



Turnchapel Residents' Association

Minutes of the Meeting, 12 September 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 introduced Councillor Kathy Watkin and thanked her for her attendance today. Pete extended thanks to Nina Jenkin for arranging a trip to breakwater, monies from which she had donated to the association for use in village (for example works on the beach and square. He also thanked Paul Jago and Matt Lee, among others, for their work renovating the benches around the village and noted with thanks that Joe Radmore had donated £250 to the association

2) Treasurer's report

Tim Birch, Treasurer, gave an overview of the current balance of the association account, being in credit to £1741. This included £333 from Nina's breakwater trip and £250 from Joe Radmore. He noted that £60 of the total was ring-fenced for the defibrillator should replacements parts be required in future.

3) Planning issues

Pete referred to the pre-planning application made by Yacht Haven to construct a 2 storey unit against the wall which divides the wharf from Boringdon terrace. It was noted this would mean the upper storey was visible over the top of the wall. An unknown number of residents had emailed the Council to express concerns about the height but as this was not a formal application for planning permission it was not open for consultation. Those present were asked to look out for the yellow planning permission notice and it was agreed this could be shared on the facebook page to ensure residents were aware in case they wanted to make representations to the planning committee.

4) South West Water Road Closure

Those present were reminded that a section of the road through the village would be closed for a few days during the following week for works to pipes. There was brief discussion around what the work would entail and hope that it would serve to rectify the smell issues periodically experienced in the village.

5) Village Works

Beach opposite Clovelly Bay Inn

Matt Lee updated those present on the various 'improvement projects' undertaken around the village such as restoration of the railings and benches. He thanked Nina for her donation and undertook to put it to good use.

Options for mast

Matt reported that the village had been donated a very large wooden mast from a clinker built vessel and that it had been proposed it be mounted in the square, in the 'empty' stone roundel. This would need investigation as to permissions and safety implications as well as potential cost, but initial views from those present were generally positive. Josie agreed to

investigate the ownership of the square and it was agreed that once more details were known village residents would be presented with these and given the option to vote/raise concerns or objections.

Garden by car park at top of St Johns Rd

The contributions of Ben Landricombe and Rob Dixon in restoring the area at the top of the village opposite the carpark, following an unexpected clearance by the Council were acknowledged and appreciated by all. The area has been a pleasure to see over the summer as the plants have grown and bloomed. It was noted that several of the plants were annuals and it was agreed that the Residents Association would donate funds towards replacements for the following year should these been needed.

Adoption of Phone Box

Pete reported that as mentioned in previous meetings, the residents association could 'adopt' the phone box. This would cost just £1 and there was the option for BT to still provide electricity. The decision to adopt had been highlighted on the flyer for this meeting to ensure that residents were aware of the decision and could contact committee members and/or attend the meeting in person should they have strong views either way on the decision. It was agreed by those present that the adoption should be progressed and any ideas about what the phone box could be used for would be welcomed.

Dog poo bags

Thanks were extended to Cathy Harris for continuing to keep the dog poo bag dispensers topped up. Linzie Wishart reported she had not been able to secure free of reduced-cost bags by approaching suppliers direct but she had found degradable bags at a cost of £17.99 for 1000 and it was agreed these would be purchased. Cllr Watkin agreed to look into the provision of an additional waste bin near the gates by Turnchapel Wharf, as previously requested by the residents association, as that area seems to be a particular problem.

6) Council Issues

Jess James reported there had been emails received from some residents, and verbal feedback regarding parking, particular in the top car park. This can become very full, especially evenings and weekends with residents resorting to parking on the grassed areas. There had also been a small number of collisions thought to have been caused by the tight maneuvering spaces when the car park is very full. It had been suggested the association investigate the possibility the car park could be extended, while noting the value of the green spaces and hedgerows around it. Cllr Kathy Watson explained that the cost of extending the parking area was prohibitive. Simon Law asked if there was any money left over from section 106 that could be used to fund this. Cllr Watkin explained these funds often have criteria around what they can be spent on. She had a meeting with Highways in the near future and could bring this up seeking information on whether there were any section 106 monies and what the criteria around it was.

Ian Rendle raised the issues of potholes and asked Cllr Watkin to discuss that with 3 highways as well.

Concerns about the speed which some people drive through the village were raised, with discussions on the pros and cons of speed bumps, traffic calming, children playing signs and traffic lights. Cllr Watkins agreed to arrange for someone from the 'Living Streets' team to visit and meet with residents to provide advice.

Cllr Watkin asked to receive a copy of the minutes.

It was generally agreed that residents should seek to park and drive responsibly.

7) Any other business:

History group

Harriet Dismore informed those present that the next history group event was a talk from Robin Blythe Lord of Plym Valley Heritage Association, to take place on 3 October in the Fugro lecture room in Turnchapel Wharf (with thanks to Rob Dixon for arranging the venue). Places are limited to around 50.

Book Club

Claire Law reported that there was a space available in the village book club and anyone who was interested could contact her for information.

8) Details of next meeting

Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was agreed as **14 November** (a change to initial scheduled of 7 November) this would also be the Annual General Meeting and so nominations for committee members would be sought for voting to take place on the night.

(The raffle raised £17)

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