



Turnchapel Residents' Association

Minutes of the AGM 25 April 2024

at 7.30pm in the Boringdon Arms and online via Zoom

1) Chair's welcome and report

Harriet welcomed everyone in the room and on zoom and outlined some etiquette for the meeting and that it's recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting were available in the room and on our website
www.turnchapel.org

Apologies: Anthony, Dave.

23 households were in attendance.

Jago stepped down from the committee. So committee represented: Harriet, Luc, Sarah, Claire.

We had another fun music quiz 4th February and raised £467 – thanks to Richard and Pete and also to Jordan and team at the Bori for hosting.

Thanks to Jake & Sarah and Luke D, the village held another fun (but challenging!) Easter event. There were over 40 children that took part and we had sun for the hour of the event!

Stars in their eyes event – well done Simon L for being Elvis – it was great for the village and raised money for young people in Plymouth (PLCC charity).

We enjoyed the Pie & Ale festival in the Clovelly 20th and 21st April, there was a great atmosphere and singing – special thanks to Freddie!

Turnchapel Mermaids – 6 local ladies after months of training will be doing a cross channel swim. Dates between 29/6-9/7. Well done and let's support them!

We circulated The aims of the Association; link to the Constitution and Membership info with bank details. Membership is voluntary, with a suggested donation of £5 per household. All residents are members whether paid or not, and can attend all/any meetings and events – everyone is welcome!

2) Treasurer's report

We currently have £4,322 in the account. Report was circulated, email secretary@turnchapel.org for a copy.

Money in since the last meeting: £467 from the music quiz; £250 from POP in January; £15 from 3 donations for Membership.

Money out: Insurance paid £125; easter eggs £80.

Expenses to come: 2 benches for the square - £100; village clean £100; hall hire for 1st aid course £50; village upkeep £250? Conservation plan? Poss defibrillator battery c. £200.

3) Item 1 SWW

SWW – no updates. The smell is getting a bit worse and high tide can affect this and sewage pipe content.

NB: Residents can complain here: <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/contact-us/> tel: 0344 3461 010. or add a message to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthWestWater>

4) Item 2 SWCP

Disappointing that there has been no progress with this. Agreed we need to keep asking – contacts from the SWCP and PCC. Noted there is now a permanent fence put in place.

Residents felt it's time to take action - online petition suggestion; contact historic England. Anyone interested in helping, there is a sub-committee headed up by Jennifer with Vic; Nina, Cathy.

5) Item 3 Beryl bikes

No updates, Claire to chase up re the community vouchers.

6) Item 4 1st aid training for the village

May 12th 9am-4pm - we have 18 people booked. This is £30 per person with certificate; £20 otherwise.

7) Item 5 Conservation area appraisal and management plan

The TRA has been trying to get this done for years and Sarah L has followed up various avenues and contacts with PCC over the last few years with no success. She met Simon Hickman from Historic England by chance at an event just before Easter – he suggested we can “do it ourselves” if we keep PCC in the loop, and they agree to then adopt it.

Sefryn Penrose, an independent heritage consultant who did the CAAMP for the most recent/new Plymouth City Centre Conservation Area joined the meeting to explain some of our options and why having this would be a positive for the village.

Why – they can give the area additional recognition and protection for planning application considerations. Councils do have a legal obligation to provide and update CAAMPs. We should tell PCC that we intend to do this ourselves so this might force them to act.

Potential maximum cost could be £10,000. Plymouth City Council’s report structure is dynamic and we’d be starting from scratch but we could follow a template from another one and save some money by doing a lot of it ourselves with all the historic research and interest we have in the village. Sefryn offered to assist by just editing and pulling it together for us for a greatly reduced fee using her day rate for possibly only a few days. (Other historic consultants are available but she’d be keen to support an active neighbourhood like ours to produce this ourselves and others may not be so flexible/supportive).

Reasons to do this: records the history of the area; what’s important, views; fabric of the area and materials used; opportunities for making it better; provides a design guide and

framework for any future developments/improvements/alterations. Can flag up positive / negative things about buildings.

If there are unlisted buildings but within the area, this would provide more protection for them and the village as a whole.

Previous Q: should Yacht Haven Wharf be included in the area?

Steps – before next meeting; agree we should enquire with PCC about doing it ourselves.

Sarah to do this; then through the History group start looking into it and collating information required. Sefrynn could be invited back to the next History group meeting in July?

The Shepley booklet 1977 should be referenced.

Further information about CAAMPs and the City Conservation Areas, and the CAAMP for the City Centre which Sefrynn authored can be found here:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/conservation-areas>

This is a much larger one than ours needs to be but Turnchapel is one of the oldest Conservation Areas in Plymouth and one of only 4 of the 15 in the City without a CAAMP!

8) Item 6 National Marine Park – interpretation boards

Harriet has been in contact with them; requested proposal information, didn't get a reply. Emailed Elaine Hayes – there will be a phased approach and audit of existing interpretation and assets. There will be focus on Mountbatten Tower, Tinside and Mount Edgcumbe and digital materials. We are pushing to get input into the board.

