



Turnchapel Residents' Association

Minutes of the Turnchapel Residents' Association meeting held 28th Sept 2023, at 7.30pm (in the Boringdon Arms and online via Zoom)

Attending from the Committee: Harriet, Anthony, Paul, Sarah, Dave (17 others in the room; 9 online including Luc)

Apologies: Luc, Claire, Toni

Chair's update

1. Music Food & Feast Event. Thanks to everyone who helped out, the Bori for hosting when we had to hold it inside due to the weather, chefs for another amazing BBQ, paella and spread, the Barnsley Youth Jazz Association and Mayflower A Cappella Chorus for the entertainment. To all who supported it in every other way too – thank you!
2. Sunflower Competition – Congratulations to Dave and Barbara Calderwood at Shipwrights. A truly wonderful display.
3. Sailing Regatta. Thanks to everyone who made it another enjoyable day – for the teams, chefs and everyone who supported and helped.
4. Christmas Tree Creations – more on this later.

The issue of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is on the Agenda but we need to address matters arising from the last minutes first.

Treasurer's report

Dave C reported on behalf of Luc who was online.

Overall, we have £3315 in the account. Contributions include £230 raised from membership and £587 from the two music quizzes. Every 6 months for the last 3 years, we have claimed £250 from Plymouth Octopus.

In addition to funds raised and spent, we are grateful to those donating time or materials. For example, Jago and Matt helped refresh the square. The railings have been repainted with paint that was funded last year and Matt fixed the floor tiles and supplied the concrete. Toni is donating time to craft items sold for the benefit of the association. Thanks also to Ted for donating the beautiful Turnchapel cards that we can sell at events.

All in all Luc believes we are being careful with the money whilst contributing to the community spirit of the village.

He also noted that since Ruth has been collecting money for food at events, the general number of servings has been around 80 and 50 when it is raining. It would be good to ensure a wet weather solution for keeping everyone dry and can include all residents.

Matters Arising

1) South West Water – pong issues

1. Changes have been made to the website to reflect the close of the Pong Reporting scheme.

Rob made changes to the home page: <https://turnchapel.org/> and the pong landing page: <https://turnchapel.org/pong>.

In case there are any QR codes still floating around, he has deactivated the form and replaced it with some text: <https://turnchapel.org/pong/report.php>.

If anyone wants to make some comments about it, then they need to make them directly to SWW now.

He will get the analysis done and share it before making any further changes to the website.

2. Claire spoke to SWW when she saw them fitting 5 new sewage monitors and said they would be fitting more so they are obviously doing something.

2) South West Coast Path

Claire asked for an update on 18th September. The following email exchange was reported:

Lorna Sherriff (South West Coast Path National Trail Officer) had phone calls from some local residents interested in any progress. During one conversation the cost of £400,000 was mentioned to fix the path. She was not sure where the £400,000 figure has come from.

She asked Cllr Rebecca Smith for an update from PCC 'as it would be great if we can get a meeting organised and see if we can all work together to resolve this issue'. Rebecca has chased several times to no avail. She is also keen to do what she can.

Lorna had a response from Plymouth City Council that the person who she was liaising with regarding Turnchapel – Mount Batten is on extended sick leave and hence the lack of a reply. She was going to see who is covering whilst they are away from work.

On 25th Sept Rebecca said she had a catch up with another officer so will report back ASAP. Harriet has asked for another update 27th Sept but no reply yet.

3. At the meeting, Harriet asked if 'Paul from Shaw Way' online would like to add/say anything – nothing added.
4. Discussion following this report included Jago asking if a temporary fix could be provided with sand bags, as has been undertaken elsewhere along the road. Ted commented that 'the whole road needs to be addressed'.
5. Jen asked if they (Yacht Haven) are keeping it shut so that they can establish a 'change of use'? Maybe we need to be more proactive in representing – it's been closed for 3 years now.
6. Vic reported that previously Rebecca Smith said she would report to the Council.
7. Michelle suggested some peaceful protesting in person to attract some publicity and offered to organise, letting the local journalists know.

8. Anthony pointed out that PCC don't have any money.
9. Luc has been following Yacht Haven on social media and reports that when they want to spend money they can/do.
10. John asked if there is a time limit for a closed footpath/public right of way to lose its title/right – would Lorna from South West Coast Path Association know?
11. Jen gave some history about the Plymouth Development Corporation spending a lot of public tax payers money to bring Mount Batten back into use and Yacht Haven were very privileged to buy it and the land was sold with covenants so the purchasers were well aware of their obligations.

ACTIONS: Harriet and Claire to continue asking for update from Rebecca. Harriet to ask Lorna about a time limit for rights of way. Michelle to arrange peaceful protest.

3) Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan

No further update yet.

ACTION: Sarah will continue to chase the officer who has made contact.

4) #loveturnchapel2030

Luc's update follows 2 sessions organised via Facebook during the summer.

