

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 5th August 2026 at Burnley Town Hall.

The Chairman, **Mr. E. J. Walton**, occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. A. Hollis, Mr. A. R. Lucas, Mr. R. Collinge, Dr. S. Tate, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. J. Livingstone, Mr. G. N. Ashworth and Mr. I. Emo.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. R. Hay, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. P. Hornby, Mr. C. Shackleton, Mr. K. Burrows, Mr. R. J. Crossley, and Mrs. J. Evans.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1st July 2026 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

A.O.B. MATTERS: Matters for discussion at A.O.B. were put forward.

PLANNING: The following matters were discussed:

- i. *Land at Cold Soil, Kebs Road.* Appeal dismissed.
- ii. *Land to the west of Ightenhill Park Road.* Confirmation sought that the land had been used for caravan storage for more than 10 years. Ightenhill Parish Council had not been informed. Previous complaints had been ignored.
- iii. *Barcroft Barn, Park Rd., Cliviger.* Additional door in place of an existing door to carport. Listed building. Councillor Emo to liaise with Chairman following Parish Council meeting.
- iv. *Green Farm, Cliviger.* Additional glamping facilities. Approved 5th June 2026.
- v. *Old County Court building.* Request to increase approved increase to 50 from 47 residents.
- vi. *The Holme, Cliviger.* High fence parallelling Burnley Road. Action by Cliviger Parish Council, supported by Burnley Council.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- i. *Rental for the workshop:* As from the 2027 payment date, our rent will be cancelled and subject to a peppercorn rent because of the value of our work to the town. Our case has been advanced by David Bristow (Foggy) who we have helped with various tasks and chairman asks all who see him to thank him for his help.
- ii. *The late David and Caroline Smith:* The consent for the tree plaque was still awaiting faculty consent from the Diocese.
- iii. *The Burnley & Nelson Big Dig at Catlow* has uncovered significant Roman finds. Members may obtain a contact e-mail from the Chairman.
- iv. *Heritage Open Days:* For details of events, see the file.
- v. *Singing Ringing Tree footpath improvement;* the work had been taken on by the Council and its agent; hopefully to be completed by May 2027.
- vi. *Unknown Shoppers Statue:* Work progressing now with the artist. The work on the steelwork was now being funded by the Council. The responsibility for the side panels and fixing the artwork to the cube to be done by the Trust. First payment for working materials and first quarter of artist's fee paid on receipt of invoice.
- vii. *Burnley Lifestyle Magazine:* Susan Barker and the Chairman had produced an article for the magazine.

viii. *Anti bullying and harassment policies*: The accountant suggested political infiltration to be added to the return the Society had made regarding the Charity Commission.

ix. *Local Government re organisation*: We should benefit from the proposals but have concern for the future of the BCTHIC project. An archive may be the future.

FINANCES: The Treasurer reviewed the Society's bank and other financial investments and reported all were in good order.

PADIHAM NEWS: September 5th: Annual Flower Show at Padiham Town Hall.

Sunday, September 6: Party in the Park, run by Padiham Council.

Another successful event was advertised as "World- famous Duck Race" on Saturday, 2nd August

Over a week was taken on South Drive to introduce a new electricity line to Burnley Football Academy and Stockbridge Drive was also closed.

The bungalows on Burnley Road were nearing completion.

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE: We were still working with the Toll House.

BURNLEY, LONG TERM PLAN: At the next meeting, Mr. R. Crossley would give details of grants that they would be applying for.

BLUE PLAQUES: The Trust was working towards six new blue plaques.

GROT SPOTS: Chairman has re-inspected the area around 'Salford' and Calderdale Rd and thinks the College and other owners have tidied-the exception being Orchard Mill. Town Mouse area car park removed from Grot spots ; does Network Rail have any intention of removing the trees growing on the viaduct?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

i. The Minute Secretary was having to change his e-mail address. His new address would be Ramon.collinge @ outlook.com

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7 pm. at Burnley Town Hall. (original date cancelled due to BFC home match)

CHAIRMAN

BURNLEY CIVIC TRUST 2026 COMMITTEE

Chairman: Edward J. Walton
Vice Chairman Roger B. Frost (T)
Treasurer George Grimshaw (T)
Secretary Susan Barker
Asst. Secretary Ramon Collinge (T)

Peter Hornby (T)
Carol Stinton (T)
Geoff Ashworth (T)
Nixie Edwards (T)
Neil Fawcett
Marjorie Fawcett (T)