

To be confirmed at the next meeting

## **NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 July 2025

At St Peter's Church, Belmont

**Present:** Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)  
Councillors J Rigby, D Crompton, A Highton, J Rowley and D Hey  
**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 7 members of the public  
**Apologies:** Councillor K Harrison

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

*Phil Broughton from Edgworth & District Horticultural Society (EDHS) was attending the meeting to discuss the planters around the village and why they had been removed as EDHS had contributed towards the cost of the planters and their regular upkeep. He queried why they had been taken away with no consultation as he and Heather had recently been round all the planters to check the condition of them and then they were going to come to the Parish Council, as they have done in previous years, to discuss the next steps. Cllr Wild apologised and said, in hindsight, it had not been done the right way and the Parish Council should have consulted with EDHS but the Parish Council had been receiving complaints about the state of the planters so had acted on that. He agreed that he should have gone round with EDHS to look at the planters and then a decision could have been made together. Phil said the EDHS had been looking at clustering the planters together in certain areas and the Parish Council agreed that would be a better use of the planters. The planters that were removed are with the Lengthsman in his lock-up and it was decided that the Parish Council and EDHS would get together and decide what to do with them.*

*A Belmont resident had a concern about the fallen tree on Maria Square. This has been raised previously and a search of the Land Registry showed that the land belongs to the Bleachworks so it would be their responsibility to make the area safe. The Parish Council agreed to write to the owners – if the tree is an ash tree then the Parish Council may have some leverage with the owners – Cllr Hey agreed to have a look and report back.*

*Mike Phillips raised the issue of the rubbish that was left after the village fair. Unfortunately the request to remove the rubbish was omitted from the form and as a result there were about 10 bags of rubbish left by the bins. Cllr Wild said that 50% of the rubbish should have been removed already and the remainder should be collected on Wednesday by BwDBC. He said if the rubbish hadn't been collected then Mike could ring him on his mobile and he would sort it.*

*There was some fly tipping left by the Blue Lagoon over the weekend and this has been removed by the Lengthsman who spends a lot of his time picking up fly tipping which has increased as a result of the charges imposed by the Council tips in Blackburn, Bolton and Bury.*

### **8375 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Ryecroft Lane* – Cllr Rigby has spoken to somebody at BwDBC and they are unable to tarmac the road as it is unadopted. She said they advised they could arrange for somebody to come out and give a quote to tarmac the road, but the costs would need to be split between the residents. There is a possibility that some work may be done on the school over the summer holidays and if there is damage done to the road by contractors then there may be a case to make the request again. Cllr Rigby was asked to check with BwDBC if there is any work anticipated to take place over Summer.

*Refuse bins in Belmont* - Cllr Rigby has spoken with BwDBC about the possibility of them erecting a bin store, but it would have to be on the main road as the resident is adamant it cannot go on his land, but BwDBC have said no to this request, however Cllr Rigby will try again as BwDBC have erected bin stores in other areas.

*Toilet Block rendering* – the Parish Council have received another quote to render the toilet block and have decided to go with the 2nd quote. The work will hopefully take place at the beginning of September.

*Insurance* – Cllr Crompton has completed his up-to-date valuation of the toilet block in Belmont. Clerk to contact the Insurance Company and arrange to increase the sum insured.

*Dog poo bins* – two residents have complained about the new dog poo bin at the top of Harbour Lane. While the Parish Council do understand their complaints, the fact that there is a need for an additional bin suggests that the extra bin is necessary and the Parish Council will arrange for the bins to be emptied more frequently.

*Telephone Kiosks* – the purchase of the two telephone kiosks has been completed. Clerk to investigate the possibility of having defibrillators installed in both kiosks.

*Landscape Recovery Scheme event* – Cllrs Wild, Rowley and Hey attended the event which was held in Belmont. They thought the event would give details of the long term plan but the event was more asking Parish Council for their thoughts. The scheme is a 20 year scheme and they are currently in the 2 year design phase.

### **8376 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **8377 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** Cllr Wild declared an interest in 3 planning applications – 10/25/0641, 10/25/0672 and 10/25/0682. Cllr Crompton declared an interest in planning application 10/25/0682. Cllrs Wild and Crompton left the meeting while these applications were discussed.