1. He would like to do a couple more, organised via flyers and TRA email list so no one is missed out. 59 ideas so far.
2. Some of these can be implemented fairly quickly: salt box for the car parks, tools for village upkeep, sails to cover the square.
3. Some are taking the village spirit to the letter: Turnchapel in Bloom, fair trade village.
4. Some linked to the sea : we live by it but as a village, have not much use of it (e.g. a pontoon?)
5. Some are environmentally linked. For example, a beer can squeezer, a solar BBQ, plastic collector at sea, weather station, tide station.
6. Some are about people's well-being and safety: beach safety course, regular first aid courses.
7. Some are about ensuring the village looks more attractive. For example, having the same -traditional- house numbers, a nicer village sign at the top and reducing the number of bins.
8. Some are about mobility from and to the village: green car park, how are we dealing with electrical cars - on the terrace, on St John's drive?
9. Another idea was to have a more permanent storage place for village stuff (e.g. bunting, tools...) and a village hall.

ACTIONS: Once the 2 next post-it sessions have taken place, Luc would like to involve businesses e.g. Airbnbs, Turnchapel Wharf and tenants, to hear what needs they have and how we could interact.

5) First aid course

The last first aid training took place on 22nd May 2021 for 12 residents between 9am-5pm at £50 per person. Harriet contacted Really Good First Aid to get a comparison for a refresher, estimating around 10 people. They have responded with the following:

'The certificate received in 2021 is an attendance certificate which is fine for the residents setting and I can issue the same sort of certificate as well to those who attend for the quoted cost below that would last for 3 years. Should it look like or anyone request a qualification for the work place we can also arrange that but it would come at a cost from the awarding body of £10.00 per person per award.'

The cost for a day's delivery for a community setting I am happy to discount down to £200 for the day.

For a one day course we would look to cover ABC Safe Airway Position CPR [Adults and Children] use of AED choking bleeding and shock and common medical conditions.'

Harriet shared this and the response was very positive with over 15 people interested in another training session.

ACTION: Harriet to arrange with Really Good First Aid.

6) Junction at top of St John's Road

Anthony E reports that the Council has advised that no personal accidents have been recorded so there is no dangerous situation that they are aware of.

Michelle has reported car damage in this area numerous times but they weren't interested because they reported that there is sufficient on street car parking.

Agenda

7) Beryl Bikes

Harriet raised the topic of Beryl Bikes which have now completed their installation across the city.

Claire has vouchers so please contact her on secretary@turnchapel.org for more information.

8) Christmas Tree

Harriet reported Zara's message which was the following:

Zara wants to know when do people want it to put the tree up? The first weekend of December? Saturday/ Sunday?

ACTION: Jago and Matt to get together for a trial run on how to erect it.

Zara wanted to please pass on massive thank you to everyone who has worked so

hard to make this happen #   Turnchapel.

The last  knitters & hookers meeting is Saturday 28th October 12.00 in the Bori.

All squares are needed by the 31st of October.

9) Traffic Regulation Order

The order, to be implemented on Monday 9th October, is an 18 months experiment applying to Boringdon Road, Clovelly View and Sea View Quay. It is intended to ensure access for Turnchapel Boatyard and South West Water. The proposals implement 'new no waiting at any time' and 'new no waiting' sections of the roads. There were a number of issues and concerns raised by those in attendance:

1. No consultation was undertaken before this has been imposed.
2. Everyone is going to be affected because of the spaces lost.
3. The length of the 'experimental' period is 18 months.
4. There are only 6 months to make comments/representations, despite the 18 months duration of the experimental period. This means that they have 12 months to consider any representations and their response. This seems a long time to consider a response.
5. Is there a formal complaints route and can it be stopped?
6. People need to make complaints/objections individually and the more representations received, the better. If there are no complaints then the restrictions will be made permanent.
7. Individuals need to provide any pieces of information or evidence – historic or recent – that may help to support any reasons for objections against this proposal.
8. Any objections submitted should be factual and reflect planning policy issues to carry any weight/be taken seriously.
9. Do SWW know anything about this? They are not on the list of consultees but are cited as one of the reasons for this.
10. There appears to be a problem with rainwater from the Boatyard roof and along the road running behind which has caused drainage problems. Why has the Boatyard not provided tarmac to this road already?
11. Is a separate review of our Council tax rates needed if this is being implemented for industrial/commercial use?
12. No Waiting Zones are proposed in front of private garages where these people could park inside. Shouldn't be a problem if they can still park off the public highway.
13. The Boatyard has previously sent letters around to local neighbours to advise of deliveries/large vehicles needing access. Residents have always responded to this by moving vehicles etc when needed.
14. Could a template be shared for people to write their representation to the Council? Suggestions of what would be considered factual issues could be shared by residents to help with this.
15. The TRA can provide a letter of objection on behalf of the village if the majority are of that opinion. It may carry some weight from the TRA but more letters of representations are also required. Everyone in the meeting voted for the RA to submit a letter of objection (26 in total).

ACTION: Anthony E to lead on an objection on behalf of TRA.

10) Future Events

Music Quiz Sunday 22nd October. Richard added that any raffle prizes would be very gratefully received.

Halloween event proposed in the square Saturday 28th October.

Christmas Fair in the Bori cancelled.

Carol Service? Date to be confirmed and possibly to take place around the Christmas tree in the square, weather permitting.

11) Any Other Business

None

12) Details of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm.