

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 May 2026
In the Broadhead Room, St Annes Church, Turton

Present: Councillor J Rowley (in the Chair)
Councillors A Highton, D Wild, D Hey and J Rigby
Also present: J Smith (Clerk) and 5 members of public
Apologies: Councillors K Harrison and D Crompton

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

A resident, who had attended a meeting in March for advice regarding a Community Trigger Order (CTO) that he had apparently been served with, was again in attendance to ask the Parish Council for help as he had written to the Chief Executive of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC) for her help in this matter but he had received no response. The resident confirmed he had received no communication regarding a CTO being served on him and the Police had stated they had no information about this. The Chair again advised that the Parish Council has no power regarding this matter and could only advise the resident to keep trying to get a response and contact the local PCSO to see if he could help.

A resident was in attendance to discuss planning application 10/26/0416 – he was representing other residents from the development in Crowthorne and asked the Parish Council to reinforce the views of the residents with BwDBC. Cllr Highton asked the resident to forward their comments to the clerk who will include them in the Parish Council's response to the planning application to be discussed later in the meeting.

Another resident was in attendance to discuss planning application 10/22/0928 – the resident had previously attended a Parish Council meeting in January 2025 but an amended application has since been submitted and the resident again had concerns around the access along Mill Lane. Pedestrian access has been mitigated with the addition of a footpath but vehicle access is still an issue as the footpath will cause the road to become a single line of traffic at one point. The Parish Council agreed to take this into consideration when discussing the application later in the meeting.

A resident was in attendance to discuss the dumping of waste near his property and the issues this has caused. The Enforcement Officer from BwDBC had been to visit the property and an Enforcement Notice had been issued previously but the work has carried on as there is an operators licence in place., The resident was concerned whether the buildings on the land had got planning permission. Cllr Rigby advised that BwDBC has 2 new Enforcement Officers who are former police officers and would ensure that the work was being carried out correctly.

8489 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Belmont toilets – the rendering of Belmont Toilets is due to take place at the end of May.

8490 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8491 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8492 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0242, 10/26/0330, 10/22/0928, 10/26/0350, 10/26/0329, 10/26/0354, 10/26/0363, 10/26/0375, 10/26/0396, 10/26/0416 and 10/26/0391

8493 Planning Decisions

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

8494 Planning Appeal

Noted: Planning appeal 10/25/0716 noted for 16 June 2026 at 10.00am

8495 Grant Application 2026-27

Approved: Grant application from Edgworth Primary School approved to fund the school crossing person for a further 12 months. This is the final year of the original 3 year funding and will need to review in more detail if funding is to continue in future years.

8496 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman April		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary April		£469.30
Clerk salary April	Including expenses	£1,136.63
The Barlow	Room hire – February	£25.50
LALC	Membership LALC and NALC	£631.09
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont Toilets – April	£21.80

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£106.26
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£16.50

8497 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements 2025-26

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement for 2025-26 were approved and signed by the Chair.

8498 Insurance for 2026-27

Noted: Clerk obtained three quotations from insurance companies specialising in Parish Council insurance – Gallaghers, Zurich and Clear Councils (current insurers). They all offered the same cover but prices ranged considerably. Cheapest quote was from Zurich but Clerk to contact Clear Councils to see if they would be able to match the quote from Zurich – if not agreed to change to Zurich.

8499 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Statement of Accounts from CCLA for Turton Edgworth & District War Memorial Scholarship and J Brandwoods Charity
- Letter and brochure regarding the statutory consultation on proposed application for development consent regarding the proposed Calderdale Energy Park
- E-mail from St Anne Turton regarding the Heritage Open Day on Saturday 19 September 2026 held by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at St Anne Turton. The PCC wondered if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute in some way by displaying its local government connections and presence across the years within the parish community. Cllr Rowley agreed to reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

8500 Any Other Business

Chapelton Community Garden – there has been a request from a resident about the possibility of installing a memory bench for his late wife. The Parish Council thought that was a lovely idea and have no objections to this.

