



# Turnchapel Residents' Association

## Minutes of the Meeting, 7 May 2019, Boringdon Arms, 8pm

### 1) Chair's welcome and report

Pete Cox, Chair, thanked the Boringdon Arms for hosting and welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially on such a rainy night.

Pete noted that Cathy Harris had stood down from the committee but will continue to be heavily involved in the community.

### 2) Treasurer's report

Tim Birch, Treasurer, gave an overview of the current balance of the association account, being in credit to £967. This included £25 from the sale of scrap metal from the 'spring clean'. Tim also noted that EB Design & Build who are constructing the houses opposite the Guard Room have undertaken to donate £100 to the residents' association. Tim also pointed out that the insurance for the association will be due for renewal in July.

### 3) Recent Events

#### Spring Clean

Jess James gave a summary of the village spring clean which took place on 23 March, linked to the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. There was a good turn out and unlike last year, no snow! The village including the square and both car parks were cleared. Thanks were noted for Plymouth City Council who provided lots of equipment (litter pickers, bags and hoops) and also a team with a truck to cart away the bags of rubbish and larger items. Thanks also given to Aussie Scrap for collecting the finds from the beach clean again.

#### Easter Celebrations

Toni Northmore provided an overview of the easter event, largely aimed at the local children but with some grown up interest to, which had taken place on 20 April. There has been an easter egg hunt and Cathy Harris had secured donations of easter eggs from Morrisons, Elburton Co-Op and Lidl. Cathy was thanked for all her effort in arranging this and thanks were noted too for Morrisons the co-op and Lidl.

100 paper eggs were hidden around the village, each child received one standard chocolate egg in return for finding at least one paper egg. There had been a visit from the Easter Bunny (which some children had found a little unnerving) followed by a 'donate a tea party in the square. The Clovelly Bay Inn were thanked for provided some chips.

The Easter Bonnet competition was hotly contested with two prizes for children and two for adults – larger easter eggs purchased with Residents Association funds for the children and donations of vouchers for meals at the Boringdon Arms and Clovelly Bay for the adults.

A 'just for fun' sunflower growing competition was also launched at the easter event, with seeds, pots, compost and canes all donated by Otter Nurseries ( thanks to them and again to Cathy for arranging this). Hopefully the best will make it down to The Square for display

A jar left for donations to the residents association on the day yielded £15, that along with all the generous donations from local businesses meant the event cost the association just £1!

## 4) Proposals/updates

### **Summer Event**

It was agreed that a local, low-key summer event for the village would be appreciated. The committee would take this forward.

### **Repairs to the slipway**

It was noted Matt is still researching possible solutions for this.

### **Phone Box**

It was noted this was no longer being used and those present supported further research onto the process and restrictions on the village formally 'adopting', which they were largely in favour of. Paul Jago agreed to undertake this research (including whether the phone line can be retained) and it was agreed this should be an agenda item for the September meeting.

### **Discussion of Sonadyne Pier:**

Jennifer highlighted her disappointment at the sale of the pier known as the Sonadyne Pier. It was noted this had been a private sale which had taken place several years previously. But all agreed to maintain an awareness of similar situations in the future should they arise.

### **Dog poo**

Cathy Harris was thanked for placing dog poop bags in holders around the village. The committee is actively following up its request for a further waste bin towards the Turnchapel Wharf gates. Linzie Wishart agreed to research biodegradable poo bags and those present agreed by vote to use £50 of village funds to purchase a stock of biodegradable bags if required.

### **Poppies**

One of the local residents looking at obtaining reusable large remembrance poppies for attaching to lampposts. Those present saw no reason why the resident should not continue with this.

### **Signage**

The council are going to install a sign warning that children are playing at the top of the village (as it is near the play park).

## 5) Any other business:

### **Village maintenance**

Matt Lee and Paul Jago propose that they renovate the benches in the village. Paul has made contact with Crown Paints who have offered to donate the wood stain. The committee agreed to acknowledge this donation, plus those from EB Design & Build, Morrisons, Co-op, Lidl and Otter Nurseries on Facebook and the village. The potential for a village window cleaning services (donations to the residents association) to be set up was discussed with general support.

### **Breakwater trip**

Nina Jenkin has been organizing trips to the breakwater and is running one on 25 June at 6pm to raise funds for the Turnchapel Residents Association. The trip will involve a tour given by museum curator Nigel Overton.

### **History group**

Harriet Dismore gave an update on an excellent session for the group looking at maps dating back to 1500. Two events are coming up: An Evening with the Archivist, learning how to use archives to research family, village or house history on 8 June at 8pm and a talk from Robin

Blythe Lord of Plym valley Heritage association, on Turnchapel, on 3 October. Rob Dixon has arranged for this to be held at Turnchapel Wharf and there will be a small charge.

#### **Car Parks**

The potential for CCTV to be installed for the top car park was raised by Michell Oxley on behalf of Rob Dixon, following damage to a number of vehicles parked there. was going to raise the issue of CCTV in top car park - lots of incidents in top car park.. Questions are raised concerning the legalities of this as the car park is not private property. Non-residents parking in designated residents only spaces was also highlighted, as was the speed with which some vehicles travel through the village. The committee undertook to contact the Council to discuss the issues with parking etc and provide an update on agenda for the next meeting. Section 106 – It was noted that there could be opportunities for the village to make use of unspent Section 106 monies for some projects, such as signage. It was agreed the committee would seek to follow up on this also.

#### **Turnchapel Sign**

Jennifer raised the issue of the village sign which was brown being replaced with a green sign and the possible implications of this. It was noted this had been raised with the Council previously and their response would be communicated at the next meeting.

#### **6) Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 11 November**

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