

Talbot Village Residents' Association (TVRA)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025

Venue: Bournemouth University (hosted by BU)

Attendance

- Approx. **30 residents, 6 committee members, 3 councillors** (including Cllrs **Karen, Matt Gillett** and **Dawn Logan**).
- **Apologies:** Jo's parents; Lara.

1. Welcome & Housekeeping

- The Chair opened the meeting and outlined housekeeping and health & safety.
- No fire alarm test expected. Toilets on the same level just outside the room. Tea and coffee provided.

2. Previous Minutes

- Previous minutes were circulated in advance and **approved**.

3. Reports

3.1 Chair's Report (Jo)

Community activities & fundraising

- Quiz and bingo nights well attended; **£1,995+** raised for community kindness initiatives.

- TVRA donated **£521** to **BU's estranged students fund**.
- Community programme with BU widely appreciated; **First Aid** sessions were especially successful.
- A new season of community sessions begins next month, with invitations extended to neighbouring communities (**Coy Pond, Talbot Woods**).

Projects & infrastructure

- **Subway mural:** Joint project with BU and local residents; very well received.
- **Cycle racks (Gillett Road / by Premier Stores):** Funding request submitted. Proposal includes cutting back shrubs and removing redundant signage to make space for racks.
- **Noticeboards:** Installed earlier this year and actively maintained by TVRA.
- **Bus shelter:** Now installed (Fern Barrow replacement used a second-hand unit to expedite delivery).

Seasonal events

- Last year's (2024) Christmas party at BU was a success (despite Santa's no-show!).
- **2025 Christmas:**
 - **Family party at BU** with tombola, etc. (organised by **Carrie**, Events Secretary). Children's friends welcome.
 - **Adults' party: 12 December** at **Larte**.
- Query raised about demand for a **larger Christmas party** that could use the student bar if needed.
- TVRA hopes to secure a **donated Christmas tree**.

Advocacy & partnerships

- Strong submissions made to **BCP Council** during the **Community Governance Review** to reflect residents' views.
- Ongoing work to **protect Talbot Heath** and local green spaces; ensuring developers meet **Section 106** obligations.
- **Jessica Toale MP** has been supportive when engaged on Talbot Heath issues.
- Relationship with **Talbot Village Trust (TVT)** has improved, with constructive dialogue.
- Jo wrote to the **BCP Chief Executive** regarding the failed Local Plan and related matters, urging transparency and accountability.

Ongoing challenges

- **Fern Barrow bus shelter** replacement took longer than hoped, though the second-hand solution helped.
- Concern remains over **future threats to the subway**; this has been widely discussed on Facebook and many **residents** oppose any reduction/closure.
- Proposed withdrawal of the **No. 36 bus** is a major worry for elderly and vulnerable residents who rely on it for social contact and essential trips.
 - Jo gave interviews to **ITV Meridian** and there was coverage in the **Bournemouth Echo**; TVRA submitted to the bus subsidy consultation.

Future goals & ambitions

- Expectation that **new cycle racks** will be installed soon with BCP support.
- **Defibrillator** requested for siting next to the pharmacy; the owner of the land by **Premier Stores** has pledged a contribution.
- Continued collaboration with **BU** on community sessions, guest talks and workshops.

Charity status

- After review, TVRA will not register as a charity; instead, a **Community Interest Company (CIC)** structure is being explored as a practical alternative.

Thanks

- Jo thanked councillors **Karen, Matt & Dawn**, the whole committee, and offered particular thanks to **Phil** (with best wishes).
 - Special thanks to **BU** for hosting the AGM and to **Layne Hammerson** and **Alison Honor** for their support.
 - Jo closed by noting that **we live in a special place**.
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3.2 Treasurer's Report (Liz)

- Thanks extended to Jo and the committee.
- **Accounts** to be uploaded to the website by **Nick tomorrow**.
- Funds increased by **~£1,900**, driven by bingo nights, quizzes and Christmas events (thanks to **Carrie** for her major role).
- **Subway mural** funded jointly by **TVRA, BU** and **AUB**, with **TVT** contributing beyond initial expectations.
- A **savings account** has been opened to offset monthly bank charges.

3.3 Membership Report (Nick)

- Current estate snapshot: **6 empty houses, 22 HMOs, 10 other rented properties**.
- **600+ dwellings** overall; approximately **30% membership: 214 households (~418 adults, 90+ children)**.
- **Two new members** joined on the night.

- Increased “For Sale/Sold” boards noted; a **new-year membership drive** will target new movers.

4. Election of Officers (2025/26)

- **Chair:** Jo - re-elected unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Liz - continues.
- **Secretary:** Lara stepped down; **Matt** - elected.
- **Events Secretary:** Carrie - continues.
- **Committee members:** Nick, Gina, Tony and Lara - **continue** as committee members.

