Minutes of the Turnchapel Residents Association (TRA) Meeting
Date: 19 October 2026
Location: Borringdon Arms, Turnchapel
Time: 19:30 – 20:27

Stand-In Chair: Mark Housam (MS)
Secretary: Kris Steward (KS)
Treasurer: Luc Barbier (LB)

Apologies

Apologies were received from:
Lorraine

Welcome

The Stand-In Chair, Mark Housam, welcomed 24 attendees to the meeting, including new residents to the village.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 April 2026 were reviewed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Treasurer's Report

- Approximately £6,000 remains in the TRA account.
- All outstanding payments have been made.
- Two separate funding payments have been received.
- The History Group has £180 of remaining funds and will decide how these are spent.
- Funding was provided for commemorative stones in the square, purchased by Jago.
- Potential future expenditure discussed, including a replacement battery for the defibrillator (approximately £120).
- Members were invited to submit suggestions for future use of TRA funds.

Actions: **History Group** to decide how to utilise the remaining £180.
Members to submit suggestions for future expenditure.

Membership

- Annual membership fee: £5 (voluntary)contributions support TRA administration and activities

Village Updates

CAAMP (Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan)

- No updates were available.
- The appraisal has been in place since 1977 and helps protect the character and appearance of the village.
- A Management Plan would further support these objectives.
- Turnchapel is recognised as a conservation area, and members agreed there should be a formal written document relating specifically to the village.
- The group continues to await completion of the work by the Council.
- Agreed to retain this item on future agendas.

Actions: Committee to retain CAAMP as a standing agenda item.

Replacement Limestone by the Gate

- Harriet confirmed that replacement of the limestone by the gate is planned, recognising its historical importance.

Actions: Harriet to follow up.

Mural Project Update

- The Blue Sparks project has been completed successfully.
- Positive feedback was received regarding both the final mural and the delivery process.
- A celebratory event is planned for January.
- Harriet thanked everyone involved in the project.
- A permanent plaque featuring a QR code linking to the Turnchapel website has been installed.
- Reports are available online and attendees were encouraged to access them.

Actions: Committee to organise the January celebration event.

Top Garden

- The condition and future maintenance of the Top Garden were discussed.
- As the land is owned by the Council, any proposals would need to be raised with them.
- Mark proposed establishing a gardening group to support maintenance activities.

Actions: Mark to explore the formation of a community gardening group and any concerns if anyone has any concerns regarding the Top Garden, please contact Mark directly.

Community Garden

- Discussion took place regarding signage and benches.
- Spring bulbs are to be replanted in the boat display.
- Opportunities for a wider gardening group covering multiple village green spaces were discussed.

Actions: Mark to speak with Jerry Almond (Turnchapel resident) regarding establishment of a gardening group covering the three community areas.

Fundraising

- No matters were raised.

Pacific Oysters

- Proposed signage relating to Pacific Oysters was discussed following recent Facebook posts.
- Examples from the Falmouth Conservation Group were considered.
- Members agreed on a red text on yellow background design.
- Sign materials and wording options were circulated and discussed.
- Rob advised that another oyster cull is planned to help keep sections of the beach clear and assist population control.
- Appropriate PPE will be required for participants.

Actions: Rob to organise and confirm a date for the next oyster cull.
Committee to progress agreed signage design and content.

Upcoming Events

Halloween

- No village event is planned.

Christmas Fair

- Date confirmed as **28 November, 12:00-18:00**.
- One indoor stall space remains available in the Lounge.
- Indoor stalls are £10; outdoor stalls are free.
- The terrace will be kept clear for vehicles and the hog roast.
- Funds raised outdoors will support the rowing club.
- The grotto will be located outside the barn, with access via the tunnel.
- Confirmed stallholders include artists, jewellers, Nessie, carpentry, cake stall, tombola, St Luke's and Turnchapel Rum.
- Evening entertainment will include live music.
- Toni requested funding support for the grotto.
- Volunteers are sought to assist as elves.

Actions: **Harriet** to contact Barbara, Janna Bees and any remaining stallholders.
Toni to coordinate the Christmas Grotto.

Village Advent Calendar

- Sarah volunteered to organise the village Advent Calendar.

Actions: **Sarah** to organise the Advent Calendar and make an announcement on Facebook seeking participants.

Village Group Updates

History Group

- Harriet thanked participants for their involvement in both the mural project and recent exhibition at RWY.
- Although visitor numbers were lower than hoped, the group maintained a strong presence with a high-quality display.
- Members noted the successful exhibition curated by Zara at the library, celebrating 150 years of library services.
- The positive relationship with the library was acknowledged.
- Blue Sparks has indicated a willingness to consider future projects.
- A ceramic tile trail was suggested as a possible future initiative.
- The date of the next History Group meeting is yet to be confirmed.

Actions: **History Group** to develop ideas for future Blue Sparks applications.
History Group to consider a ceramic tile trail project.

Sailing Club

- The club reported a successful year and increased membership.
- Funding support was requested.
- Current participation includes 12-14 children and approximately 15 adults and volunteers.
- One mast has been damaged and requires replacement.
- Winter boat storage remains a concern.

- Purchase of a new boat was discussed.

Beach Boat Storage
- General boat storage on the beach was discussed.
- Owners were encouraged to identify and claim any stored boats.
- Concerns were raised regarding the overall state of the beach.
- Members agreed that communication with residents would be beneficial.

Actions: **Brian** to draft a letter to residents regarding boat storage and beach management.
Secretary to contact the Council regarding storage arrangements on Clovelly Beach.

Book Club
- Sarah Lee reported that the Book Club is seeking new members.
- Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 19:00 to 21:00.
- Reading sets comprise ten copies of each selected title.
- Interested residents should contact Michelle or Committee for further information.

Music Quiz
- The event on 1 November raised £515 for the Island Trust.
- Each team nominated a charity beneficiary.
- Raffle prizes contributed to fundraising efforts.

Any Other Business

Undercliff Road / Mortuary Road
- Concerns were raised regarding a section of road believed to have no identifiable owner.
- The road is deteriorating and is considered a health and safety concern.
- Plymouth City Council has reportedly declined to adopt the road.
- Members discussed encouraging residents to write to the Council requesting adoption of the road.
- It was suggested that the TRA Committee coordinate discussions with relevant parties to seek a long-term resolution.

Actions: **Residents** to contact Plymouth City Council regarding adoption of the road.
Committee to liaise with relevant stakeholders and investigate possible solutions.
Committee to speak with Anthony regarding the issue.

Guest Speaker
- Luc provided an update regarding a prostate cancer charity representative, who is expected to attend a future meeting.

Actions: **Luc** to arrange attendance of the speaker at a future meeting.

Environmental Concerns
- Ashley Wyatt (new Turnchapel property owner) raised concerns regarding odours and rat activity within Turnchapel.

- Residents were encouraged to report concerns to South West Water via Facebook and remain vigilant.

Communications

- Meeting minutes should continue to be provided to Sylvia & Ted in paper format.

Actions: **Secretary** to ensure paper copies of minutes are delivered to Sylvia.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:57.