To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 October 2024

# In The Library, The Barlow, Edgworth

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

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

**Also present:** J Smith (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor D Hey

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

*Mike Phillips from BVRA was present to show members of the Parish Council some photographs of the Community Garden.*

**8270 Matters Arising**

*Bus shelter –* Cllr Crompton has very kindly put together a valuation report for insurance purposes and has given a rebuilding valuation of £24k which means that the bus shelter is covered under “Street Furniture” on the current insurance policy and does not need to be covered separately.

*Belmont toilets* – Premier Plastering & K Rendering Ltd have asked to postpone the work until May 2025 because of the bad weather this year. The Councillors were frustrated with the delay but appreciated that the work is reliant on suitable weather so agreed to this – Clerk to e-mail for a revised date.

Cllr Wild has spoken with the Caretaker about dropping off a locker for the toilet block and will arrange with him to drop it off this week.

*Councillor Vacancy* – Clerk put out posters with a closing date of 30 September but received no response. Cllr Crompton meanwhile has spoken to somebody who has expressed an interest in the position and the Parish Council agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

*Kings Award –* Cllr Rowley kindly agreed to complete the nomination form on behalf of the Parish Council and nominate the BVRA Community Garden team.

*Best Kept Village -* still no update from Chapeltown but it was felt that they possibly had not made it through to the 2nd round as no mention had been made. The final results will be announced at a Presentation Event on 14 October.

**8271 Defibrillators**

Unfortunately,Yvette Browne from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) sent her apologies for the meeting. She did say in her e-mail that she had been granted the funding for a defibrillator to be installed at Turton Tower and asked for somebody to contact her to discuss this further. Cllr Rigby agreed to contact the necessary people at Turton Tower and set up this meeting.

Yvette also said she had been invited to attend a BVRA meeting on 12 November.

**8272 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8273 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** None

## 8274 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/24/0787, 10/24/0798, 10/24/0788, 10/24/0840, 10/24/0646, 10/24/0698 and 10/24/0635

## 8275 Planning Decisions

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

## 8276 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman September £1466.66

Caretaker salary September £ 430.40

Clerk salary September including expenses £1047.78

HMRC Income Tax/NI July/Aug/Sept £1386.97

E.ON Next Electricity for toilets £ 45.04

PKF Littlejohn LLP Audit of Accounts 2023/24 £ 378.00

St Peter’s Church Belmont Room Hire August £ 40.00

CPRE Membership 2024-25 £ 36.00

**8277 Current Financial Position**

**Noted:** Clerk handed around a spreadsheet showing spend to date and anticipated spend to the end of 2024/25. The Councillors agreed that it looked like we were going in the right direction in relation to this year’s spend and, barring no unexpected events, there should be no need to increase the precept next year. The Chair reminded the Parish Council that there should be a minimum of 3 months spend held in reserve each year and the figures showed that the Council would possibly be holding 5 months spend by the end of the year.

**8278 Funding request from St Peter’s Community Room Project Committee**

**Noted:** Cllr Harrison attended a recent meeting of the St Peter’s Community Room Project Committee where a request was made, and followed up by an e-mail, for the Parish Council to assist with funding the project over the next 3 years. Cllr Harrison explained that the project is working with a consultant to put together a funding bid in the region of £700-800k and as any funding will be match funded they need to raise approximately £350-400k to ensure a full and successful project.

After a discussion it was agreed that although the Parish Council fully supports the project they cannot financially support any request for funding.

**8279 Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lights switch-on**

**Discussed:** The Parish Council discussed the representation at the various Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 10 November.

War Memorial - Cllr Rowley said last year they had no note of anybody attending on behalf of the Parish Council so he agreed to contact the local Councillors and get his name added to their list.

St Anne’s Church - Cllr Wild and the Clerk agreed to attend

St Peter’s Church - Cllr Harrison said he would speak to Cllr Hey and they would agree between themselves who would attend.

Clerk to contact the Royal British Legion to amend the order for wreaths.

With respect of this year’s Christmas lights switch-on - each area to be offered a donation of £50 towards refreshments for their individual event and the Clerk to purchase a tub of sweets for each area. The Chair asked all the Councillors to think how we could improve the lights switch-on events as last year they were very unorganised.

## Chapeltown (Friday 29 November @ 6.00pm) – Cllr Rowley to take the lead again this year.

## Edgworth (Friday 29 November @ 6.30pm) – Cllr Crompton agreed to contact the Cricket Club to ask if they would be willing to put some refreshments on.

## Belmont (Friday 6 December @ 3.45pm) – Cllr Harrison will contact the Church to see if they would like to be involved. Clerk will contact the school and arrange their involvement.

Clerk agreed to contact BwDBC to book in the electricians and to contact the owner of the land opposite The Barlow.

Agreed to bring this item back next month to finalise arrangements.

**8280 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Statements from CCLA
* Letter from PKF Littlejohn LLP confirming completion of the review for year ended 31 March 2024
* Email from Virgin Money to advise they are now part of Nationwide Group
* Email from Stephen Danks regarding a fence recently put up at the end of Chapeltown High Street, junction with Wellington Rd, Station Rd and Chapeltown Rd. Unless it is higher than 1.5m there is nothing that can be done – Cllr Rigby will speak to BwDBC and ask if somebody can come out and check but otherwise there is nothing the Parish Council can do
* Invitation to Parish and Town Council Conference on Saturday 2 November at The Exchange, County Hall, Fishergate
* Letter from Bury Council regarding Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document 17: Developer Contributions for Education
* Flyer from Lancashire CC regarding important changes to Immigration Visas

**8281 Any Other Business**

*Turton Tower Gatehouse Lodge –* Request from Martin Eden at BwDBC for any information to demonstrate 20 years of continued access to the Lodge. Clerk replied back to say all documentation relating to the Parish Council’s involvement with the Lodge was hand delivered to the Legal Department at BwDBC by Cllrs Rigby and Rowley when the Clerk’s office was emptied in May/June 2024.

**Comments on planning applications received by 30 September 2024**

**10/24/0787 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Replacement of doors and windows, enlargement of existing window, replacement of existing window with a doorway (retrospective) at 5 Brandwood Fold, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0798 Listed Building Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Replacement of doors and windows, enlargement of existing window, replacement of existing window with a doorway (retrospective) at 5 Brandwood Fold, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0788 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed demolition of stables and construction of one detached self-build dwelling with new site access road at Bisley Moorside House, Moorside Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0840 Full Planning Application Proposal: Single storey rear and side wrap around extension and dormer with loft conversion at West Cottage, Ryecroft Lane, Belmont**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0646 Outline Planning Application Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for erection of detached dwelling house (C3) with parking at 9 Walton Fold, Blackburn Road, Turton**

The Parish Council have reservations that this is contrary to Policy as the site is within Green Belt.

**10/24/0698 Full Planning Application Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building at Higher Barn Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton**

The Parish Council have concerns on the overall impact that the size and scale of the building will have on the local vista.

**10/24/0635 Full Planning Application Proposal: Change of use of land to create horse menage at Edgworth Moor Farm, Broadhead 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 4 November at 6.45pm in the Broadhead Room at St Anne’s Church, Turton. The public and press are invited to attend and to listen.

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**Signed - Chair**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Future meetings:

2 December 2024 The Barlow

6 January 2025 The Barlow

3 February 2025 Broadhead Room, St Anne’s Church