To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 February 2025

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

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

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

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor A Highton

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

*Mike Phillips & Gill Scott were attending from BVRA and wanted to discuss the issue of*

*Ryecroft Lane which is currently an unadopted road with houses predominantly on one side of the road and Belmont Primary School on the other with The Moss at the top of the lane.  As the staff at the school park their cars in front of the school this has caused Ryecroft Lane to be reduced to a single-track road along the frontage of the school which has resulted in potholes, and everyone has to drive over the potholes because of the parked cars on the other side.  This means that wear and tear from all the traffic, especially the Council’s bin wagons and delivery vans going to the school on a regular basis, as well as Council maintenance vehicles going up and down the road when carrying out work at The Moss, is focussed on the side of the road with the potholes which is causing further deterioration.  The residents are filling in the holes when they can, but this is not solving the problem. Cllr Hey said he had looked into the Highways Act 1980 and there could be a case now to have the road adopted. Cllr Wild asked the BVRA what they would like the Parish Council to do, and it was agreed that the Parish Council, in a joint effort with the BVRA, would write to Martin Kelly, Head of Highways, and ask if they would possibly re-tarmac the road.*

*Paul & Kath Keeling attended the meeting on behalf of the CVRA to update the Parish Council. The CVRA are starting again as there are only 5 members left. There is a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Tuesday 18 February and the CVRA are hoping to join in with that meeting and try to encourage residents to join them. The local PCSO may also be attending the Neighbourhood Watch meeting if they are available The CVRA are hoping to continue the events that were popular last year ie Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween competition and continuing to offer refreshments at the Christmas Tree lights switch-on that was very popular last year. They are also going to keep the Facebook page and the website updated with content.*

**8311 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Defibrillators* – Cllr Rigby has arranged with Turton Tower for the defibrillator to be installed and the Clerk will deliver the packages to the Tower before Thursday.

*Fence on corner of High Street, Chapeltown –* still no update from Highways at BwDBC.

*Community Orchard Grant Funding* – Cllr Rigby has submitted the grant application on behalf of the doctors at the local surgery and the Parish Council will now take a step back and let them take over the project.

*Belmont toilet* – the leak has been fixed and the toilets re-opened.

*Salt bins* – they are still empty. When Cllr Rigby contacted BwDBC they said that the issue is with residents using the salt in the bins for their own private use. Cllr Harrison said the lack of salt in the bins caused the issue with the bin wagons not being able to go up certain streets last month when the snow was bad. Cllr Rigby agreed to contact Highways again and request the salt bins to be refilled and the BVRA agreed to reiterate to residents that they are not to use the salt for their own personal use.

**8312 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8313 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8314 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/24/1022 and 10/24/0544

## 8315 Planning Decisions

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

## 8316 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman January £1466.66

Caretaker salary January £ 430.40

Clerk salary January Including expenses £1074.21

The Barlow Room hire Oct & Dec £ 51.00

Bolton Mountain Rescue Donation £ 250.00

NW Air Ambulance Donation £ 250.00

BVRA (Garden Fund) Chair’s Allowance £ 200.00

P&M Gas Service Repairs at Belmont toilets £ 90.00

Rokan Logistics Limited Loose limestone for Comm Orchard £ 74.00

St Anne’s PCC Room hire Feb 2025 £ 40.00

BwDBC Rental of The Orchards £ 50.00

E.ON Next Electricity for toilets £ 19.85

**Resolved:** The following direct debits have been paid:

Gocardless Easy Websites monthly fee £ 55.44

Nest Pension £ 99.87

Virgin Money Bank charges £ 11.30

**8317 Notice of Making Public Path Order**

**Resolved:** The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

**8318 Dates of meetings 2025-26**

**Noted:** The proposed dates were noted, and the Clerk will book the rooms in The Barlow and at St Anne’s Church. Cllr Harrison to book the rooms at St Peter’s Church, Belmont.

**8319 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Distribution vouchers from CCLA
* Invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Clerk to nominate Cllr Wild to attend on behalf of the Parish Council
* E-mail from Stephen Banks regarding the appointment of the new Team Vicar – Cllrs Wild, Rigby, Rowley and Harrison will attend the event on 18 February on behalf of the Parish Council

**8320 Any Other Business**

*Update on Chapeltown Community Garden –* the application for the H-bar in front of the entrance to the garden has been submitted but the Clerk is waiting for confirmation that it has been approved before payment is made. Once this has been approved then Clerk will forward the invoice to Edgworth & District Horticultural Society for 50% of the total overspend on the garden work. The final outstanding issue is the sign which has been designed and will be installed by the Lengthsman once it is produced.

*Dog poo issue in Belmont* – BVRA are launching a campaign to reduce the amount of dog poo that is being left on the streets and the grassy areas where children play. They have contacted BwDBC to ask for any signs, leaflets etc that can be distributed across the village.

*Bins in Belmont –* Cllr Harrison brought up the issue of some bins that are chained up for the use of residents along the A675 Belmont Road just past San Marino Restaurant. Passers-by cannot put rubbish in the bins so leave it at the side, but the bin men will not pick up the rubbish due to possible cross-contamination. Cllr Rigby agreed to speak to the Waste Department to see what they can do.

*Waste at Lower Pastures Farm -*  on the subject of waste Cllr Wild brought up the issue of the bins at the top of the land leading down to Lower Pastures Farm. The Lengthsman regularly picks up litter around that area but then waste is blown around due to the inadequate refuge disposal system at the school. They only have regular residential bins but should have commercial waste bins instead. The Parish Council and Cllr Rigby, as Borough Councillor, to both write to the school about the issue.

*Peak and Northern Footpaths Society –* Cllr Hey has been accepted as a Footpath Inspector for them and is awaiting any appropriate training.

*Virgin Bank* – The updated bank mandate has been approved, and Cllr Highton is now a signatory on the account.

**Comments on planning applications received by 29 January 2025**

**10/24/1022 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of barn with consent under Class Q and erection of new self-build dwelling and small-scale stable block at Whowells Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development but express some concerns that the site has already been extensively developed.

**10/24/0544 Full Planning Application Proposal: Installation of sewage treatment plant at 8 Walton Fold, Blackburn Road, 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 3 March 2025 at 6.45pm in the Library at The Barlow, Bolton Road, Edgworth. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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**Signed - Chair**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Future meetings:

7 April St Peter’s Church, Belmont

12 May Turton Tower - AGM