9) Item 7 – Youth committee update

Basketball hoop still of interest. Not clear where it might go.

10) Item 8 #loveturnchapel2030 (Future projects plan)

There are many ideas about projects we could get involved with to improve things in the village. Plan to have meetings in the summer to get people interested.

18th or 19th May suggested. Possibly after the village clean?

11) Item 9 – Village upkeep

Sun 19th May 10am-1pm – next village clean – including tidy of car parks.

12) Item 10 – West End access and flood risk

Concern about cars parked and emergency access has previously been raised.

Harriet requested an updated check from the emergency services. Their response was:

"Hi Harriet, with one thing and another, and a lot of large training exercise going on recently, we haven't been local on a drill night for a while and so haven't had a chance I'm afraid.

It was, however, discussed by our management team, as well as the wider team here who have years and years of experience serving the area. While we wait for an opportunity to do a proper visit, rest assured that we are very familiar with the area and with the concerns that you've raised and so nothing in that area would be taking us by surprise if we were required to attend for any reason.

We appreciate your understanding around how busy we are and hope that the above will help to reassure any concerned residents while we find time to pop down.

Kind regards,

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Sarah also contacted the Environment Agency about the issue of potential future flooding. They offer community engagement events and will come to do one for us but no date set yet - will share more information on this when it is arranged.

(Post meeting note: The police have also been contacted and confirmed that they have never attended, nor would attend, any complaints of illegal/inconsiderate parking in the village – this is a matter for PCC. They would only get involved with parking issues if vehicles were blocking major junctions.)

Richard B proposal, Harriet read out the full email. In brief: "I recommend either a) Single yellow 8am-8pm no parking or b) double yellows around 3a Clovelly View". Harriet asked for comments. Vic – single yellow lines sound good. Others commented that the proposed restricted hours should be reduced from 8am-4 or 6pm?

It is recognised that there is increased traffic since the boatyard has become more active and that parking on the end of 3a Clovelly View can cause issues. This is an Airbnb property so we don't always know the people to ask to move a car, but it's not always them parked there anyway. It's less of an issue for locals who know to park in tight and others can recognise/identify their cars.

The TRA could support a suggestion that this might be a much reduced and compromised solution as proposed by one of our residents if supported by the rest of the community, but it needs to be understood who actually wants any restrictions imposed and voted on. Linda – concerned that it may lead to more double yellow lines in the village.

Agreed the TRA would reply to Richard with the views from the meeting and suggest that any interested/concerned parties should contact PCC themselves. Any residents can contact PCC and add their views:

<https://bit.ly/Parking-General-Enquiry-Form>

One resident sent an enquiry and got the following reply:

Please tell us about your enquiry: Turnchapel Boat Yard wanted to have parking restrictions around the area. I suggest that single yellows ONLY around 3a Clovelly View PL99TB would be appropriate between the hours of 8am and 6pm

Reply:

I have spent a great deal of time discussing this matter with the owner of the boatyard and in answering letters from his neighbours when the City Council attempted to introduce an experimental traffic order in 2023. The matter was left for the community to decide if they felt the matter needed to be revisited and this would be best communicated via a local residents organisation. To date I have not been made aware that views on the matter have changed.

If you feel that this is the case you may wish to liaise with your neighbours regarding the matter.
Yours sincerely

Mike Jones

Senior Traffic Engineer

13) Item 5 Future events

4th May Turnchapel Sailing Club will be launching boats!

18th May Surfers Against Sewage Paddle Out 10am-2pm.

12th July St Luke's Midnight Walk <https://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/midnight-walk/> It appears to be for ladies / families – see note: If entrants would like to register a male participant to the event, please contact us on events@stlukeshospice.org.uk where we will advise the next steps.

Possibility of a village event with roads closed? People were keen on a food-based event / advertise as a 'Family community event'.

14) Any other business

- Potholes on Undercliff Road – Anthony E will do outside his house area. Some areas owned by PCC/Yacht Haven / unknown? Suggestion to train locals to do ourselves? Find out cost to do ourselves.
- Dog poo bags – poster option voted on.
- Safeguarding policy – we need to update the Constitution to cover events, especially so children are accompanied by an adult. Approved.
- Open Reach – putting up cabling – for super quick broadband?
- Bottom car park – can we get lines painted or bricks cleaned. Do part of the village clean.
- Pre planning notice for house on Undercliff Road. By protected tree. Residents to respond individually. <https://planning.plymouth.gov.uk/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=SC1H8JMM04Q00>

15) Election of committee

Harriet resigned as Chair but staying on the committee – approved by all.

Claire resigned as Secretary.

Luc continuing as Treasurer – approved by all.

Nominations for:

Chair – Lorraine Lees. 1st proposer: Sarah L, 2nd proposer: Jen. Voted in by all.

Secretary – Kris Warren. 1st proposer: Nina, 2nd proposer: Matt. Voted in by all.

Committee members – Sarah, Anthony, Dave, Harriet.

16) Details of next meeting

Tuesday 9th July evening – trialling a different day (discussed doing on a weekend in future).

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