

To be confirmed at the next meeting

## **NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025  
At Turton Tower

**Present:** Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)  
Councillors K Harrison, D Crompton, J Rigby, J Rowley and D Hey

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor A Highton

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

*Mr Grimwood attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council would be willing to make a donation to buy some bedding plants for the planters at the top of Hob Lane in Edgworth. Mr Grimwood explained that he had received a donation from Edgworth & District Horticultural Society last year and with the donation he bought the whiskey barrels and put the original plants in, but now he would like to buy some bulbs. The Councillors thought it was a good idea and agreed to support the resident with a donation of £100 and asked him to put it in writing to the Clerk and she would arrange for a cheque to be made available at the next meeting on 2 June.*

### **8350 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Ryecroft Lane – No update – Clerk to send another e-mail to Martin Kelly and copy in Cllr Rigby.*

*Chapelton Community Garden – Cllr Rowley confirmed that the H-bar has been painted but is not effective as each time he has looked there has been a car/van parked over the lines. Cllr Wild confirmed that he has received the sign and Clerk to contact the Lengthsman to ask him to liaise with Cllr Rowley in putting the sign up.*

*Refuse bins in Belmont - Cllr Rigby confirmed that the resident has been spoken to but will not allow the bins to be placed on his road. Cllr Crompton knows the resident and agreed to have a word with him to see if some arrangement can be made to take the bins off the main road.*

*Planters across villages – there are still some broken planters around Edgworth. The Councillors would prefer to support residents to look after specific planters as shown with the donation made to the resident earlier in the meeting.*

*Planters outside St Anne's Church, Turton – still looking lovely except Cadent had made a mess of a couple of the planters while doing some work nearby.*

*Payphones West Pennine Ward – closing date for the consultation is 19.5.25 so should know at the next meeting if been successful in adoption application.*

*Policing Hubs* – No further update.

*The Moss* – still waiting for a quote from the contractor who came to have a look but it is too hot at the moment to complete the job.

*Dog poo bin, Belmont* – Clerk has ordered a new dog poo bin for the other end of the dam – Lengthsman has been asked to put it up.

*Chapelton request* – still looking into the cost of a new bench.

### **8351 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **8352 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

### **8353 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0350, 10/25/0351, 10/25/0345, 10/25/0338, 10/25/0339, 10/25/0340, 0/25/0341, 10/25/0362, 10/25/0367, 10/25/0368, 10/25/0369, 10/25/0425, 10/25/0460, 10/25/0470 and 10/25/0472

### **8354 Planning Decisions**

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

### **8355 Grant Application 2025-26**

**Approved:** Grant application from Edgworth Primary School approved to fund the school crossing person for a further 12 months.

### **8356 Accounts to Pay**

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

Lengthsman April		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary April		£452.00
Clerk salary April	Including expenses	£1,083.09
LALC	Subscription LALC & NALC	£642.07
Clear Insurance Management	Insurance Renewal 25-26	£1,499.78
Edgworth School Fund	Grant for 2025-26	£3,000.00
Roadware	Dog bin for Belmont	£170.28
E.on Next	Electricity for toilets	£22.81
St Peter's Church, Belmont	Room hire April	£40.00

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

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£101.01
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£16.50

### **8357 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements 2024-25**

**Resolved:** The Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement for 2024-25 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **8358 Insurance for 2025-26**

**Noted:** Cllr Crompton agreed to value the toilet block at Belmont for insurance purposes. Clerk asked to get quotes in advance of the insurance for 2026-27. Agreed to stay with Clear Insurance Management this year.

### **8359 Dog poo bins across Edgworth**

**Agreed:** Cllr Rigby asked for agreement to purchase a new dog poo bin at the top of Harbour Lane – agreed – Clerk to order and arrange delivery.

### **8360 S106 Agreement – Edgworth Cricket Club and Recreation Ground**

**Noted:** The Parish Council had been asked to sign a S106 on behalf of The Barlow. As the Parish Council are Custodial Trustees only they are unable to sign any documents relating to The Barlow as any documents need to be signed by the Trustees of The Barlow as they are the owners. Cllr Rigby had also been passed a Lease for the Parish Council to sign – Clerk agreed to e-mail the Chair of the Board of Trustees to explain the situation.

