To be confirmed at the next meeting

NORTH TURTON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 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 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor K Harrison

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

*Mr Morris handed the Parish Council a copy of a letter he had emailed to BwDBC Planning Department regarding application 10/22/0928. The letter stated that although he and his wife do not object to the proposed development, they have issues regarding the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on both Mill Lane and at the entry/exit from Belmont Road. There have been accidents at the at both junctions and a couple of fatalities. The Parish Council agreed with the contents of the letter and told Mr Morris they would be stating their concerns when they discussed the application later in the meeting.*

**8303 Matters Arising**

*Defibrillators* – the defibrillator was delivered to the Clerk’s home address before Christmas. Cllr Rigby will arrange with Turton Tower for the defibrillator to be installed on the outside of the café so that it is accessible at all times for the public.

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

*Community Orchard Grant Funding* – Cllr Rigby is waiting for the doctors at the local surgery to decide when they are going to start their project and then she will fill in the grant application. Closing date for applications is March 2025.

*Precept* – the request has been sent through to BwDBC.

**8304 Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**8305 Declarations of Interest**

**Noted:** The following Councillors declared their interest in 3 applications:

10/24/1020 – Cllrs Crompton and Wild

10/24/1139 and 10/24/1153 – Cllr Crompton

10/25/0023 – Cllr Wild

## 8306 Planning Applications

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council submit comments (as below) on planning applications 10/22/0928, 10/24/1020, 10/24/1068, 10/24/1007, 10/24/0137, 10/24/1135, 10/24/1085, 10/24/1096, 10/24/1139, 10/24/1143 and 10/25/0023

## 8307 Planning Decisions

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

## 8308 Accounts to Pay

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

Lengthsman December £1466.66

Caretaker salary December £ 430.40

Clerk salary December Including expenses £1084.53

HMRC Income Tax/NI for Oct/Nov/Dec £1590.18

E.ON Next Electricity for toilets £ 26.41

PNFS Membership £ 30.00

**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

**8309 Correspondence**

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

* Statements from Virgin Money
* Distribution vouchers from CCLA

**8310 Any Other Business**

*Belmont toilet block –* the caretaker had e-mailed the Clerk to say there had been a leak in the roof space even though he had switched off the water due to the freezing temperatures. It was agreed that the caretaker would contact a plumber and the toilets would stay closed until the leak was repaired.

*Phishing e-mail?* – Clerk had received a random e-mail that she felt was not genuine but brought it to the meeting so that the Councillors could have a look at it. They agreed that it did look suspicious and not to reply back.

*Bin collections –* the recent bad weather has caused some bins in Belmont to not be emptied because there has been a lack of salt in the grit bins. Cllr Rigby is aware that there is an issue across the borough and BwDBC are looking to replenish the bins when they can.

**Comments on planning applications received by 13 January 2025**

**10/22/0928 Full Planning Application Proposal: Engineering and remediation works to remodel the landform and the erection of 116 dwellings along with associated works and landscaping at Former Springside Works, off Belmont Road, Belmont**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development; however the Parish Council has grave concerns regarding the safety of vehicles and pedestrians accessing and exiting Mill Lane and also concerns about the visual aspects of Mill Lane due to a blind bend halfway down. The Parish Council also has concerns that the impact from the development on the transport network will not be effectively mitigated under paragraph 115(d) of the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework updated December 2024.

**10/24/1020 Full Planning Application Proposal: Demolition of catering hut, storage building and open-air practice nets enclosure. Erection of outdoor catering hut, scoreboard / storage building, with spectator terrace above; Indoor practice nets facility; Open side covers store; Single storey bottle and keg storage extension to rear of clubhouse and new pergola to side of clubhouse; and Spectator terrace and resurfacing to existing spectator terrace at Edgworth Cricket Club, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/1068 Variation/Removal of Condition/Minor Material Amendment Proposal: Removal of Condition Nos 2 "occupation restriction" and 3 "bed and breakfast accommodation restriction" pursuant to planning application 10/13/0170 "New dwelling with bed and breakfast accommodation and refurbishment of existing barn" to allow for independent use of the dwelling at Chetham Farm, High Street, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/1007 Full Planning Application Proposal: Excavation of banking and construction of a retaining wall to allow for construction of a garden building at Cadshaw Spring, 8 Chapel View, Station Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/0137 Full Planning Application (Retrospective) Proposal: Creation of vehicular access to provide two off-street parking spaces (retrospective) with dropped kerb at 32 Blackburn Road, Edgworth**

The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposed retrospective development due to impact on the street scheme and the issue of accessibility.

**10/24/1135 Full Planning Application Proposal: Replacement rear balcony at 151 Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development but has some concerns that it may take away some amenities for the immediate neighbours.

**10/24/1085 Listed Building Application Proposal: Proposed roof porch canopy to side elevation and addition of stone plinths/cills to previously approved single storey rear extension (10/24/0707 and 10/24/0711) at Chapel House Farm, High Street, Chapeltown**

**10/24/1096 Full Planning Application Proposal: Proposed roof porch canopy to side elevation and addition of stone plinths/cills to previously approved single storey rear extension (10/24/0707 and 10/24/0711) at Chapel House Farm, High Street, Chapeltown**

The Parish Council has concerns that the proposed development is not in keeping with a listed building in a conservation area.

**10/24/1139 Full Planning Application Proposal: Change of use of former Methodist Church to form new personal training gym, yoga studio and physiotherapy treatment facility (Use Class E) at Edgworth Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/24/1143 Listed Building Application Proposal: Proposed external ‘doff cleaning’ of stone façade along with associated pointing and repairs to external fabric, internal reconfiguration to front section and removal of organ at Edgworth Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Turton**

The Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development.

**10/25/0023 Prior Approval - Agricultural Building Proposal: Proposed agricultural storage building at Land adjacent to Bentley Manor Farm, Moorside 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 February 2025 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 8.35pm

Future meetings:

3 March The Barlow

7 April St Peter’s Church, Belmont