



Minutes of the Turnchapel Residents' Association meeting held 23rd January 2025, at 7.30pm in the Boringdon Arms

Attending from the Committee: Lorraine, Kris, Sarah, Luc, Anthony, (18 others in the room; 0 online)

Apologies: Harriet

The meeting began with a brief announcement regarding the very sad recent passing of Carol Tucknott, a beloved member of the Turnchapel community, followed by Sarah reading out a very moving message celebrating Carol's life and involvement in the village, which had been posted on the Bori's Facebook page, written by Jordan.

1) Chair's Update

Lorraine welcomed everyone and mentioned all the events held since the last meeting. She also thanked everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair so successful and all agreed it was a fantastic day which everyone enjoyed. Thanks also to Zara for co-ordinating this year's Xmas tree too.

The minutes from the meeting held on 23rd October 2024 were then approved.

In a slight deviation to the running order of the items in the published agenda, the following issues were discussed.

2) South West Water – pong issues

Polly summarised everything the sub-committee has been doing including asking SWW for updates and confirming with them the correct process to follow when reporting issues.

It was noted that there has been some improvement since the campaign started, with some of those present agreeing.

Currently there is an 8 week plan in progress to restart the system and Polly has asked that anyone wishing to complain to do so individually, raising a separate complaint number every time an issue is reported. By doing this SWW will see more complaints and not just one, which will hopefully make them more inclined to take the issue seriously.

A suggestion was made for more posters in the windows of those houses that look onto the street to make it easier for people to know how to complain.

Polly then circulated a sheet asking all those present who have already complained to mark it down.

Action: Jean to collate and post to Polly

Polly confirmed a Freedom of Information request has been sent to SWW asking for information on all complaints and actions over the last 12 months.

Action: Polly to upload onto the Turnchapel website once received.

Regarding the monitors that are currently in the village, Polly confirmed we are asking SWW for the results by the end of March and also giving them deadlines of when we will be contacting Water Consortium/Ofwat/Ombudsmen to show that we mean business.

Polly will talk to councillors once all info has been collected.

It was confirmed that the QR codes are for data collection only and so complaints should be made directly to SWW, separately as mentioned above. Toni confirmed that Facebook Messenger is no longer the way to complain.

Luc then suggested that, as a village, we also need to do our bit in order to help alleviate this issue, including ensuring that water is put into our own drains locally to help keep them clear. Over the next 8 weeks we need to make sure that everyone affected is doing this.

It was noted by many of those present that there has been some improvement but it was thought that this may well be due to it not being summer and water flowing through the drains, but this will be monitored.

Treasurer's Report

c. £4,600 in the bank account.

TRA received £750 from the Christmas Fair and after a brief discussion it was decided that a £250 donation would be made to charity. A number of organisations were suggested but after a vote of those present it was decided that the money would be given to Shekinah, a charity that supports people to build positive lives and futures by helping to find accommodation, assisting improved physical and mental wellbeing, providing training and personal development opportunities, and giving practical support to find employment.

Action: Lorraine to reach out to the charity to let them know.

With it now being 2025, a gentle reminder was made regarding voluntary membership fees.

South West Coast Path

Michelle and Vic's update:

"Once again, the sub-committee has been proactive. Following face to face meetings with our MP and local councillor along with further developments from PCC, the following has been undertaken:

A Freedom of Information request has been submitted requesting relevant minutes of meetings and emails exchanged regarding the footpath closure. Also, on behalf of the TRA, a formal complaint has been lodged about the path closure and the 'permanent' road route installed.

Signage has been erected to that effect, worse still the road route has been entered on the Ordnance Survey Map, all with no attempt at holding any public consultation or even a

notification of intent to TRA, despite repeated requests that we be kept fully informed by PCC of their intended decisions and discussions.

A very unsatisfactory and disappointing state of affairs, we think you will all agree. But, like a dog with a bone, we will keep gnawing away at it!"

Jago stated that this was an issue nationally and that it is his belief that PCC are driving this. Jago also confirmed that clearing of the debris has taken place, presumably by the residents there.

Vic confirmed that at this time they do not need any additional support and Lorraine expressed appreciation for their efforts.

3) Flooding

Sarah confirmed that many villagers attended the very successful Public Flood Awareness meeting with Sarah Fotheringham and Frank Newell from the Flood and Risk Management team at the Environment Agency held at the Bori on 20th November 2024.

Sarah gave an outline of the meeting and attached is a copy of the notes from that meeting and additional information provided by the EA for information and reference.

Sarah confirmed that the EA are very happy that the village is taking a proactive role regarding this issue and will come back again to discuss further as and when required as sea levels rise and flooding becomes more of a regular issue.

4) Planning & Parking

Anthony Collins at Turnchapel boatyard put in a planning application to remove the planning condition regarding his obligation to provide flood defences and warning at his property at the beginning of December. The justification for this was cited as access and parking issues in the west end of the village.

Approx 30 objections and about 6 letters of support were submitted over the Xmas period.

