To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 March 2025

# In the Library, The Barlow, Edgworth

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

Councillors D Crompton, J Rowley, A Highton, D Hey and J Rigby

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor K Harrison

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

*A resident from Chapeltown wanted to discuss the plant pots outside St Anne’s Church, Turton. She would like to renovate them as they are looking tatty and wanted the Parish Council’s permission. Councillors asked her if she had any idea of the costs involved in the renovation work ie buying soil, plants, seeds etc and she said she had got some seeds in a sale but had no idea of other costs. The Councillors gave their permission, and 2 Councillors gave the resident a contribution from their personal funds and said if she needed any more money to come back to a future Parish Council meeting.*

*Gill Scott attended the meeting to show the Parish Council the dog fouling leaflet that the BVRA have had designed and published and delivered to every house in the village. Posters are on the way. The Parish Council were impressed with the leaflet and offered any assistance in the future.*

*Marie & Lesley attended the meeting to inform the Councillors of the work they are doing in preparing an Emergency Plan for Edgworth. They had been approached by BwDBC and asked to put together a Plan to link with the Council’s Emergency Plan. They have started work on the plan and have got the demographic information for Edgworth and Chapeltown. They have contacted venues that could be used as rest centres and have had agreement from The Barlow, St Anne’s Church and St James Church. They are still collecting other information and agreed to come back to the Parish Council when they have completed more of the Plan. Cllr Hey asked about an Emergency Plan for Belmont and Lesley agreed to e-mail him the template and other information that may help draw one up for Belmont.*

**8321 Matters Arising from previous minutes**

*Defibrillators* – Clerk delivered the boxes to Turton Tower – still waiting for it to be installed.

*Salt bins* – they have been filled.

*Ryecroft Lane –* After consulting with the Councillors and BVRA the Clerk has e-mailed Martin Kelly, Strategic Director for Growth and Development but received no reply yet. Cllr Rigby asked for a copy of the e-mail to be sent to her.

*Room bookings –* Rooms at The Barlow and St Anne’s, Turton have been booked. Rooms at St Peter’s, Belmont still to be booked.

*Chapeltown Community Garden –* the application for the H-bar has been approved by BwDBC and the administration fee paid - work to start in the next few weeks. Cllr Rowley has produced 2 versions of the updated sign for the garden – Councillors agreed to proceed with the green writing. Cllr Wild agreed to arrange for the sign to be produced in A2 size – Clerk to ask Edgworth & District Horticultural Society (EDHS) for a clearer version of their logo. Clerk had sent an invoice to EDHS for 50% of the additional costs incurred and they have sent the money through.

*Refuse bins in Belmont*  - Cllr Rigby will chase these up again.

*Waste at Lower Pastures Farm –* Cllr Rigby has e-mailed Environment Dept and they are liaising with the school to instal commercial waste bins. In the meantime the current residential bins have been moved further down the private road but they are still overflowing.

**8322 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8323 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8324 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/25/0087, 10/25/0152, 10/25/0144 and 10/25/0141

## 8325 Planning Decisions

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

## 8326 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman February £1466.66

Caretaker salary February £ 430.40

Clerk salary February Including expenses £1234.21

Viking Stationery, printer cartridges £ 122.94

Information Commissioners Data protection fee £ 52.00

St Peter’s Church Flower festival contribution £ 50.00

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

Gocardless Easy Websites monthly fee £ 55.44

Nest Pension £ 99.87

Virgin Money Bank charges £ 10.60

Cllrs Rigby and Rowley agreed to meet the Clerk before the end of March to sign cheques for March’s salaries so they can be paid in before the end of the financial year.

**8327 Planters across the Villages**

**Discussed:** Cllr Rigby feels that most of the planters across Edgworth are either broken or looking very neglected and should be removed, however the planters in Chapeltown and Belmont are well looked after by residents. There was a discussion about whether all the planters in Edgworth should be removed, but it was decided that Cllr Rigby would speak to the Lengthsman and ask him to collect all the planters from Edgworth and dispose of the ones that are damaged and refill the ones that are salvageable and then the Parish Council would decide where they would be placed.

**8328 Proposal to remove 2 payphones in West Pennine Ward**

**Discussed:**  BwDBC have e-mailed the Parish Council to make them aware of the proposals from BT to remove two payphones in the West Pennine Ward. One is sited directly next to 100 Bolton Road and the other opposite Entwistle Train Station. The Parish Council have no objection to the removal of the payphones but would object to the removal of the telephone boxes due to the visual impact on the street scene. A few years ago the Parish Council were offered the telephone boxes for a nominal amount but at that time were not in a position to accept but are now be interested in adopting both boxes and would ensure the current insurance policy would cover them.

**8329 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Letter from Bury Council re: Consultation on draft supplementary Planning Document 11: Parking Standards for Bury
* Letter from Bury Council re: Bury Council Open Space Survey

**8330 Any Other Business**

*St Peter’s Church Flower Festival –* a request has come through to sponsor a flower arrangement at the Flower Festival to celebrate 175 years of worship at St Peter’s Church, Belmont. The Councillors approved the request and a cheque was signed and handed to Cllr Hey who agreed to pass it on to the appropriate person. The Parish Council had no particular favourite Bible story for the arrangement and agreed that an arrangement could be chosen from the choice of stories made by one of the arrangers.

*Policing Hub* – Cllrs Rowley and Rigby had attended a residents meeting in Chapeltown with the new PCSO Mark Dixon and discussed the possibility of setting up policing hubs in the area possibly once a fortnight. PCSO Dixon explained that the Parish Council would need to request this so the Clerk agreed to e-mail the appropriate person to request this.

*Fly tipping –* Cllr Rigby to ask the Lengthsman to remove some items that have been noticed across the villages.

**Comments on planning applications received by 28 February 2025**

**10/25/0087 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No 13 "surface and foul water drainage scheme" pursuant to planning application 10/21/1421 at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0152 Discharge of planning condition Proposal: Discharge Condition No.5 "materials" pursuant to planning application 10/21/1421 at Land adjacent to The Bungalow, Clough House Farm, Greens Arms Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0144 Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for garage with ancillary living accommodation at Wards Cote Farm, Belmont Road, Belmont**

The Parish Council has received the notification and has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0141 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolish and remove existing single storey conservatory extension and replace with a single storey rear extension at Higher Pasture Farm, Off Broadhead 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 7 April 2025 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 8.30pm