mail the Chief Executive of BwDBC and ask her help in this matter.

8463 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Maria Square – Cllr Wild advised that due to the adverse weather the work would now be completed this week.

Rivington Road car park – Cllr Hey walked up to the car park and confirmed that no bin has been installed.

Alternative payment method – the Clerk had contacted Virgin Money to enquire about setting up payment transfers. Stephen Danks is still on their system as a Corporate Admin so a current signatory needs to ring the bank, answer some security questions and request they change the name on the account to the Clerk. Once that is done then the Clerk can add other signatories to the online account and any transfer requests would need 2 people to authorise. Cllr Rowley agreed to ring the bank - Clerk to give him the necessary information.

8464 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8465 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8466 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0090, 10/26/0076, 10/26/0087 and 10/26/0125

8467 Planning Decisions

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

8468 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman February		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary February		£451.80
Clerk salary February	Including expenses	£1,109.32
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont Toilets – Jan	£19.40
St Annes PCC	Replacement cheque for room hire	£90.00
PNFS	Membership	£30.00
St Peter's Church	Room hire – March	£40.00

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£104.51
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£9.90

8469 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- E-mail from Bury MBC regarding Consultation on Draft Elton Reservoir, Walshaw and Simister Bowlee Development Frameworks
- E-Mail from David Wiggins at Bury MBC regarding Bury Local Plan – Duty to Cooperate. As North Turton is not part of Greater Manchester the decision was made not to respond
- E-mail from resident regarding the Pathway to Wayoh Reservoir. Agreed to ask Cllr Hey, on his return, to have a look as part of his role as a Pathways Officer for Peak and Northern Footpaths Society. Also agreed to respond to resident and advise her of this and also suggest she contact the Public Rights of Way Officer at BwDBC who may be able to liaise with United Utilities
- Promotion from ElanCity regarding Speed Indicator Devices

8470 Any Other Business

NTPC Response to LGR Consultation on Three Unitary Proposal – Clerk had e-mailed a copy of the response drafted by Cllr Rowley for any comments prior to the meeting. The Councillors were very happy with the response and it was agreed that Cllr Rowley would forward this before the deadline of Thursday 26 March.

Asset Register – Clerk asked for some help in updating the asset register. The changes were agreed and the updated Asset Register will be uploaded to the website in time for the new financial year. Clerk also to check that the 2 telephone kiosks are covered on the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Grants for 2026-27 – Clerk to send Turton & Edgworth CofE Methodist Primary School a grant application for their final year of funding that was agreed in 2023. The school are currently looking for a replacement crossing person.

Planning applications received by 27 February 2026

10/26/0090 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension at 1 Lower Meadow, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0076 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed double storey rear and single storey front extensions at 1 School Cottages, Crowthorn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0087 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of an existing conservatory and construction of a single storey lean-to rear extension with external platform at Heron Lodge, 8 Bolton Road, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0125 Full Planning Application Proposal: Double storey rear extension at 15 Foxdale Close, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

Planning appeals received by 27 February 2026

**10/25/0138 Site Address: Ramwells Barn, Edge Lane, Turton, Bolton, BL7 0NJ
Description of Development: Erection of an agricultural storage building (retrospective) Application Reference: 10/25/0138 Appellant's Name: Mr and Mrs J Roebuck Appeal Reference: APP/M2372/6004038 Appeal Start Date: 02/02/2026**

The Parish Council noted this appeal.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 April 2026 starting at 6.45pm in the Broadhead Room at St Anne’s Church, High Street, Chapeltown. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

Future meetings: 11 May – Turton Tower (including Electors Meeting and AGM)