

To be confirmed at the next meeting

## **NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 November 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 and J Rowley  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public  
**Apologies:** Councillor A Highton

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

*Jean Turner from Edgworth & District Horticultural Society (EDHS) was present to discuss what arrangements are to be made about replacing the planters across Edgworth that were removed by the Lengthsman at the request of the Parish Council earlier in the year. The Chair again apologised for not consulting with EDHS before the planters were removed. Jean raised the possibility of purchasing 2 large self-watering tubs to be placed in a prominent location in the village – maybe near the bus shelter - and asked if the Lengthsman could retrieve any bulbs from the planters he picked up and assess their condition to see if they could be reused. Jean recommended the website [Amberol.co.uk](http://Amberol.co.uk) for the planters – the Clerk agreed to have a look. The Parish Council offered to speak to the Post Office/Whiteheads/Holdens to see if they would be interested in helping to maintain the planters and the Lengthsman could possibly top up the water reservoirs when he is doing his duties across the village. EDHS agreed to go 50/50 towards the costs with the Parish Council, as they have in previous years. The Parish Council offered to pay £300 towards the cost of buying the planters/plants/bulbs/compost etc if EDHS would match the £300. Cllr Rigby asked if EDHS would take over responsibility for the project, but Jean declined and stated it should be a joint venture with active participation from both parties. Jean agreed to take the proposals to EDHS for their approval and swapped mobile numbers with the Chair.*

### **8427 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Telephone Kiosks* – Clerk invited Yvette Browne from North West Ambulance Service to attend this meeting but unfortunately she was unavailable so she has been invited to the meeting in December to discuss possible funding for a defibrillator in the kiosk at Entwistle Station.

*Maria Square* – Cllr Harrison asked Cllr Wild when he would be available to complete the work on the trees – they agreed to meet on Sunday 9 November in the afternoon. Cllr Harrison to check with the Community Garden if they would be interested in the chippings/mulch.

*Rivington Road, Belmont* – Clerk has received a reply from the office of Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner and Cllr Harrison has received a reply from Lancashire Constabulary Data Protection Office who were unable to provide the requested information as it was deemed to be exempt from disclosure. Cllr Harrison to appeal this.

#### **8428 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **8429 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

#### **8430 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0784, 10/25/1071, 10/25/1087 and 10/25/1074

#### **8431 Planning Decisions**

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

#### **8432 Accounts to Pay**

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

Lengthsman October		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary October		£451.80
Clerk salary October	Including expenses	£1,109.43
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont – October	£24.81

**Resolved:** The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£104.51
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£12.30

#### **8433 Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lights switch-on**

**Discussed:** The Parish Council confirmed the arrangements at the various Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 9 November. Clerk reminded Cllrs to collect the wreaths at the end of the meeting.

War Memorial - Cllr Rowley to attend

St Anne's Church - Cllr Wild and the Clerk to attend

St Peter's Church - Cllr Hey to attend

With respect to this year's Christmas lights switch-on - each area to be offered a donation of £50 towards refreshments for their individual event and the Clerk to purchase a tub of sweets for each area.

Chapelton (Friday 28 November @ 6.00pm) – Cllr Rowley to take the lead again this year. Clerk to contact the Reverend to ask him to be involved on the night. Last year there was a problem reading the hymn sheets – maybe think about another way?

Edgworth (Friday 28 November @ 6.30pm) – Cllr Crompton organising event at the Cricket Club.

Belmont (Friday 5 December @ 3.45pm) – Cllr Harrison to organise with the school, the Church and The Black Dog.

Clerk confirmed the dates/times with BwDBC electricians still to contact the Rotary Club to see if they would be available to bring Father Christmas and the sleigh.

#### **8434 Correspondence**

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- CCLA Statement of Accounts
- Letter from BwDBC regarding the Council Tax Base and Parish Precept Notification 2026/27

#### **8435 Any Other Business**

*Allotments in Belmont* – Clerk received an enquiry through the website asking who to contact regarding the allotments in Belmont – will reply back to say they are currently on long term lease from United Utilities.

*Dog refuse bins* – Clerk received an e-mail from a resident regarding the dog poo bins around the Wayoh – will reply back to the resident to say that the Parish Council are looking at purchasing an additional bin but will discuss with the Lengthsman first.

*North Turton Trail* – Cllr Hey has been corresponding with Roger Binks regarding adding the Trail to the Ordnance Survey website.

*Footpaths in Belmont* – Cllr Hey has completed his inspections of the pathways in Belmont. There are some damaged stiles and a couple of paths that are unusable, but he has liaised with Lorraine Mellodey at BwDBC who is very proactive with arranging for the paths to be made usable again. Cllr Hey to contact the inspector for the Edgworth area (Simon) to ask if he would like some help to inspect those pathways.

## Planning applications received by 29 October 2025

**10/25/0784 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: New garden room/outbuilding in rear garden and erection of pergola on levelled garden area to the rear of the property. Creation of new hard surface area for artificial grass adjacent to the garden room (Retrospective) at 5 Greenacres, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/1071 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building and access track at Nabbs Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/1087 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 4 "materials", 5 "foul and surface water drainage scheme", 9 "external lighting scheme", 13 "tree replacement scheme", 14 "landscaping scheme", 15 "himalayam balsam scheme", and 16 "biodiversity enhancement measures scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/24/0788 at Bisley Moorside House, Moorside Road, Edgworth**

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

**10/25/1074 Listed Building Application Proposal: Removal and blocking up of existing door to the side elevation and installation of new door to the side elevation to replace existing window at New Hall, Edge Lane, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1 December 2025 starting at 6.45pm in the Library at The Barlow, Edgworth. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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### Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

Future meetings:      5 January 2026 - St Anne's Church, Chapeltown  
                                 2 February 2026 – The Barlow, Edgworth  
                                 2 March 2026 – St Peter's Church, Belmont