To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024

# In The Library, The Barlow, Edgworth

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

Councillors D Hey, K Harrison and J Rigby

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors D Crompton and J Rowley

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

*Gill Scott from BVRA was present to listen to the discussion about defibrillators and Phil Broughton from Edgworth & District Horticultural Society was present for the financial item regarding Chapeltown Community Garden.*

**8261 Matters Arising**

*Bus shelter –* Clerk has spoken with the Insurance Company who confirmed that Edgworth bus shelter is covered under “Street Furniture” but if we wanted the building to be insured as a separate item then we would need to have a valuation done of the property. Clerk has e-mailed Cllr Crompton to ask if he would be able to do a valuation for insurance purposes – will chase up with him on his return.

*Belmont toilets* – 2 quotes have been received for the rendering of the toilets. Due to the short timescale, because of the possibility of frost, both quotes were e-mailed separately to all Councillors and it was decided by a majority to go with the quote from Premier Plastering & K Rendering Ltd. The work will start w/c 23 September.

*Possible meeting with the new PCC* – Clerk e-mailed the office of the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire inviting him to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the challenges that rural communities are facing. Unfortunately, the PCC sent his apologies and his assistant advised that “the PCC attends the LALC meetings and asks that any issues needed to be raised to please raise with your LALC representative or please write into our office for us to look into for you.” The Parish Council felt it was disappointing that he sent his apologies.

*Caretaker holidays –* Clerk completed a Risk Assessment and sent it to Gill Scott from the BVRA who has kindly agreed to cover Paddy’s holidays.

Cllr Wild has found a locked metal cabinet for the toilets at Belmont and will arrange with the caretaker for it to be delivered.

*Councillor Vacancy* – Clerk has put together a poster to be displayed on noticeboards, Facebook and on the website in the hope of finding applicants for the vacant Chapeltown Councillor position.

**8262 Possible funding for defibrillators**

**Noted:** Yvette Browne from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) was invited to attend the meeting to discuss possible funding for defibrillators.

She started by introducing herself and explained that she has been a paramedic for 6 years but for the last 2 years has been seconded into her current role – but still covers the odd shift as a paramedic.

She is passionate about the importance of having defibrillators where they are needed, and after looking at figures across North Turton Parish she feels that Turton Tower needs to have a defibrillator and she has got the funding to be able to facilitate this, the only question is where it will be placed as it needs to have a power supply but Turton Tower is a Grade 1 listed building. Cllr Rigby, who is a Trustee of Turton Tower, agreed to speak to BwDBC and would liaise with Yvette on the best place to put one. Yvette also explained that she would arrange training for the staff at the Tower on how to use the machine.

Yvette also asked that if we know of any events coming up she would be more than happy to come along and could arrange for some training sessions on how to use a defibrillator to increase the number of Community First Responders. She asked to be invited to the next meeting, and she will bring a defibrillator and show the Councillors.

Gill Scott from BVRA agreed to contact Yvette separately about the 2 defibrillators that are currently situated in Belmont.

The Chair thanked Yvette for attending the meeting and she left to drive to Turton Tower to have a look at possible sites for the defibrillator cabinet.

**8263 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** Cllr Rigby asked for an amendment to be made to the minutes [removal of “he should contact us”] which was approved, then the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8264 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8265 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning application 10/24/0523

## 8266 Planning Decisions

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

## 8267 Accounts to Pay

**Resolved:** Before cheques were signed Cllr Wild addressed the situation regarding the overspend of the Lottery Funding Grant for Chapeltown Community Garden.

He expressed concern with the way the project had been dealt with and said that the Parish Councillors that had been involved with the project should have brought any potential overspend to the attention of the Parish Council at earlier meetings. However, at the end of the day, the contractors have done a good job with the garden, and they need to be paid for their work. The current overspend will be split 50/50 with Edgworth & District Horticultural Society and the Clerk will invoice them once the final figure has been agreed.

He also explained that, as the Parish Council owns the garden, we have a duty of care to keep it maintained to a certain standard and a few years ago some of the trees were cut back as they were causing issues with the neighbours, which the Council paid for.

There is still an issue with the lime tree in the garden and it was agreed to get at least 3 opinions on the state of the tree before it could become an issue in the near future.

Cllrs Harrison and Hey both said that they were unhappy with the fact that the overspend was hidden from the other Councillors but agreed that the cheques for Heritage Property Repairs and Judithe Harrison would need to be paid.

It was therefore agreed that cheques be signed to pay the following accounts:

Lengthsman August £1466.66

Caretaker salary August including expenses £ 450.40

Clerk salary August including expenses £1035.63

Viking Stationary & cartridges £ 270.75

Heritage Property Repairs Chapeltown Community Garden £3300.00

Judithe Harrison Chapeltown Community Garden £7500.00

Edgworth & District HS Plants for Chapeltown/Edgworth £ 110.67

**8268 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Bus service changes for September 2024

**8269 Any Other Business**

*Kings Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) –* Nominations are open for the KAVS – closing date 1 December 2024. Agreed to nominate the Community Garden team at the BVRA and the Horticultural Society.

*Road sign cleaning* – Clerk asked to contact P&P Cleaning Services Ltd for details of their charges. They sent a brochure but it is too expensive for the Parish Council.

*Best Kept Village* – Belmont have not got through to the very final stage of judging, but individual areas may still progress further. Still no update on how Chapeltown have done.

**Comments on planning applications received by 29 August 2024**

**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 no objection to this proposed development.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7 October 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 8.05pm

Future meetings:

4 November Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church

2 December The Barlow