

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 January 2026
In the Broadhead Room, St Anne's Church, Chapeltown

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

8446 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Chapeltown Community Garden sign – Cllr Rowley met with the Lengthsman to agree where to place the sign. Decided it needed a couple of sturdy posts, which the Lengthsman will source, and hopefully the sign will be put up this week.

Turton Tower defibrillator – the Clerk has collected the defibrillator and will hand it back.

Maria Square – Cllr Wild confirmed the work will be completed the second week in February.

Precept – Clerk has received the tax base figure from BwDBC and handed round a copy of the breakdown for 2026-27.

Rivington Road car park – Clerk has e-mailed United Utilities requesting a bin be installed in the car park but has received no reply to date.

8447 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8448 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8449 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/1021, 10/25/1164 and 10/25/1354

8450 Planning Decisions

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

8451 Accounts to Pay

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

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| Lengthsman December | | £1,466.66 |
| Caretaker Salary December | | £452.00 |
| Clerk salary December | Including expenses | £1,109.32 |
| St Anne's Church | Room hire – January 2026 | £40.00 |
| HMRC | Income Tax/NI – Oct/Nov/Dec | £1855.45 |

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

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| Gocardless | Easy Websites monthly fee | £55.44 |
| Nest | Pension | £104.51 |
| Virgin Money | Bank charges | £11.60 |

8452 Local Government Reorganisation

Noted: Clerk sent out a powerpoint presentation that Cllr Rigby had forwarded from BwDBC. Cllr Rowley agreed to put together a response on behalf of the Parish Council in preparation for the consultation period.

8453 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Distribution vouchers from CCLA
- E-mail from Bury MBC regarding consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Document 13: Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Letter from Bolton MBC regarding two planning consultations : Local Plan – Regulation 18 Direction of Travel and West of Wingates Masterplan SPD.

8454 Any Other Business

Edgworth Grit Bins – Cllr Rigby gave an update on the situation regarding the missing grit bins. Apparently BwDBC sent out a consultation in June/July 2025, and the District Councillors had, apparently, agreed to removing the bins as part of cost cutting measures. Cllrs Julie Slater and Jean Rigby had no recollection of this consultation and are working on having them reinstated. One of the bins that was removed had been purchased by the Parish Council and BwDBC have agreed to reinstate that one.

Belmont Toilets – the water has been turned off for the moment due to the frost and a notice posted outside the toilet block.

Planning applications received by 1 January 2026

10/25/1021 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Demolition of barn and construction of self-build residential dwelling (Use Class C3) (part retrospective) at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development in principle but has reservations that the application does not account for the disposal of foul sewage.

10/25/1164 Listed Building Application Proposal: Re-instate basement window, removal of external flags and installation of metal gate. Remove all pointing and replace with a lime-based pointing and proposed retractable loft ladder at 114 High Street, Chapeltown

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/25/1354 Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: Use of land for the stationing and occupation of a caravan as a single residential planning unit (Use Class C3) with associated domestic curtilage at Higher Pastures Farm, Broadhead Road, 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 2 February 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 8.04pm

Future meetings: 2 March – St Peter’s Church, Belmont
 13 April – Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church
 11 May – Turton Tower (including Electors Meeting and AGM)