To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 July 2024

# In the Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church, Turton

**Present:** Councillor D Wild (in the Chair)

Councillors K Harrison, J Rigby, D Hey and J Rowley

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) Dave Rowley (Lengthsman)

**Apologies:** Cllr D Crompton

**8242 Matters Arising**

*Standing Orders*- Cllr Hey had received a copy of Barton Parish Council’s Standing Orders from their Chair and compared them to ours and has just made a couple of slight amendments. The amendments were agreed with the other Councillors and the Clerk to bring the updated document to the next meeting for final approval.

*AGAR* – The Clerk has sent this year’s AGAR documents to the External Auditor.

**8243 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8244 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8245 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/24/0494, 10/24/0523, 10/24/0541 and 10/24/0596

## 8246 Planning Decisions

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

## 8247 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman June £1466.66

Caretaker salary June including expenses £ 436.90

Clerk salary June including expenses £1058.15

HMRC Income Tax/NI April/May/June £1386.77

St Annes PCC Room hire July £ 40.00

E. ON Next Electricity for toilets £ 23.11

**8248 Remedial works at Belmont toilet**

**Noted:** The rendering on the gable wall at the toilet block has bubbled and is falling off which has resulted in some young people pulling some of the rendering off. The Councillors agreed to contacting a couple of plasterers to ask them to quote to remove the old rendering and replace it. The caretaker also asked for a lockable metal cabinet to store bleach and other chemicals – Cllr Wild thought he may have a cabinet at his works. Some flags have lifted which the caretaker feels have been caused by BwDBC workers driving the mowing equipment over the flags – Clerk to contact Eddie Maxwell to see if they would be willing to repair these flags.

## 8249 Correspondence

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Zen Broadband & Phone – cancellation date 05/07/24
* E-on contract renewal – current fixed rate finishes 11 August – discussed whether to fix for 1 year of 2 years – agreed on 2 years.
* Moorfield Meadow Pollinators Project – photographs sent to the Clerk of the project. Councillors have expressed concerns with the contractor who sprayed around the sign (who did say it was pollinator friendly spray) and the contractor has offered to re-seed the area, if needed.
* Request from resident on Tower Street, Chapeltown to make two tree bases on the Courtyard the same width and depth as the third. The Parish Council think this will be a good idea, as long as it would not involve lifting any flags to do it.
* Edgworth Bus Shelter – Clerk to check with the Insurance Company that the shelter is fully covered

Dave Rowley gave an update on the Community Orchard – he has sprayed the paths and was asking for permission to cut back the hawthorn bushes – Councillors asked him to wait another month so they won’t need to be cut back again this year. The original trees in the orchard are going strong but there are approximately 3 trees that need removing. Cllr Rigby to look at whether there is any funding to replace these trees.

Chapeltown Community Garden – Clerk passed around a spreadsheet showing anticipated spend for the landscaping and stonework. Councillors have some concerns with the costings and asked the Clerk to arrange for Cllrs Wild, Rowley and Hey to meet with the Edgworth & District Horticultural Society, Steve Danks & Heather Dowle to discuss how best to spend the public’s money on the garden.

**Comments on Planning applications received by 29 May 2024**

**10/24/0494 Prior Approval - Agricultural to Dwellinghouses - Conversion of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (C3) with associated building works at Higher Aushaw Farm, Roman Road, Hoddlesden**

The Parish Council objects to this proposed development on the grounds that there is no obvious evidence this building has been used continually for agricultural use as this has not been proven in the application.

**10/24/0523 Advertisement Application - Navy ACM tray signage with white vinyl text, screw fixing over entrance door onto the brick wall. Full length overhead trough light for illumination at The Barlow, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has some concerns with the size and design of the sign.

**10/24/0541 Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) - Proposed erection of outbuilding at Whowells Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council notes the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness.

**10/24/0596 Full Planning Application – Two storey front extension at 3 Middle Turn, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5 August 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 8.35pm