

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 October 2026
At St Peter's Church, Belmont

Present: Councillor J Rowley (in the Chair)
Councillors D Hey, A Highton, J Rigby, K Harrison and D Wild
Also present: J Smith (Clerk) and 6 members of public
Apologies: Councillor D Crompton

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

A resident was present, together with two other residents from Chapeltown, to discuss the proposal from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC) to instal 4 EV chargers near Chapel Grange in Chapeltown. The resident had contacted BwDBC to ask them why they had decided that Chapel Grant was the right location for EV chargers, whether there was sufficient local demand and whether alternative location had been properly considered. Since the initial approach from BwDBC to the Parish Council regarding this, they have now withdrawn their proposal, but the resident was in attendance as he felt that there had been bad communication from BwDBC and asked the Parish Council to raise this with BwDBC.

The same resident also wanted to make the Parish Council aware that the petition to reduce the speed limit through Chapeltown to 20mph has now received 620 signatures and has been sent to BwDBC for their consideration.

Another resident was in attendance to discuss the issue of defibrillators. He is a member of the walking football group in Edgworth and they have recently held a charity event to raise money for a defibrillator. There was a situation recently at an event in Edgworth Cricket & Recreation Club where a defibrillator was needed but when they went to the box outside The Barlow, they found it was empty. Staff in the Reading Room were unsure where the defibrillator was, and staff in the Cricket Club were also unsure where their two defibrillators were. The Parish Councillors were surprised to find out that the box outside The Barlow was empty as they had helped with funding for the defibrillator and were unaware it had been removed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to The Barlow and ask them for an update on where the defibrillator is and what can be done to make it available to the village. The resident explained that members of the football team had received training on the use of a defibrillator and were looking to have one placed near to the football pitch. The Clerk agreed to pass on the resident's details to the person in Belmont who is responsible for their defibrillators to offer support going forward.

8539 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Gatehouse Lodge – our Solicitor had contacted BwDBC to enquire what was happening with the sale as there had been no update for a considerable time. As the sale of our piece of land is dependent on the sale of the property, and as there is currently no buyer lined up,

our Solicitor has decided to close his file and once a new buyer is found the Parish Council will have to either re-instruct or find a new Solicitor to act on our behalf.

8540 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8541 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8542 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0718, 10/26/0814, 10/26/0728, 10/26/0940 and 10/26/0848

Since BwDBC moved to the new planning portal the clerk has not received e-mails informing her that applications have been submitted to the portal. Clerk to follow this up with planning to see if this is the new procedure. Cllr Rigby also agreed to ask on behalf of the clerk.

8543 Planning Decisions

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

8544 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman September		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary September		£460.70
Clerk salary September	Including expenses	£1,160.01
HMRC	Tax/NI July/Aug/Sept	£2,054.91
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont toilets August	£25.05
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership fee 2026-27	£235.00
The Barlow	Room hire – September	£25.50
St Peter's Church	Room hire – October	£40.00
St Annes PCC	Room hire – August	£40.00

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£109.74
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£8.00

8545 Current Financial Position

Noted: Clerk distributed spreadsheets showing spend to date.

8546 Proposed EV points in Chapeltown

BwDBC have decided not to go ahead with the proposal in Chapeltown. Discussed alternative locations in Belmont and Edgworth that could possibly be suitable for EV points if further funding became available.

8547 To discuss Temporary Closure Orders 2026 – Footpath 11 Chapeltown (part)/ Bridleway 52 Chapeltown/ Footpath 5 Chapeltown and Bridleway 3 Turton (part)

Noted: Work at Wayoh and Entwistle reservoirs are essential. There will be no alternative route in place during the closure. Cllr Rigby has met with David Ford from United Utilities to discuss their decision to close part of the Wayoh reservoir in the interests of health and safety.

8548 Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lights switch-on

Discussed: The Parish Council discussed the representation at the various Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 8 November. Clerk to bring the wreaths to the next meeting.

War Memorial - Cllr Hey to attend

St Anne's Church – Cllrs Rowley (Chair), Wild and the Clerk to attend

St Peter's Church - Cllr Harrison to attend

Clerk to look into purchasing large commemorative poppies to display in Edgworth, Chapeltown and Belmont.

With respect to this year's Christmas lights switch-on events - 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.

Chapeltown (Friday 27 November @ 5.30pm) – Cllr Rowley to take the lead again this year in collaboration with the Vicar

Edgworth (Friday 27 November @ 6.00pm) – Cllr Crompton to contact the Cricket Club to ask if they would be willing to put some refreshments on

Belmont (Friday 4 December @ 3.45pm) – Cllr Harrison will confirm the date with both the school and the Church

Clerk has already booked the electricians with BwDBC but will confirm the times with them again and also contact the owner of the land opposite The Barlow to ask permission to place the tree on their land.

8549 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- E-mail from Morecambe Town Council offering large commemorative poppies available to buy for £5 each
- E-mail from Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and BwDBC re: Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review Consultation Notification
- E-mail from Plota Data Team offering a live feed of planning applications in North Turton that can be added to the website free of charge

8550 Any Other Business

Waterwheel – Cllrs Rowley and Rigby had a conversation with Turton Local History Society about possibly arranging painting the waterwheel on Bury Road. They have some funding for this and wondered if the Parish Council would also have any possible funding available. Cllr Rigby to contact a resident who has painted the waterwheel previously and will bring this back to a future meeting.

Egerton Road issues – Cllr Harrison has been corresponding with Highways at BwDBC regarding the unsafe nature of the road where pedestrians are at great risk of being hurt by vehicles, at speed, veering onto the pedestrianised bend. There have recently been at least five injuries and Cllr Harrison has received no response to his e-mails. Cllr Rigby has also forwarded the concerns on to Highways. Clerk asked to e-mail Highways on behalf of the Parish Council as this issue has been ongoing for nearly 12 months.

Planning applications received by 30 September 2026

10/26/0718 Full Planning Application Proposal: Extension and conversion of a detached garage to a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3) at Land adjacent to 17 Round Barn, Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0814 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment: Variation of Condition No.3 "20 year permission and decommissioning of the site" pursuant to planning application 10/07/0474 "Erection of Small Wind Turbine on land adjacent to Little Edge Farm" to allow for operation for a further 20 years at Little Edge Farm, Broadhead Road, Edgworth

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

10/26/0728 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment: Variation of Condition Nos 1 "approved drawings" and 4 "landscaping scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/25/1021 "Demolition of barn and construction of self-build dwelling (Use Class C3) (part-retrospective)" -

to facilitate compliance with Building Regulations: external changes to entrance, alteration of the entrance gate from opening leaves to a sliding arrangement due to site levels, continuation of the approved decking in place of a small tiled external area and provision of guarding to the decking area at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton

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

10/26/0840 Full Planning Application Proposal: Construction of control kiosk building at Land at Entwistle Reservoir, Batridge Road, Entwistle

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0848 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed first floor rear and side extension including internal alterations at 346 Chapeltown 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 November 2026 starting at 6.45pm at St Anne's Church, Chapeltown. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Dates of next meetings:

7 December	The Barlow, Edgworth
4 January 2027	The Barlow, Edgworth
1 February	St Anne's Church, Chapeltown
1 March	St Peter's Church, Belmont
5 April	The Barlow, Edgworth