

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 August 2026
In the Broadhead Room at St Anne's Church, Turton

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

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

A resident had concerns about the Barlow and had written to the Councillors to express those concerns and again brought them up at the meeting. The Clerk advised that she had written to the Chair of The Barlow Trustees to ask for copies of the Leases that had apparently been signed recently with the bowling club and the cricket club but had received no response. It was agreed that the Charities Commission would be contacted to ask for advice and the Clerk would again write to the Chair of the Trustees but send the letter by recorded delivery.

8521 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Regalia valuation – Cllr Rowley goes to Brierfield on a regular basis and agreed to take the chains to the jewellers. Cllr Wild agreed to drop the chains off with Cllr Rowley when requested.

Waste at Lower Pastures Farm – Cllr Rigby has received no update.

Grass cutting – the contract was awarded to a company based in Blackpool and they are still only on their first cut out of six when they should be on their third cut at least by this time. The grass on Maria Square was cut after Cllr Harrison contacted Eddie Maxwell at BwDBC. This is still an ongoing issue.

United Utilities projects – Clerk is still waiting for the poster from United Utilities who are waiting for some up-to-date information before they send it through.

Planters in Edgworth - Clerk received an e-mail from Jean Turner saying that the planters near the crossroads had been planted up and asking that the Lengthsman added watering them to his priority list in the hot weather. The Lengthsman does not have the equipment to carry water and has arranged with Janet at the Post Office that she will water them when she waters the planters outside the Post Office.

8522 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8523 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8524 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning application 10/26/0656

8525 Planning Decisions

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

8526 Accounts to Pay

Resolved: That transfers be agreed to pay the following accounts:

Lengthsman July		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary July		£469.30
Clerk salary July	Including expenses	£1,126.42
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont toilets July	£22.70

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£106.26
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£14.10

As the next meeting has been put back a week the Clerk asked if salaries for August could be transferred early and the Parish Councillors agreed that salaries could be paid the first Monday in September. Clerk to e-mail all Councillors at the end of August with the salary figures and nominate two Councillors to authorise the payments through the bank.

8527 Risk Assessment

Agreed: The Risk Assessment was approved.

8528 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- E-mail from Bury Council regarding Walshaw Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document – Adoption Statement
- E-mail from Bury Council regarding Supplementary Planning Document 19 – Hot Food Takeaways – Adoption Statement
- E-mail from Bury Council regarding Supplementary Planning Document 13 – Houses in Multiple Occupation – Adoption Statement

- E-mail from Bury Council regarding Elton Reservoir Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document – Adoption Statement
- E-mail from Bury Council and Rochdale Borough Council regarding Simister Bowlee Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document – Adoption Statement
- Letter from Bolton Council regarding Adoption of the West of Wingates Industrial and Warehousing Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document June
- E-mail from Chorley Council regarding the Coppull Neighbourhood Plan
- E-mail from Bury Council regarding Consultation on the Publication of Bury Local Plan
- Document from SLCC regarding the Local Government Reorganisation Lancashire

8529 Any Other Business

Bins at The Barlow – Clerk had received an e-mail from the Chair of the Barlow Trustees who was trying to ascertain who was responsible for emptying the waste bins on the recreation ground and park. He had contacted BwDBC who advised that it was usually the Parish Lengthsman. Clerk contacted the Lengthsman who advised that he was only responsible for emptying the two dog poo bins that the Parish Council had supplied. After further investigation it was agreed that the Chair of Trustees would arrange for the two bins to be removed as nobody was accepting responsibility for them.

Caretaker holiday – the caretaker at Belmont toilets has requested leave. A volunteer has been found to open & close the toilets while he is on leave and Cllr Harrison agreed to sort out a thankyou gift.

Gatehouse Lodge – Cllr Rigby advised that the building is to be put back on the market and a meeting is to be arranged to confirm this and arrange for a re-evaluation before tenders are requested.

Hedges – Cllr Highton brought up that there are a lot of hedges that are very overgrown and it is difficult for pedestrians to walk on the pavements. It was agreed Cllr Highton would send both the Clerk and Cllr Rigby a list of where the hedges are particularly bad and they would both e-mail Eddie Maxwell at BwDBC.

Noticeboard outside The Barlow – the Clerk had noticed that Parish Council notices had been removed from the noticeboard and e-mailed the office to ask why. Cllr Wild advised that the Parish Council had contributed towards the cost of replacing the previous noticeboard.

Planning applications received by 29 July 2026

10/26/0656 Full Planning Application Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at: 2 Anshaw Close, 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 14 September 2026 starting at 6.45pm in the Library at The Barlow, Bolton Road, Edgworth. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Dates of next meetings:

5 October	St Peter's Church, Belmont
2 November	St Anne's Church, Chapeltown
7 December	The Barlow, Edgworth