Entwistle and Wayoh reservoirs – a representative from United Utilities has informed the Parish Council that they have a project coming up taking place at Entwistle Reservoir as well as Wayoh Reservoir which they are hoping to start on site in July time. The representative asked for an opportunity to discuss with the Parish Council any limitations and how best to communicate with the wider community. **Agreed:** invite to next meeting

Planning applications received by 6 May 2026

10/26/0242 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed conversion of the first floor and roof space to holiday accommodation (Sui Generis) with erection of rear dormers and external staircase at San Marino Bar Restaurant, Belmont Road

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0330 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 3 "materials", 7 "construction and environmental management plan", 10 "existing track and footpath scheme", 12 "arboricultural method statement", 13 "method statement for Himalayan balsam", 15 "boundary treatment", 19 "bird and bat boxes scheme", and 20 "external lighting scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/25/0821 at land at Horrobin Farm, Horrobin Lane, Turton

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

10/22/0928 PLANNING APPLICATION AMENDMENT - Full Planning Application Proposal: Engineering and remediation works to remodel the landform and the erection of 116 dwellings along with associated works and landscaping Location: Former Springside Works, off Belmont Road, Belmont

Although the Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development, it still has grave concerns regarding the safety of vehicles and pedestrians accessing and exiting the site via the indicative access road. The proposals lack substantial detail on appropriate traffic mitigation and road safety measures, with concerns including a blind bend and single lane traffic exiting the development. There are also concerns that the indicative access road would feed traffic out directly adjacent to the Y junction on the A675. The Parish Council understands that a footpath has potentially mitigated the pedestrian access but feels that the vehicular access has not been mitigated and Highways need to remedy this situation.

10/26/0350 Discharge of BNG Condition Proposal: Discharge standard mandatory biodiversity net gain condition pursuant to planning application 10/25/0821 at land at Horrobin Farm, Horrobin Lane, Turton

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

10/26/0329 Discharge of Planning Condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.5 "takeaway catering hut detailed menu" pursuant to planning application 10/24/1020 at Edgworth Cricket Club, Bolton Road, Turton

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

10/26/0354 Full Planning Application Proposal: Front and rear dormer extension, single storey rear extension and widening of driveway and extending of dropped kerb at 296 Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0363 Advertisement Application Proposal: Proposed signage above the main entrance along with rose logo and sponsorship in smaller text at Edgworth Cricket Club, Bolton Road, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0375 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension at 465 Blackburn Rd, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0396 Full Planning Application Proposal: Single extension to the front at 348 Chapeltown Road, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development

10/26/0416 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No 19 "management and maintenance of all areas of landscaping/public open space scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/09/0893 "Amendments to planning application approval 10/04/0680 to provide residential units including live/work, affordable and open-market housing at Former Crowthorn School, Edgworth

The Parish Council has received the notification but has concerns regarding the following:

- The current proposal indicates two alternatives (Landscape Masterplans A and B). Option A indicates a cricket pitch with the loss of TPO trees, the loss of Public Open Space, BNG, occupation terms etc. Option B recognises the well utilised, informal paths that have been in continuous use by local residents for over 20 years. Option A cannot yet be considered.
- Landscape Masterplan A also proposes new access to the proposed cricket pitch from Broadhead Road, but this is already a difficult bend so Highways would need to consider the whole access issue, especially as there are also no plans for off-road parking so cars parked on Broadhead Road would make access/egress even more difficult
- There are serious concerns around the implementation and long-term management of the site by Edgworth Development due to their failure to carry out their current maintenance obligations
- The Landscape Management Plan states *that Edgworth Developments Ltd will be the body responsible for implementing the plan, funded by the occupiers, through the lease and service provision contained therein.* There is no information about who the 'occupiers' are, what lease terms are proposed including user and service charge clauses
- The site has been continually used as a Public Open Space as per the original planning consent and there is a need to ensure that continues
- The Public Open Space use must be protected via a robust section 106 agreement and designation of the whole site as Protected Open Space.

10/26/0391 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 3 "materials" and 5 "bird and bat boxes" pursuant to planning application 10/22/1145 at Entwistle Hall Barn Entwistle Hall Lane Edgworth

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 1 June 2026 starting at 6.45pm in the Library at The Barlow. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.38pm