

# Chair's Report 2026

The purpose of this 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting is to let the people of North Turton know what the Parish Council and District Council have been doing over the last 12 months.

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A main part of the Parish Council's duties is the review of planning applications. We have commented on 85 applications in the past year, of which 25 related to extensions or alterations to dwellings, 20 were for new dwellings – either new buildings or the conversion of existing buildings, 6 were for the erection of agricultural buildings and 34 were for other things.

Members of the public have been invited to all of our council meetings and are given an opportunity to voice their opinions on planning applications, and any other issues they wished to raise.

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Some of the other things the Parish Council had done during the year include:

- Continued to raise the profile of the Parish Council by keeping the Facebook page up-to-date giving more social media communication
- Kept the new Parish Council website up-to-date with current news and agenda/minutes of all meetings
- Supported the Belmont Village Residents Association (BVRA) in obtaining a lottery grant for Belmont Community Garden
- Funded individual residents to maintain specific planters in the villages
- Arranged with the Edgworth & District Horticultural Society to replace the damaged planters in Edgworth
- In partnership with the Edgworth & District Horticultural Society purchased two new planters to be placed in prominent locations in the village
- Arranged meetings in Edgworth, Belmont, Chapelton and at Turton Tower to include residents
- Purchased 2 decommissioned red telephone boxes from BT – one in Entwistle and the other in Edgworth
- Looked at possible funding for a defibrillator to be placed in the telephone box in Entwistle
- Supported the BVRA with their continuing concerns regarding the traffic concerns in Belmont including contacting the Police, MP, Council etc on their behalf

- Had updates from and regular contact with the Police including the local PCSO
- Continued regular communication with the Trustees at The Barlow to enable the Council to keep informed of any developments
- Clerk continued to work from home
- Continued to fund a school crossing person at Edgworth Primary School in 2025/26
- Updated the Turton Trail walk and uploaded to Ordnance Survey maps with a link on the Parish Council website
- Moved forward with selling the Gatehouse Garden at Turton Tower to BwDBC
- Arranged for the toilets on the Moss in Belmont to be rendered
- Arranged for the fallen trees on Maria Square in Belmont to be made safe
- Clerk completed two qualifications through the Society for Local Council Clerks – Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration (FILCA) and Principles of Internal Auditing Local Councils (PIALC)
- Liaised with the Lengthsman around fly tipping in the area, emptying dog bins and grass, path & hedge maintenance
- Laid wreaths on Remembrance Sunday at St Anne’s Chapeltown, St Peter’s Belmont and the War Memorial in Egerton
- Organised the switching on of the Christmas lights at Belmont, Chapeltown and Edgworth

*Daniel Wild*

Chair of North Turton Parish Council