

To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 September 2026
In the Library at The Barlow, Bolton Road, Edgworth

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

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

The resident who attended the meeting last month regarding his concerns about The Barlow was in attendance to ask if there was any update. Three of the Parish Councillors did attend a meeting with two of the Trustees where they asked the Trustees for a copy of the lease and discussed with them how they propose to move forward. The previous Trustees were the ones who had signed the lease, so the current Trustees were looking into whether the correct procedures were followed, specifically around contacting the Charities Commission. The Councillors advised them to take legal advice regarding the validity of the lease. Once the Parish Council has received an update from the Trustees then it is their intention to contact the Charities Commission themselves for advice and potentially take independent legal advice.

A resident, who had attended previous meetings regarding a boundary dispute, was again in attendance to update the Parish Council. Independent Surveyors had been to look at the boundary and had found in their favour. The summons has been withdrawn against both the resident and the neighbour he had been helping, and they had been trying to meet with the neighbours to come to some arrangement, but they were unwilling to meet with them. They had sent a request to the Community Safety Team at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwDBC) but have not had any response and were in attendance to ask the Parish Council for their help. Unfortunately, as this is a private boundary dispute the Parish Council has no power regarding this matter and could only advise the resident to keep trying to get a response from the Community Safety Team or ask the Chief Executive of BwDBC for their help.

Another resident was in attendance to discuss a boundary issue he, and his neighbours, are having with the owners of a property that was built in 1991 behind their cottages. As part of the planning permission when the house was built, it was agreed that parking for 4 cars belonging to the residents of the cottage would be made available. The house has recently been sold and the new owners have written to the residents of the cottages to inform them that they can no longer park their cars in the previously agreed space, as the house owners wish to use the land to build a patio. The land does not belong to the house and Enforcement Officers from BwDBC have been out to look at the situation and have written to the house owners to advise them they cannot use the land for a patio, but they have refused to move the barriers that they have erected. The resident was asking for advice from the Parish Council and the only advice they could give was to contact the Enforcement Officers again to see what they can do and keep chasing them up.

8530 Matters Arising from previous minutes

Hedges – Cllr Highton sent through a list of the hedges that were overgrown and the Clerk forwarded this on to Eddie Maxwell at BwDBC.

Gatehouse Lodge – no update since the last meeting.

8531 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

8532 Declarations of Interest

Noted: None

8533 Planning Applications

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/26/0284, 10/26/0283 and 10/26/0192

8534 Planning Decisions

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

8535 Accounts to Pay

Resolved: That transfers be agreed to pay the following accounts:

Lengthsman August		£1,466.66
Caretaker Salary August		£460.70
Clerk salary August	Including backpay and expenses	£1,294.79
E.on Next	Electricity @ Belmont toilets August	£24.41
BwDBC	Room hire at Turton Tower in May	£40.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited Assurance Review of AGAR	£378.00

Resolved: The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless	Easy Websites monthly fee	£55.44
Nest	Pension	£123.60
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£10.60

8536 Proposed EV points in Chapeltown

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8537 Correspondence

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

- Statements from Virgin Money
- Distribution Vouchers from CCLA
- Letter from CCLA confirming that correspondence address has been updated for J Brandwoods Charity
- Statement of Accounts from CCLA
- E-mail from Bury Council regarding consultation on Bury's Draft Housing Strategy
- E-mail from resident querying a large development taking place of which they have no knowledge. On checking past records found that the Parish Council had objected to the development but BwDBC approved it in January 2025.
- Proposed enhancements and revisions to bus services in Blackburn and Darwen (from 29 November 2026)
- Enquiry from resident about the proposed reinstatement of bus routes through Edgworth and asking if there is a consultation form to fill in. Details can be found by e-mailing: buspartnership@lancashire-cca.gov.uk
- E-mail from resident with concerns about the Blue Lagoon getting a lot of attention and the concerns about safety. Clerk to reply for clarification which Blue Lagoon he is querying as Wards Reservoir in Belmont is privately owned
- Enquiry from resident querying inability to obtain a free bus pass for her daughter who lives in Edgworth and is attending college in Bury.
- E-mail from resident regarding the ongoing issue with Hob Lane in Entwistle. Cllr Rigby forwarded him a letter from highways at BwDBC explaining the situation and providing a brief updated on progress, and forward plans.
- Enquiry from resident requesting the Parish Council's assistance in getting the speed limit on Bury Road reduced from 60 to 30mph. Cllr Rigby has forwarded his concerns on to Highways at BwDBC.
- Letter from SLCC regarding membership renewal due on 1 October 2026

8538 Any Other Business

AGAR 2025/26 – PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed the Limited Assurance Review for the year ended 31 March 2026. There was just one comment for the Clerk's attention. Details have been uploaded to the website.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – it has been decided by the Government to pause and review LGR in Lancashire. Further updates will follow when information is available.

Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26 - the new pay award was noted and backpay for the Clerk agreed

Planning applications received by 9 September 2026

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

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

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:

- Over-development of the whole curtilage
- Concerns the development is being built outside of the curtilage into green belt land

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5 October 2026 starting at 6.45pm at St Peter's Church, Belmont. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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Signed - Chair

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Dates of next meetings:

2 November	St Anne's Church, Chapelton
7 December	The Barlow, Edgworth