

To be confirmed at the next meeting

## **NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 April 2025  
At St Peter's Church, Belmont

**Present:** Councillor K Harrison (in the Chair)  
Councillors J Rowley, A Highton and D Hey  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public  
**Apologies:** Councillor D Wild, D Crompton and J Rigby

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

### **8331 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Ryecroft Lane* – Still no reply received from Martin Kelly, Strategic Director for Growth and Development yet, but due to the possible building works that could be taking place at the school prior to the start of the next academic year, it was thought that the state of the road may be factored into the project as somebody had been spotted measuring the road recently. Once the plans for the school are shared with the parents/carers at the school then a decision can be made on whether to follow the issue of the road up with BwDBC.

*Room bookings* – Rooms at St Peter's, Belmont have been booked for 2025/26.

*Chapelton Community Garden* – Cllr Rowley to check if the H-bar has been painted in front of the entrance and let the Clerk know. Cllrs Wild and Rowley have been liaising over the sign and Cllr Rowley confirmed that it has now been sent through to be made and the Lengthsman will put it up in due course.

*Refuse bins in Belmont* - Cllr Rigby was not present to give an update but rubbish is still being left in front of the bins.

*Planters across villages* – Clerk has spoken to the Lengthsman for an update. He has picked up between 10-12 planters that were looking damaged or unkempt. He said the others seemed like they were being looked after, but as he goes around the villages in the next few weeks he will keep an eye on the planters and if any are looking like they aren't being looked after he will pick them up too.

*Planters outside St Anne's Church, Turton* – Cllr Rowley commented on how nice the planters were looking outside the Church and said the volunteers were working on them when he went past.

*Payphones West Pennine Ward* – Clerk has e-mailed BT to register our interest in adopting both the kiosks. The closing date for the consultation is 19.5.25 and if there are no objections/representations made then BT will make a final decision on whether they will remove the payphones and make the kiosks available for adoption.

*Policing Hubs* – Clerk e-mailed Lancashire Police to request regular meetings in Edgworth with the local PCSO and received a reply to say that they are currently in the process of organising this and will be in touch in due course. Gill Scott from BVRA said they currently have “coffee with a copper” events in Belmont but their only concern was the short notice given for these events and would like more notice in the future.

### **8332 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

### **8333 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

### **8334 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0264, 10/25/0130, 10/25/0150, 10/25/0294, 10/25/0210, 10/25/0305, 0/25/0320, 10/25/0274, 10/25/0337 and 10/25/0138

### **8335 Planning Decisions**

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

### **8336 Accounts to Pay**

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

E.on Next	Electricity for toilets	£ 22.63
The Barlow	Room hire Jan & March	£ 51.00
BVRA	Contribution towards leaflets	£ 100.00

Cheques for the following accounts were signed on 20 March 2025:

Lengthsman March		£1466.66
Caretaker salary March	including holiday pay	£ 696.45
Clerk salary March	Including expenses	£ 1074.41
HMRC	Income Tax/NI Jan-March 2025	£ 1521.28
E.on Next	Electricity for toilets	£ 23.05
Viking	Replacement cheque	£ 122.94

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

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£ 55.44
Nest	Pension	£ 99.87
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£ 15.80

### **8337 Accounts for 2024-25**

**Noted:** The final accounts for 204-25 were agreed.

### **8338 Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath 18 Belmont (Part)**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed diversion.

### **8339 Notice of Confirmation of Public Path Order**

**Noted:** The Parish Council noted the Order has now been confirmed.

### **8340 Correspondence**

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Distribution vouchers from CCLA
- Letter from Bury Council re: Consultation on the draft Bury Local Plan

### **8341 Any Other Business**

*The Moss toilet block, Belmont* – Clerk received e-mail from company that were due to render the toilet block next month to say that they have had to close the business with immediate effect so need to start again getting quotes to do the work. Cllr Highton gave the Clerk the number of somebody he has used in the past – Clerk will ask the caretaker to ring them.

*BVRA request* – at the last meeting representatives from the BVRA brought copies of the leaflet they have had printed to highlight the dog poo situation across Belmont. An e-mail has since been sent through requesting a contribution towards the production of the leaflets as they cost £300 and this is a lot of money to come from their limited funds. After a short discussion the Parish Council agreed to contribute £100 towards the costs and a cheque was drawn up.

At the last BVRA meeting there was a discussion around placing another dog poo bin at the other end of the dam – Clerk agreed to look into the cost of purchasing a new one but Cllr Hey thought there may be a spare bin in the village that could be relocated to save money, and will have a look before a decision is made.

*Council tax query* – Cllr Harrison received an e-mail from a Belmont resident protesting the increase in their council tax bill. Their concerns were noted.

*Best Kept Village* – Clerk had reminded both BVRA and CVRA of the closing date for applications for this year's Best Kept Village competition – both villages have decided not to enter this year.

*Local Government reorganisation across Lancashire* - Clerk had forwarded an e-mail received from Blackburn with Darwen BC and the Parish Council noted the contents.

Belmont Councillors had spoken about this to Andy MacNae MP when he visited the village recently and he said it would be happening within the next couple of years.

*Chapeltown request* – Cllr Rowley had received a request from the CVRA regarding a possible contribution towards the purchase of a new bench on the recently completed patch of garden overlooking the fields opposite the garden at the entrance to Chapel Grange. Agreed to discuss again once a price has been quoted for a bench.

## **Comments on planning applications received by 4 April 2025**

**10/25/0264     Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 10 "foul and surface water drainage scheme", 12 "hard and soft landscaping scheme", and 13 "bird and bat boxes scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/23/0902 at Wayoh Barn, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

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

**10/25/0130     Full Planning Application Proposal: Subdivision of listed farmhouse to 2no. dwellings at Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**  
**10/25/0150     Listed Building Application Proposal: Subdivision of listed farmhouse to 2no. dwellings at Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0294     Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 5 "tower staircase scheme" and 6 "internal vision panel scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/24/1143 at Edgworth Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Turton**

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

**10/25/0210     Non-Material Amendment Proposal: Non material amendment pursuant to application 10/24/0591 "Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new aluminium sunroom Replacement of existing windows to timber with clear finish. Amendment to rear door to install double doors" - to amend roof design at Wickenlow Farm Plantation Road, Edgworth**  
**10/25/0305     Listed Building Application Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new aluminium sunroom Replacement of existing windows to timber with clear finish. Amendment to rear door to install double doors (amendment to application 10/24/0593) to amend roof design at Wickenlow Farm, Plantation Road, Edgworth**

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

**10/25/0320      Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: The use of the caravan for residential purposes at Fairview, Fernhill Farm, Belmont Road**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0274      Full Planning Application Proposal: Installation of new septic tank and connections to and from existing piping at 7a Round Barn, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0337      Non-Material Amendment Proposal: Non-material amendment pursuant to planning application 10/24/0596 "Two storey front extension" - Relocation of a proposed rooflight and a change from sun pipe to a rooflight on the main roof at 3 Middle Turn, Edgworth**

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

**10/25/0138      Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building (retrospective) at Ramwells Barn, 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 12 May 2025 starting at 6.00pm at Turton Tower. This meeting will also include the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting before the Annual Meeting and then the ordinary meeting - refreshments will be arranged between meetings. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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**Signed - Chair**

The meeting closed at 8.02pm