### **8361 Correspondence**

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Statement of Accounts from CCLA
- E-mail from BVRA thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards the printing of the dog fouling leaflets
- Letter from Bury Council re: Adoption of Northern Gateway Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document
- Letter from Bury Council re: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document 18 – Development Frameworks for strategic site allocations at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw
- Letter from Bury Council re: Adoption of Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Joint Supplementary Planning document
- E-mail from resident regarding the recent Barlow AGM – have explained that the Parish Council are Custodian Trustees and are not involved in the day to day running of The Barlow.

## **8362 Any Other Business**

*Community Orchard* – Cllr Rigby gave an update on the Community Orchard. The Doctors surgery have taken over the orchard and the surgery's Social Prescriber, who works with young people with mental health issues, is encouraging young people to help with the orchard and they are looking into purchasing a shed and some more trees with the grant funding that Cllr Rigby secured for them.

*Waterwheel* – Cllr Rigby has been contacted by the Local History Society who have advised her that the waterwheel is looking a bit neglected at the moment. The Councillors asked the Clerk to look into arranging for a company to jetwash it to remove as much of the flaking paint as possible and then look into arranging for somebody to paint it.

*PNFS* – Cllr Hey has been confirmed as an official Footpath Inspector for Belmont and he explained they have 49 paths in the village which will keep him busy. It was suggested that he contact Lorraine Mellodey, the Public Rights of Way Officer for BwDBC. Cllr Hey agreed to find out the name of the Footpath Inspector for the rest of the North Turton area and let the Clerk know.

## **Comments on planning applications received by 9 May 2025**

**10/25/0350 Full Planning Application Proposal: Alteration and adaption of rear terrace structure for use as a domestic hydro pool and gym, including introduction of new glazing and patio at Nursery Farm House, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0351 Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Proposal: Alteration and adaption of rear terrace structure for use as a domestic hydro pool and gym, including introduction of new glazing and patio at Nursery Farm House, Broadhead Road, Turton**

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

**10/25/0345 Full Planning Application Proposal: Addition of glazing on the first floor and bi-folding doors on the ground floor at Ramwells Farm, Edge Lane, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0338 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Removal of Condition Nos 3 "removal of access track and site restored to previous grassland", 4 "scheme relating to erection of a 'caravan turning sign'", and 6 "removal of permitted development rights relating to Class E of Part 1 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, pursuant to planning application 10/21/0410**

**"Part retrospective application for the creation of a vehicular access and track leading from Blackburn Road to serve new house (substantially completed) and certified caravan site (amendments to application 10/20/0625)" at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council objects to the proposal to remove Conditions 3, 4 and 6 due to highway safety around the busy location of the driveway

**10/25/0339 Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Proposal: Conversion of garage to garden room and addition of side extension to form double garage, gym and swimming pool at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has received the notification and objects to this proposal as they believe the extension falls outside of the curtilage of the existing property

**10/25/0340 Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: Siting of a static caravan (not for residential use) and use of the land as residential C3 use with the exception of the land where the caravan is located at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has received the notification and objects to this proposal as they believe it is not a lawful use of the site.

**10/25/0341 Full Planning Application Proposal: Construction of two first floor balconies to the rear with glazed balustrades at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0362 Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and rear dormer at 296 Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0367 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed raised terrace to frontage of extension at 4 Church Street, Belmont**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0368 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition no 3 "materials" pursuant to listed building application 10/24/1085 at Chapel House Farm, High Street, Chapeltown**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0369 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.3 "materials" pursuant to planning application 10/24/1096 at Chapel House Farm, High Street, Chapeltown**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**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 in principle but express some concerns that it may be overlooking the neighbourhood properties.

**10/25/0460 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Erection of portal steel framed agricultural building at Land to the south of Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0470 Prior Approval - Agricultural to Dwellinghouses Proposal: Convert agricultural building to residential dwelling (Use Class C3) with minor external alterations at Temple Farm, Bury Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0472 Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: Use of caravan as a dwelling at Hollywood Lodge, Fernhill Farm, Belmont Road**

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 June 2025 starting at 6.45pm 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 8.45pm