

To be confirmed at the next meeting

## **NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2026  
At St Peter's Church, Belmont

- Present:** Councillor J Rowley (in the Chair)  
Councillors D Hey, K Harrison and D Crompton
- Also present:** J Smith (Clerk), Kate Mansfield and Tony Lowles from United Utilities and  
1 member of public
- Apologies:** Councillors A Highton, J Rigby and D Wild

*Prior to the meeting members of the public were given an opportunity to speak but they had nothing specific to say.*

### **8511 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Grane Road possible development* – The Parish Council agreed that as this proposed development was not within the Parish Council's boundary and they would not be contacted as a statutory consultee, there was no obligation to send through a response.

*Belmont toilets* – the painting has been completed and the dry stone wall repaired. There was a request from the Community Garden to use power for a project over the weekend. Cllr Harrison gave permission and the clerk asked the caretaker to take a reading before & after to see how much electricity they had used.

*Chapeltown Community Garden* – Cllr Rowley met with Adam (who is going to be completing the work) and Rick (whose wife the bench is to commemorate) and the plans do not interfere with any of the work previously completed in the garden. Cllr Rowley did e-mail members of Edgworth & District Horticultural Society to inform them of the proposed work but had received no reply. It was agreed that the work would go ahead as soon as Adam is ready to start.

*Regalia valuation* – Cllr Rigby made enquiries with BwDBC to find out who they have used to value their regalia, and it is the same company that the clerk had contacted, so it was agreed to go ahead with Kraftwork gallery in Brierfield.

*Waste at Lower Pastures Farm* – Both the clerk and Cllr Rigby had contacted BwDBC who advised they are conducting enquiries and will update Cllr Rigby when they have something to report.

*Grass cutting* – this is still an issue across the whole of Blackburn and the clerk had received an enquiry from a resident in Belmont asking why the grass on Maria Square had not been cut. Cllr Harrison followed this up with Eddie Maxwell at BwDBC who advised it is an ongoing problem but it would be mowed soon.

### **8512 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **8513 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

### **8514 United Utilities projects**

**Noted:** Kate Mansfield and Tony Lowles from United Utilities were in attendance to update the Parish Council on works to be undertaken on both Entwistle and Wayoh Reservoirs.

The work at Entwistle Reservoir is due to start on Monday 7 September 2026 with the main works due to end by the end of April 2027. There will be a temporary closure of the main car park while the work is being done but the upper car park will remain open. Batridge Road will also be closed for the duration of the work.

At Wayoh Reservoir the work is due to start mid September 2026 and again needs the main work due by the end of April 2027. This project is a significant structural upgrade to improve the reservoir's safety. There will again be a closure over the embankment but UU are hoping the footpath will reopen at the weekends for walkers.

The Parish Council were concerned about the footpath being closed and the impact on school children from Chapeltown who use the footpath to get to and from school. Kate explained that the school are aware of the situation but are waiting for specific dates. UU are also looking at possible options around school times.

Tony did say that there could possibly be a larger piece of work that needs to be done at the Wayoh Reservoir, but that was still at the planning stage and he had no further information at the moment.

The Parish Council thanked Kate and Tony for attending the meeting and asked for any publicity materials to be sent to the clerk so that she could notify residents of the possible disruptions via the website, noticeboards and Facebook page.

### **8515 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0489, 10/26/0494, 10/26/0530 and 10/26/0529

The clerk was asked to re-send the planning application document produced by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

### **8516 Planning Decisions**

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

## 8517 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman June		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary June	Including expenses	£801.10
Clerk salary June	Including expenses	£1,146.98
HMRC	Tax/NI for April/May/June	£1,909.94
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont toilets June	£29.97
Viking	Stationery	£89.36
The Barlow	Room hire – June meeting	£25.50

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

S Wedge	Door lock repair at Belmont toilets	£50.00
St Peter's Church	Room hire – July meeting	£40.00

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

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£106.26
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£12.00

## 8518 Risk Assessment

**Reviewed:** The clerk to make a couple of updates to the Risk Assessment and bring back to next meeting for approval.

## 8519 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Distribution vouchers from CCLA
- E-mail from Public Right of Way at BwDBC regarding the proposal of the temporary closure of part of footpath 1 Chapelton at Turton and Entwistle reservoir
- E-mail from resident regarding a request from a BwDBC worker for the removal of a wooden bin outside the park at the side of St Annes Church – clerk forwarded to the Church who have since advised that the bin has now been removed
- E-mail from resident on Bolton Road regarding the double white line parking restrictions on Bolton Road, Edgworth. Following a conversation with Cllr Rigby, the clerk replied back to advise the resident that this is not an issue the Parish Council have any authority over but advised her that Cllr Rigby is looking into this.
- E-mail from Interim Chair of The Barlow Trustees advising that as custodian trustees the Parish Council are required by the constitution to nominate 4 trustees for the upcoming year. As per previous years, the clerk advised him that the Parish Council has no nominations therefore we ask the board to appoint trustees on our behalf.

## **8520 Any Other Business**

*Golden Wedding* – the Clerk had received a request from the son of a couple who reside in Chapeltown asking if the Parish Council could send an acknowledgement to his parents who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on 31 July. Clerk handed round a card and the Councillors present signed it. Cllr Rowley agreed to post it as the couple live in Chapeltown.

*Virgin Money* – the clerk had received a request from Virgin Money to review the business current account. It was agreed that as there were no real advantages to changing the account, and as the clerk has just set up 3 Councillors to authorise online payments, the account would not be changed.

*Planters in Edgworth* – it has been brought to the attention of the Councillors that the planters either side of the bus shelter in Edgworth are looking a bit weary. Clerk to contact Edgworth and District Horticultural Society to ask them if they are planning to refresh the planters in the future.

*Footpaths* – Cllr Hey, in his capacity as a footpath inspector for Peak & Northern Footpaths Society, advised the Parish Council that while he has been inspecting the footpaths he has noticed that some of them have been damaged by mountain bikes. He is looking into the possibility of the Parish Council making a by-law prohibiting the riding of mountain bikes on footpaths which would make it an offence if caught doing so.

### **Planning applications received by 1 July 2026**

**10/26/0489 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing stable (with planning approval for conversion to dwelling - 10/25/0839) and construction of a new detached self-build dwelling at Lower Pasture Barn Farm, Belmont Road**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development but does object to the obstruction of public footpath 5 Belmont which is currently on the public rights of way enforcement register. Any proposed development will continue to obstruct this footpath so it would either need re-locating or a legal order processed and confirmed to divert this footpath.

**10/26/0494 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of existing timber shop and erection of new single storey shop (Class E, (a)) at 369 Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

**10/26/0530 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.3 "landscaping scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/26/0209 at Whowells Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

**10/26/0529 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed two storey side / rear extension with front, rear dormers and external alterations to dwelling at Longshaw Head Barn, Crowthorn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 3 August 2026 starting at 6.45pm in the Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church, Turton. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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**Signed - Chair**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Dates of next meetings:

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| 14 September | The Barlow, Edgworth         |
| 5 October    | St Peter’s Church, Belmont   |
| 2 November   | St Anne’s Church, Chapeltown |
| 7 December   | The Barlow, Edgworth         |