To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 November 2024

# In the Broadhead Room, St Annes Church, Turton

**Present:** Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)

Councillors D Crompton, J Rowley, D Hey, K Harrison and J Rigby

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the publics

**Apologies:** None

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

*One member of the public had a query which the Chair said he would look into and bring back to the next meeting.*

**8282 Matters Arising**

*Belmont toilets* – Premier Plastering & K Rendering Ltd have pencilled the rendering job in for 19.05.25. Cllr Wild has dropped off the locker for the toilet block.

*Councillor Vacancy* – Alan Highton had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor so attended the meeting before making a final decision.

*Kings Award –* whilst checking the paperwork Cllr Rowley has found that because the BVRA Community Garden team was only established in January 2023 they are ineligible for nomination – groups have to have been established for 3 years to qualify.

*Best Kept Village –* the final results were announced on 14 October – Belmont came 3rd (highly commended) in the Small Village category and Belmont Primary School came 3rd (highly commended) in the Schools category.

*Defibrillators* – both Cllr Rigby and the Clerk have chased Yvette to arrange for her to meet with a representative from Turton Tower with no response. Clerk to write again asking Yvette to send the defibrillator and cabinet to the Parish Council and we will arrange for it to be installed.

*Fence on corner of High Street, Chapeltown –* following on from Steve Danks e-mail to the Clerk, Cllr Rigby has contacted BwDBC and reported the concerns but has had no response yet.

**8283 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8284 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8285 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/24/0907, 10/24/0916, 10/24/0891, 10/24/0915 and 10/24/0951

## 8286 Planning Decisions

**Noted:** There were no decisions on planning applications.

## 8287 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman October £1466.66

Caretaker salary October £ 430.40

Clerk salary October £1027.34

E.ON Next Electricity for toilets £ 22.63

St Annes PCC Turton Room Hire November £ 40.00

**8288 Precept for 2025/26**

**Noted:** Clerk handed around estimated figures for spend in 2025-26. Councillors asked for more time to look at the figures so decided to bring this item back to next month’s meeting.

**8289 Local Government Pay Award for 2024/25**

**Noted:** NJC for local government services have agreed the pay award for 2024-25. Clerk salary to be increased in line with the pay award and backdated to 1 April 2024.

**8290 Re-consideration of funding request from St Peter’s Community Room Project Committee**

Based on updated information brought to his attention, Cllr Harrison asked for this item to be brought back to the meeting. Following a discussion the Chair asked for a vote on whether or not the Parish Council should fund this project. The majority voted not to financially support the request due to lack of affordability by the Parish Council.

**8291 Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lights switch-on**

**Discussed:** The Parish Council agreed the final arrangements for the Remembrance Services on Sunday 10 November:

War Memorial - Cllr Rowley has confirmed with Cllr Nadim Muslim that he will be attending this year’s event and took the wreath that he will lay on behalf of the Parish Council. Service at the Memorial will commence at 10.45am.

St Anne’s Church - Cllr Wild and the Clerk to attend – service starts 10.45am

St Peter’s Church - Cllr Hey will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council – service starts at 10.30am.

The arrangements for the Christmas tree lights switch-ons are:

## Chapeltown (Friday 29 November @ 6.00pm) – Cllr Rowley will attend together with the Rev Stephen Greenhalgh who will bless the tree. No refreshments have been arranged but The Chetham Arms will be open to serve drinks.

## Edgworth (Friday 29 November @ 6.30pm) – Cllr Crompton has arranged for refreshments to be available at the Cricket Club after the event. The lights to be switched on by a child from the crowd.

## Belmont (Friday 6 December @ 3.45pm) – Cllr Harrison will contact the Black Dog to see if they will provide refreshments again. The school will sing carols.

BwDBC have been advised of the dates/times of the tree lighting events.

The Clerk will contact the Rotary Club to see if Father Christmas would be available on Friday 29 November.

**8292 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Letter from Bury Council regarding a consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Document 18: Development frameworks for strategic site allocations at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw
* Letter from Bury Council regarding a consultation on draft Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Joint Supplementary Planning document
* Invitation from Peak and Northern Footpaths Society to attend their half yearly meeting on Saturday 16 November – Clerk agreed to forward e-mail to Cllr Hey
* Request from NALC asking Exec Committee Members to read a proposed Motion and respond – Clerk to forward e-mail to all Councillors for them to read

**8293 Any Other Business**

*Fly tipping* – this has been an issue in Chapeltown recently and another report has been raised via Facebook asking if the Lengthsman can arrange for the rubbish to be removed. Unfortunately this is not an issue that the Parish Council can deal with but it has been passed on to BwDBC by Cllr Rigby.

**Comments on planning applications received by 30 October 2024**

**10/24/0907 Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed): Proposed erection of fencing at Turton and Edgworth Methodist CofE Primary School, Bolton Road**

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

**10/24/0916 EIA Scoping Opinion Proposal: EIA Scoping Opinion for a Hybrid Planning Application for engineering works to partially infill and restore the redundant Wards Reservoir and change of use to fishing lake including means on access, and Outline Planning Application for site managers accommodation, fishing centre, a fenced yard, parking and storage barn with all matters reserved except for access, layout and scale at Wards Reservoir, Rivington Road, Belmont**

The Parish Council has received the notification but has concerns that all aspects of the SSSI and Green Belt are fully considered.

**10/24/0891 Discharge of planning condition: Proposed discharge Condition Nos 6 "landscaping scheme", 7 "bird nesting survey", 8 "external light sources scheme", 9 "construction method statement", 10 "contamination method statement", and 13 "surface and foul water drainage scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/21/1421 at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has received the notification.

**10/24/0915 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building: Proposed erection of agricultural storage building at Lower Aushaw Farm, Roman Road, Hoddlesden**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0951 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: The incorporation, within plot 4, of a portion of existing structure originally omitted from previous planning permission, along with the revision of the western boundary of the site (retrospective) at Meadowcroft Barns, Land to Rear of 114 High Street, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development as long as Plot 4 does not take away any amenities from the existing properties ie overlooking or separation and does not have a detrimental impact to the street scene.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2 December 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 8.20pm

Future meetings:

6 January 2025 The Barlow

3 February 2025 Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church