



Minutes of the Turnchapel Resident's Association meeting – 29 June 2023 at 7.30pm

1) Chair's welcome and report

Harriet welcomed everyone and thanked the following:

Ruth, Philippa and others for the Easter Sunday Bunnie visit and egg hunt which were popular as ever!

Right Royal Roast 7 May for the Coronation – thanks to everyone who was cooking, it was a great event to have on the beach/square. There was a picnic and games organized by Hooe Baptist Church – it's great to support our neighbours.

Richard and Pete for the brilliant Music quiz on 23 May – Villagers toasted Nathan Davies who we sadly lost in May. The quiz raised £320.

Ian for more pot hole filling.

Paul and Toni for keeping the boat planter looking lovely, watering etc

There's lots going on in the village – history club, sailing club, book club, knitting squares for Christmas tree

Turnchapel was also in the press – Cornish village, the pong, the big flush!!

2) Treasurer's report

Luc handed out summaries of the money in the bank. Current money in the account: £3,000
We didn't spend on the BBQ or Easter eggs due to donations coming in (thanks to Morrisons for eggs). If we write a letter to supermarkets 4 weeks in advance we can get goods for community events.

Insurance – renewed

We got £100 from PCC community fund for the BBQ.

3) Item 1 South West Water

Update from Rob B. Following very low number of reports decision made to close the QR code and re-do a final version of the interim analysis. He will present that to SWW now, rather than wait until the end of the summer season.

It's clear the problem is along the Terrace (c. 90% of reports from here from Mansion House down to the Square), so although other areas of the village clearly do suffer from time-to-time, we now have enough evidence to tell SWW authoritatively, where they should be digging. The recent unearthing of our very own 'open sewer' kind of supports the theory that this is the stretch that is causing the worst problem.

He had had good meetings with senior people at SWW and some work has been done, however, Rob believes the process has stalled so will get data to SWW and ask them for a formal response and push them to do some proper, detailed investigations on the Terrace section.

What now? He will take down the posters, and generate the final analysis. He will then chase SWW for their formal response and add this plus his analysis on the turnchapel.org website.

4) Item 2 South West Coast Path closure

Letter has been sent to Lorna at SWCP outlining our thoughts.

At the last meeting - PCC with Kathy Watkin's support was trying to push forward; they only found 1 contractor quote, Lorna looking for more. No further movement from SWCP since then.

Our Chair contacted the Bridge to see their thoughts. They would see it as positive to get the path reopened, ok to add their name to support.

*Claire to request meeting with Lorna, Rebecca, Yacht Haven.

5) Item 3 Conservation area appraisal and management plan

Sarah L gave an update – we are 1 of 4 out of 15 areas in Plymouth that have not had an appraisal.

It would make a big difference getting this done to help our case for lampposts, signage etc.

She followed up with the contact at PCC – they want to do these outstanding areas; Sarah will keep chasing.

Raised signage change from brown to green at top of the village – implications?

6) Item 4 Kayak rack

The beach near the Clovelly pub has a rack, the plan was to tidy up kayaks and boards to make it secure and safe for people in the village to use.

The TRA has implemented a sticker system for residents who are using the rack. There is a voluntary payment for this.

Maximum of 12 kayaks for safety purposes.

7) Item 5 Defib and First Aid training

Last training was 5+ years ago so we need to renew. Hooe Baptist Church offered us to join their training.

Also need to redo First aid training – add to agenda for next meeting.

8) Item 6 Square Care

Thanks to Paul J and Matt L for their hard work on repainting the railings and wall cleaning. It's made a huge difference and keeps the square looking great!

9) Item 7 #loveturnchapel2030

Luc introduced this plan where the village comes together to bring ideas to improve the village and we can apply for funding to achieve things together and then implement ideas.

Dates for planning:

15 July am/pm? Luc will post in the Facebook group

31 July Monday evening

26 August – afternoon?

10) Item 8 Management of the 'Top Garden' (opposite top car park)

Discussed the plan for the village residents to take on management of this garden area to make it a beautiful space and attractive entrance to the village.

It has many specimen shrubs, trees and plants. The current issue is that the council can raze it at any time. We had a meeting with the Parks department and they outlined a plan of what we need to do - TRA will need to contact houses adjacent to the area and check everyone is happy for this to go ahead and make a 1, 2, 5 year plan.

There are some invasive species so will need to care / keep tidy.

We can get advice and plans from Sarah L's colleague.

Agree we'll need volunteers for a Gardening club?

*Paul J to organize! Caroline B very happy to participate in top garden sub-committee and maintenance parties.

11) Item 9 Lamppost

At the west end of the village, a lamppost was knocked down by a Waitrose van. PCC made it safe and have replaced it with a modern, very tall one. Our Chair has requested we get this replaced with one that matches the others in the village. Replacement costs should be covered by Waitrose insurance.

12) Item 10 Young representatives for the village

Jake had 2 suggestions that were appreciated and we can look into actioning:

- Drive slowly signs at both end of the village. See South Milton competition?
- Mirror for seeing round the corner up the road.

13) Item 11 Music & Food Feast Event on 22 July

Acapella female group and Youth jazz orchestra will be playing.

Open fire feast & paella.

Evening – sunset sessions in the square.

14) Any other business

The junction / turning at the top of the hill – commercial vehicles parked to the right are limiting visibility when turning out of the top of St John's Road.

There was a suggestion for PCC to add double yellow lines from the junction to the bus stop.

*Anthony agreed to write letter to the Highways department.

Cards have been donated by Ted to raise funds for the village. Thank you Ted.

Anthony has a wall available for a mural (by Tram walk entrance on Underlane). How proceed? Gather ideas and bring to next meeting.

Competition for a Turnchapel flag?

Halloween – add to agenda for the next meeting.

The bus shelter on Lawrence Road has been taken down. Elderly people need a seat while waiting for a bus, can we add a bench? It would need approval from Plymouth highways.

*TRA to do a letter.

Thanks from Freddie for the support from the village following the passing of Nathan.

15) Details of next meeting

Thursday 28th September 2023

Minutes to be taken by Chris!