The EA and the Local Flood Lead have both recommended to reject this application and the planning officer has confirmed that this application won't be called to planning committee. This application is now currently in the determination period and the decision was due by 27th January, however this has now been extended to 24th February and a new Flood Warning and Flood Risk Management Plan has been submitted for consideration. If anyone wants to add any further comments on this then they should do so through the PCC Planning officer or portal as previously. If this new plan is accepted then this will become a variation of a planning condition and not the removal of it.

Sarah advised that the Director of Street Services at PCC, Phil Robinson, who was mentioned at the Flood Awareness meeting, wants to come and discuss parking and access with the village in a similar open public meeting setting as the Flood Awareness meeting, separate from the TRA. Please make every effort to attend this event when it is arranged to ensure that as many opinions and views are recorded as possible.

A number of people reported that they have previously received letters through their doors regarding specific road access being required to the boat yard for construction or boat movements and it was agreed that this had worked successfully before and therefore any future access requests should continue to be made by Anthony Collins himself, directly to those affected as this will not be organised by the TRA and is not the responsibility of the TRA committee.

5) Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP)

Sarah confirmed there is no update on this matter currently due to other distractions and it was agreed that this item would stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

6) #loveturnchapel

Tide tables were discussed as minuted below.

7) PA System

At one of last year's meeting, a suggestion was made to use the funds to purchase a TRA public address (PA) system. The decision was to investigate costs and options to bring to this meeting for discussion.

Following consultations with those who showed an interest in the type of PA system we should invest in, Richard has been in contact with gear4music.com with view to purchasing a complete mid-range system with some specific queries or requests to customise it, including microphone makes, number of speakers, etc.

Once this information has been received, and a decision is made it is hoped that we will be in receipt of this system in time for the next Music Quiz on 16th February.

8) Additional Kayak Storage

Anthony Eke is offering the gravelled space on the edge of his land for storage e.g. kayaks that would need a rack.

Action: Jago is to cost this for the next meeting. No further update to report.

9) Village Wall Murals

Anthony Eke has offered a small external rendered wall for a colourful and welcoming mural to be painted on it and since then more walls have now been offering for similar painting.

Action: Jago to contact Brewers to ask if they would be willing to support a community project and provide paint. Sarah is getting a group together to design over the winter and plans to start in spring. No further update to report.

10) Tide Chart

As voted for at one of last year's meetings, £44 will go to buying this and it will be put on the display board in the square.

A wooden frame next to the square facing the church was suggested as a suitable place to display this.

Action: Vic has agreed to source a suitable storage solution so as to ensure it is kept free of mould.

11) Top Garden

Luc has suggested a sub-committee to put together a plan. In the meantime, Rob D is keen to get started on clearing the top garden before the birds start nesting in the trees. He confirmed that PCC are happy to collect the rubbish.

Anyone who is interested in helping to clear the top garden is welcome to join him on 9th February, for as much or as little time as people can spare.

Messages detailing this and asking for volunteers will be put on Facebook and the noticeboard.

Action: Secretary to share more information via email nearer the time.

12) Level 2 Food & Hygiene

Luc confirmed that we need people to undertake the Level 3 qualification. Matt, Jago & Luc will discuss further and confirm who should do this and when.

Luc also asked if there more people who wanted to do the level 2 food & hygiene course and if so, to contact him.

13) Future Events

History Group
6th February 2025
7pm at The Bori

There is also an exhibition scheduled for 10-12 July at the Plymstock Library featuring pictures from the 1920's including houses/villagers/families, etc.

Music Quiz
Sunday 16th February
7pm at The Bori
Richard would be very grateful for any raffle prizes!

Village Clean
Sunday 23rd February
1100 in the Square

Action: Kris has contacted Clean Our Patch to borrow litter picking equipment and will arrange pick up.

Easter Event

It was suggested that maybe the youngsters in the village would like to organise this and Tesla very kindly volunteered.

Action: Kris to contact Morrisons to see if they will donate 50 eggs to the village.

Spring/Summer Event

The committee has asked the villagers what they would like to do and to email the committee with their ideas for further discussion and to fix a date.

14) Any Other business

Jordan confirmed that BT has notified us that they plan to remove the phone out of the phone box, but it was later confirmed that this happens every year and as this is seaside location, it won't be removed due to safety issues.

Philippa raised the issue of potholes. Anthony confirmed that the council have been out and marked these indicating that they are scheduled to be fixed.

An incident occurred during the week which highlighted an issue with opening the Yacht Haven gates at the end of the village in an emergency.

Anthony has met with Ryan at Yacht Haven to run through the process and his feedback from that meeting is as follows:

"After the gate issue a few weeks ago, YH has investigated and confirmed the padlock was faulty and it has now been changed. They have implemented a procedure that the lock is to be tested every Friday evening and signed off.

They want to keep control but we have the numbers to call if any issue."

Anthony has confirmed he will test the process each week to ensure that the key that is in the lock box is the correct one to avoid any issues with opening the gate.

15) Details of next meeting

Date of next meeting: April 24th 2025

Lorraine confirmed that this will be our AGM at which committee members will be voted on. Anyone wishing to become involved in the TRA please contact the Chair so that their names can be put forward.

16) Encs. Flood Awareness Meeting notes and further info from the EA for reference.