



# Turnchapel Residents' Association

## Minutes of the Meeting, 4 February 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.

Pete told those present that sheets with proposed logos for the association had been distributed around the room, and asked them to tick their preferred option.

### 2) Plymstock Fire and Rescue

Neil, Watch Manager from the local fire service attended the meeting to answer resident's questions regarding access for emergency services. This subject had been raised by the temporary closure of the gates at the bottom the village due to construction work.

Neil reported he had met with members of the committee recently to discuss the issue and that he felt he could allay the concerns of residents. He explained the local fleet includes a LRP (Light Response Pump) which can gain access via St Johns Rd in the event the gates are closed or blocked. He explained that in the event the service were called out to the village it was likely they would respond with two vehicles, one accessing through the top of the village, the other via the bottom. He confirmed that the code for accessing the key securing the gates is definitely known to the fire services and the code is accessible to crew on any appliance. He also confirmed that equipment is available to secure access even if, for some reason, the code was ineffective, or if vehicles were blocking the route.

He explained the vehicles do not need to be that near a property to tackle a fire and confirmed that all houses in the village could be reached, due to length of hoses and access to water.

In response to questions from those present he reassured that access via St Johns Road was possible and explained how water was pumped for the hoses. He reassured that the narrowing of the road noted by residents towards Clovelly View would not prevent access; he had assessed the space while in the village previously, and reiterated that practice was not to station the vehicle near to the fire anyway, but to park and approach on foot. He confirmed that parked cars would not pose a genuine obstacle.

He was also able to confirm that the ambulance services do have the code for the gate key and that if the LRP can access via St Johns Road, then an ambulance could too.

Neil highlighted that the fire service offer home safety visits, via the Devon and Somerset website and a free 0800 number, during which a technician visits the property to, give advice and check detection, smoke detectors can be fitted free of charge.

Rob Buttress distributed an information sheet, reiterating the information from conversations with Turnchapel Wharf and reminding the residents of the arrangements around the gate and access. It was agreed this would be added to the website.

Those present thanked Neil for attending.

### 3) Treasurer's report.

Tim Birch, Treasurer, gave an overview of the current balance of the association account, being in credit to £944. It was noted the tombola at the Christmas Market had contributed almost £100 to this and Toni and River were thanked for their work. It was also noted that £60 had been contributed by the Festival committee specifically towards the maintenance of the defibrillator in future.

### 4) Proposals:

It was proposed that the village undertake a **Spring Clean**, as they did in 2018, possibly to tie in with the recent campaign by Keep Britain Tidy. There was general support for this and the date was agreed as 23rd March, to take advantage of the low tide. It was agreed the council would be approached again for help with equipment and collection of the rubbish collected.

It was proposed to hold a village **Easter Egg Hunt/Bonnet competition** on Saturday 20th April. There was general support and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of finding sponsorship for eggs and prizes. It was suggested a tea party for the children also be held as part of this event, with people 'donating a plate'. It was agreed this would be aimed at residents and their families (e.g. grandchildren etc.). It was also agreed to check there were no beer festivals or similar planned for that, and if there were, to reconsider date, time or location.

It was proposed the Council be approached regarding **signage** at either end of the village to request drivers to take care and be aware of children playing and pedestrians in the road. It was noted there was already a 'please drive carefully through the village' sign at the top of the village. It was agreed the possibility would be investigated with the Council.

It was proposed that those who **store boats, dinghies, canoes etc. on the slipway/beach** outside the Clovelly Bay Inn be approached for a voluntary contribution towards maintenance of that area and possibly the square as well. It was noted the slipway/beach is not the property of the village and there was concern that this request could deter some people from making use of the area due to concerns over costs. Suggestions from those present included use of existing residents association funds for this purpose, a specific fundraising event for this purpose and positioning an 'honesty box' nearby ( the security of this option was queried). It was agreed the committee would investigate options, including the use of crowdfunding websites.

### 5) Logo and Website

Linzie collected in the logo sheets and declared the most popular logo to those present.

She reported the resident's association website was now complete and indicated that the web address had been printed out and distributed around the room. She thanked Hedley Putnam for his help with building the website.

### 6) South West Water

Linzie updated on this ongoing issue. The smell appeared to have worsened in recent weeks. Michelle highlighted a flowchart indicating that the many verbal and informal complaints made should now be followed up with a formal written complaint, following which, if there is no satisfactory response, the issue can be taken to OfWat. It was noted this has been an issue since 1999, with letters. The possibility of approaching the media was raised.

### 7) AOB:

Matt Walker noted the parking difficulties inherent in the village location and requested that residents please be considerate in their parking, thinking about access, visibility, yellow lines

etc. It was also noted that offensive notes had been left of some residents cars and that, obviously, this was not acceptable. It was suggested that the Guard Room be r approached about the possibility of residents making use of their parking spaces outside of their business hours.

Harriet Dismore provided an update on the Turnchapel History Group which had a positive start with 27 people signing up as interested. The next meeting would be on 11 March in the Boringdon Arms, with a focus on any maps people have access to.

Paul Jago updated on the diesel spill in the bay that had been noted by residents a few weeks ago. The Harbour Commissioner is aware and it had been reported that it had been "Cleaned up to industry standards". Those present did not feel this aligned with what they had witnessed in the water. It was noted complaints had been made to the council and the environment agency in respect of this. It was agreed that when residents made such complaints or reports it might be useful if they shared the reference number generated on one of the Facebook pages residents can access.

## **8) Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 7 May 2019 at 7.30pm n the Boringdon Arms.

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