

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026
In the Broadhead Room, St Annes Church, Turton

Present: Councillor J Rowley (in the Chair)
Councillors D Hey, D Crompton and J Rigby
Also present: J Smith (Clerk) + 1 member of public
Apologies: Councillors D Wild, K Harrison and A Highton

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

A resident was in attendance to talk about planning application 10/26/0192. He had concerns around how the resident expected contractors to get access to build the extension and he would also like somebody from the Planning Department at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC) to look at what is still outstanding from previous applications before a new application is agreed.

8471 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Maria Square – part of the work has been completed, but the contractor needed climbing gear to get to high branches so agreed to come back to complete the work with the climbing equipment.

Alternative payment method – the Clerk had set up Cllr Rowley as an additional user on the account and once he has got access then the Parish Council can look at making payments via bank transfer where this is the preferred method.

Pathway to Wayoh Reservoir – after his return from holiday Cllr Hey went to inspect the path and has report it to the Public Rights of Way Officer at BwDBC who agreed that if the situation got really bad due to the rain she would look at doing something.

NTPC Response to LGR Consultation on Three Unitary Proposal – Cllr Rowley confirmed that he had submitted the response before the deadline.

8472 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2026 were approved as a correct record and in the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair, Cllr Rowley signed the minutes as acting Chair.

8473 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8474 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0206, 10/26/0222, 10/26/0226, 10/26/0086, 10/26/0220, 10/26/0209, 10/26/0283, 10/26/0284, 10/26/0290, 10/26/0287, 10/26/0300, 10/26/0192, 10/26/0244 and 10/26/0248

8475 Planning Decisions

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

8476 Accounts to Pay

Resolved: Cheques for the following accounts were signed on 25 March 2026:

Lengthsman March		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary March	Including holiday pay	£862.64
Clerk salary March	Including expenses	£1,109.32
HMRC	Income Tax/NI for Jan/Feb/March 26	£2,033.87
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont Toilets – Feb	£23.29

That cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:

E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont Toilets – March	£21.80
St Annes PCC	Room hire – April	£40.00
Mr I Ormrod	Funding to purchase plants/compost	£100.00

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£104.51
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£14.80

8477 Funding Request from Chapeltown resident

Resolved: Mr & Mrs Ormrod had requested some funding from the Parish Council to purchase bedding plants/compost and wildflower seeds to maintain and improve the appearance of five planters, flower beds and wooded area situated on the corner plot adjoining Chapel Grange and Greens Arms Road, Chapeltown. They had originally applied to the Horticultural Society for funding, which was approved but has not been forthcoming so asked for funding from the Parish Council. After a discussion it was agreed to fund £100 and a cheque was signed and given to Cllr Rowley to give to Mr & Mrs Ormrod.

8478 Quotations for rendering at Belmont toilet block

Resolved: This work was due to be completed last year but due to the weather and a change of circumstances the original plasterer is no longer able to complete this work. The caretaker contacted a couple of other plasterers who have given quotations for the Parish Council to consider. As both quotations were of a similar amount it was agreed to proceed with the more local plasterer – LG Plastering Services.

8479 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- E-mail from Chorley Council regarding the Chorley Article 4 Direction Confirmation
- E-mail from resident regarding the groundworks which started on Good Friday on land at the side of Bolton Road/in front of Martin Street. This has been an ongoing issue for the last couple of weeks and Cllr Rigby confirmed that an Enforcement Notice was placed on the land on Thursday 9 April at 4.00pm, however Cllr Crompton advised that the landowner was still working on the land over the weekend.

8480 Any Other Business

Salaries for 2026-27 – the increases in salaries for both the clerk and caretaker were approved as per the Local Government Services Pay Agreement.

E-mail from resident regarding Chapeltown football pitch – the clerk had received an e-mail from a resident asking if the Parish Council had any information as to who owned the football pitch in Chapeltown in 1930. Cllr Rowley met with the resident and agreed to keep him informed if he found any more documents around ownership.

Chapeltown Community Garden – Cllr Rowley was informed by residents that the bench in the community garden is falling to bit and has some rotted slats that have come loose. As the community garden is owned by the Parish Council it was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to remove the bench and the clerk would look into purchasing a replacement bench – possibly a weatherproof and recycled bench – and bring to the next meeting.

Belmont food bins – Cllr Hey advised that residents in Belmont had received a flyer to say they would be receiving a 25l food bin which they have been told to place outside their front door for collection. Cllr Hey is concerned that the bins could easily be damaged and/or stolen if left on the main street. Cllr Rigby agreed to look into this matter with BwDBC and clarify the situation.

Planning applications received by 7 April 2026

10/26/0206 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Extension to existing agricultural storage building at Ramwells Farm, Edge Lane, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0222 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension and formation of windows and doors in the side elevation at 20 Rivington Road, Belmont

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development, however feel that the application should state the roof is to be grey slate not tiles to match the existing roof

10/26/0226 Full Planning Application Proposal: Two storey side extension to incorporate accessible bedroom and bathroom (resubmission - 10/25/1086) at White Lodge Farm, Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0086 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of existing barn with Class Q approval (10/25/0470) and proposed development of 1no Self-build dwelling at Temple Farm, Bury Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0220 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Change of use of former agricultural land to equestrian use and construction of an outdoor riding arena with associated fencing (part retrospective) at Ramwells Barn, Edge Lane, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0209 Full Planning Application Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and erection of stables at Whowells Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton

The Parish Council objects to this proposed development due to concerns around overdevelopment of the site and the general present of the development within a green belt area.

10/26/0283 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed extension to dwelling at Entwistle Cottage, Entwistle Hall Lane, Edgworth

10/26/0284 Listed Building Application Proposal: Proposed extension to dwelling at Entwistle Cottage, Entwistle Hall Lane, Edgworth

The Parish Council objects to this proposed development due to the size of the proposed extension and it is not in keeping with a listed building

10/26/0290 Householder Notification - Single storey rear extension Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension 4.6m from original rear wall, Max Height: 4m, Height to Eaves: 2.7m. at 465 Blackburn Road, Edgworth, Turton

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0287 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of garage and extension to holiday let building at Meadowcroft Barn Cottage, Bury Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0300 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition Nos 6 "ecological enhancement strategy" and 10 "contaminated land validation report" pursuant to planning application 10/25/1021 at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

10/26/0192 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed two-storey extension to the western elevation with first floor balcony at Hob Lane Barn, Blackburn Road, Edgworth

The Parish Council objects to this development for the following reasons:

- Previous works are as yet uncompleted
- Lack of access to proposed building site
- Cumulative impact on numerous incomplete applications on the same site
- Potential impact on nearby listed building

10/26/0244 Full Planning Application Proposal: Replacement of two existing single-glazed timber windows with new hardwood framed / double-glazed units; installation of trickle vents to all retained windows; provision of new extract ventilation; replacement of electric storage heaters; and installation of internal wall insulation to the external wall at 4 The Grange, Bolton Road, Turton

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The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11 May 2026 starting at 6.00pm at Turton Tower. This meeting will also include the 48th 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 8.25pm