5. Open Forum / Residents’ Questions

Defibrillator

- Cost discussed; intention is to proceed when funds allow.
- **CIL funding** opportunity flagged by Cllr **Karen** (email received; **deadline 16 October**).
- Residents may donate to **TVRA** and label payments “**DEFIB**” to help Liz manage funds.

Tombola donations

- **Carrie at the shop** will accept tombola/raffle donations (especially **adult gifts**).

Community “Handy Kit”

- Proposal to attach a **tracker** to the shared kit; suitable device to be researched.

Vegetation & accessibility

- Request for **BCP** to cut back overgrown **bushes/trees** so paths are usable, especially for **partially sighted** residents.
- **Lighting** at the end of **Isaacs Close** is obscured by vegetation; to be raised again with the **Tree Team**.

Flooding – Charlotte Close Green walkway

- The university path floods regularly (slight depression). Previously reported by **Nick**; awaiting response.

Subway drain

- Thanks to **Nick** for clearing leaves/debris by hand. Suggestion to create an **annual volunteer clean-up**.

Community Governance Review / proposed parish & town councils

- Summary of TVRA activity:
 - Petition of **~2,700** signatures gathered (with noted **Change.org** geolocation/postcode issues).
 - Outreach via shops and libraries encouraged residents to respond to the consultation.
 - Reported consultation figures: around **2,000** responses (**~1,800** online); **~74% opposed** the proposals overall, with even higher opposition in Bournemouth.
 - Letters submitted to the **Echo** and to **Jessica Toale MP**; continuing engagement with councillors.
 - Questions raised on the role/future of the **Charter Trustees** if parish councils proceed; examples discussed.

- Cllr **Matt Gillett** noted some elements were being reconsidered following feedback; further details to follow.
- Residents reiterated a preference to remain a **single ward** represented by current councillors.

Bus service No. 36

- No new update at present; **MPs have been engaged**.
- **Dawn** voiced support for retaining the route.
- Suggestion to **leaflet households** on key issues (including the No. 36).
- Ensure any **information boxes** are kept stocked so drivers/residents are aware of the campaign.

Parking outside the shops

- Mixed picture: some improvement reported; still issues with **double parking** and **obstructed pavements**.
- TVRA bid via **CIL** for **bollards** after the parking bay near the shop (before the Fern Barrow section) was not accepted this round due to timing; remains **work in progress**.

6. Any Other Business & Closing

- Thanks to everyone for attending and contributing. Meeting closed with appreciation for residents' ongoing support.
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7. Actions Summary (for follow-up)

1. **Cycle racks (Gillett Road / Premier Stores)** - Follow up with BCP and landowner on funding/installation timeline. **(Committee)**

2. **Defibrillator by the pharmacy** - Pursue **CIL** application (by **16 Oct**), log donations marked “**DEFIB**”, confirm siting/permissions. (**Liz / Matt / Committee**)
3. **Community sessions** - Publish next-season schedule; invite neighbours (Coy Pond, Talbot Woods). (**Jo / Carrie**)
4. **Vegetation & lighting** - Re-submit requests to BCP to cut back growth on key paths; escalate **Isaacs Close** lighting obstruction to the **Tree Team**. (**Jo / Councillors**)
5. **Charlotte Close Green walkway flooding** - Chase response and seek remedial works. (**Nick / Councillors**)
6. **Subway drain** - Set date and recruit volunteers for an **annual clean-up**; provide equipment. (**Nick / Committee**)
7. **Bus No. 36** - Continue advocacy; prepare **leaflets**; coordinate messaging with **ITV Meridian/Echo** coverage and consultation updates. (**Jo / Committee / Councillors**)
8. **Parking near shops** - Revisit **bollards** bid in next CIL round; monitor compliance and report persistent obstruction. (**Committee**)
9. **Membership** - Launch **new-year membership drive** targeting recent movers (For Sale/Sold boards). (**Nick**)
10. **Accounts** - Upload accounts to the website. (**Nick, by tomorrow**)

Abbreviations used

AUB – Arts University Bournemouth · **BCP** – Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council · **BU** – Bournemouth University · **CIL** – Community Infrastructure Levy · **HMO** – House in Multiple Occupation · **TVRA** – Talbot Village Residents’ Association · **TVT** – Talbot Village Trust

Notes on corrections applied

- Spelling/grammar tidied (e.g., *Toilets, bingo, tomorrow, residents*).

- Place/organisation terms corrected where clearly intended (e.g., **Talbot Heath, Premier Stores, Gillett Road, Charter Trustees, CIL**).
 - “Hosted” → **households** in membership figures; clarified monetary figures and roles/titles.
 - Normalised names/titles where unambiguous (e.g., **ITV Meridian, Bournemouth Echo**).
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