### **8378 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0425, 10/25/0476, 10/25/0606, 10/25/0568, 10/25/0591, 10/25/0626, 10/25/0634, 10/25/0499, 10/25/0641, 10/25/0671, 10/25/0673, 10/25/0680 and 10/25/0682

### **8379 Planning Decisions**

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

### **8380 Accounts to Pay**

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

Lengthsman June		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary June		£451.80
Clerk salary June	Including expenses	£1142.24
E.on Next	Electricity May & June	£51.19
HMRC	Income Tax/NI	£1790.35

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

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£101.01
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£12.60

### **8381 Standing Orders/Financial Standing Orders**

**Agreed:** The Standing Orders/Financial Standing Orders were approved.

### **8382 Risk Assessment**

**Agreed:** The Risk Assessment was approved.

### **8383 Quarter one financial accounts**

**Noted:** The first quarter accounts were discussed and noted.

### **8394 Speeding issues**

**Discussed:** There are currently 2 areas of particular concern with regards to speeding:

Moorside Road, Edgworth – the farmer who has the farm just before the 30mph sign has requested the 30mph zone to be moved a few yards back as he struggles to move his cows across the road with cars doing the national speed limit of 60mph outside his farm. The Parish Council recognises that it is very difficult to get speed limits moved but will put a request in to Highways at BwDBC to see if anything can be done.

Rivington Road, Belmont – this is a long-standing issue and was discussed at a recent meeting with MP Andy McNae when he visited Belmont. Since then Cllr Harrison has received an e-mail asking for the Parish Council's help in again addressing the motorbike problem with either the Police and/or BwDBC. There have been meetings with the PCSO about this issue many times over the last couple of years and recently the Police have discussed the possibility of residents being trained in the use of speed guns but would need the PCSO to stand with the residents. The resident who e-mailed suggested either noise cameras or sleeping policemen as other villages have, but these would cost a lot of money. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Chief Constable, the local sergeant and BwDBC to see if there is anything that can be done to support this issue.

### **8395 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: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document 11 – parking standards in Bury
- Letter from Bolton Council re: Article 4 Direction Opportunity to Make Representations
- E-mail from Lancashire re: Consultation on Pan-Lancashire draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025
- E-mail from Central Lancashire Authorities re: Submission of the Central Lancashire Local Plan 2023-2041

### **8396 Any Other Business**

*Belmont Toilet block repairs* – The caretaker had been informed that there was a loose light fitting and one of the hand dryers was not working in the toilets. An electrician was called and a quote given to complete the work – the Parish Council agreed the quote and asked the caretaker to inform the electrician.

*Paving stones on Tower Street* – The clerk received an e-mail from a resident on Tower Street to advise there are tree shoots coming through the paving stones and asking for help removing them. Clerk to contact the Lengthsman and ask him to remove them.

### **Comments on planning applications received by 13 June 2025**

**10/25/0425 Full Planning Application Proposal: Alteration to the fenestration details of existing doors / windows to front and an area of raised balcony to the rear with external staircase at 14 The Rise, Crowthorn Road, Off Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0476      Permission in Principle Proposal: Conversion of existing barn into up to two residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and provision of new access at Barn at Edge Fold Farm, Edge Lane, Entwistle**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

### **Comments on planning applications received by 2 July 2025**

**10/25/0606      Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 3 "retaining structures scheme", 6 "construction method statement", 10 "bird nesting survey", 11 "scheme for the installation of a barn owl nest box", 13 "foul and surface water drainage strategy", and 14 "sustainable drainage management and maintenance plan" pursuant to planning application 10/24/1022 at Whowells Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

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

**10/25/0568      Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Erection of covered outbuilding open on 3 sides (retrospective) at 2 Burnside Fold, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0591      Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 "approved drawings" pursuant to planning application 10/22/1145 "Demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with proposed two storey extension, incorporating recessed first floor terrace area and first floor link." - addition of columns to support cantilevered structure, to be clad in zinc to match the roof" at Entwistle Hall Barn, Entwistle Hall Lane, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0626      Full Planning Application Proposal: Single storey infill extension to the rear at Greystokes, Moorside Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0634      Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Variation of Conditions No. 2 and 3 "materials" pursuant to planning application 10/24/0135 "Erection of raised decked area from first floor of property and insertion of roof lights within front and rear roof slopes" - change of materials to balustrade from glazing to a more traditional material of timber newel and handrail at 36 South View, Belmont**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0499 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Erection of stables (retrospective) at Ramwells Barn, Edge Lane, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0641 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 3 "landscaping scheme " and 9 "intrusive scheme for coal mining activity" pursuant to planning application 10/22/0307 at Land adjoining, Higher Head Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

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

**10/25/0671 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building at Nabbs Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0673 Full Planning Application Proposal: Single storey extensions at The Stables, Uglow Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0680 Full Planning Application Proposal: Single storey rear extension at 7 School View, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0682 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 "approved drawings" pursuant to planning application 10/23/0380 "Conversion of agricultural building to holiday accommodation, external alterations to building, retaining wall works and associated landscaping" - additional glazing to gable end elevation at Meadowcroft Farm, Bury 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 4 August 2025 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 8.39pm

Future meetings:  
1 September – St Anne’s Church