



Talbot Village Residents Association (TVRA)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Thursday 11th September 2026

Venue: Bournemouth University (hosted by BU) @ 7.00pm

Current Committee: Jo Keeling – Chair, Matt Leach – Secretary, Liz Dyble – Treasurer, Nick Thorpe – Membership Secretary, Carrie Davies – Social Secretary, Lara Simpson – Compliance

Additional Committee Members – Tony Ferreira, Georgina Shears

Attendance

- Approximately 43 residents, 6 committee members, 2 councillors (including Karen Rampton & Matt Gillett)
- Apologies from 2 committee members (Matt Leach & Lara Simpson)

1. Welcome & Housekeeping

The chair opened the meeting and outlined housekeeping along with Health & Safety.

No fire alarm test expected. Toilets on the same level and tea, coffee and biscuits/homemade sausage rolls provided. (Tea/Coffee courtesy of BU & biscuits/sausage rolls courtesy of Committee Member Carrie Davies – thanks were given to both)

2. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes were circulated in advance and approved.

3. Reports

- **Chair Report**

Chair Report prepared and delivered by TVRA Chair – Jo Keeling (please see attached)

Notable highlights for the last year: -

Bingo Nights, Adult Christmas Social & Children's Christmas Party were well attended.

Funds raised at TVRA resident events notably helped go towards securing the purchase and installation of the Talbot Village Defibrillator (located on the wall outside the Pharmacy). A generous private donation of £500.00 was also received and the installation was completed by a contractor electrician free of charge. The power source (which is required to maintain the Defibrillator

equipment) has also been donated free of charge by the Pharmacy. All round this has been a great community effort and to date we understand that the Defibrillator has had to be used once – let's hope that this has helped save someone's life!

Cycle Racks successfully installed outside the Premier Shop with the help of BCP. A CIL bid from BCP Council has also been successful and funding for a "Flower/Plant Display" approved – this is work in progress but hopefully will be completed very soon & enhance that area greatly.

CommUnity Events have been held throughout the year & hosted at BU – especially "First Aid Training" proved very popular and was well supported. Two of these sessions were organised with glowing feedback. Future CommUnity events have been advertised and information of these can be found on the TVRA Facebook Page and on the TVRA Website.

- Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report prepared and delivered by TVRA Treasurer – Liz Dyble (please see attached). Thanks were given by Liz to Mrs Sylvia Shears (Resident) who audited and countersigned the TVRA accounts for the past year. No questions regarding the accounts were raised.

Notable highlights for the last year:

Membership income is down – mainly due to anniversary renewals – many memberships renew next year (after their two-year membership anniversary)

One less social event in the past year

Mural donation from TVRA was £1,000.00

Defibrillator did cost more than budgeted but was offset largely by a private donation of £500.00 and event fundraising – cost £1,000.00.

Defibrillator Maintenance will cost approximately £118.00 p.a. (replacement pads etc) – this is hoped to be covered by the ongoing fundraising events.

- Secretary Report

Secretary Report prepared and delivered by TVRA Membership Secretary – Nick Thorpe (please see attached). Nick introduced himself to the meeting and explained his role as Membership Secretary. Nick's prime role is to manage the membership database and recruit new members; Nick also follows up renewals for our existing memberships.

4. Election of Officers (2026/27)

Chair – Jo Keeling – re-elected (Unanimously)

Secretary – Matt Leach - continues

Treasurer – Liz Dyble – continues

Membership Secretary – Nick Thorpe – continues

Social Secretary – Carrie Davies – continues

Compliance – Lara Simpson – continues (as her job allows)

Committee Members – Tony Ferreira & Georgina Shears – continue

New Committee Member – Tom Scott – Tom was nominated by Mandy & Tony Ferreira and Tom kindly accepted and will join as a new committee member – Tom was welcomed and thanked for agreeing and giving up his time to support the work of the TVRA Committee.

5. Planning Changes

Councillor Karen Rampton raised the matter that changes to planning applications come into effect on 31/10/2026. Schedule 1 – Planning Officer & Schedule 2 – Planning Committee. This change has not been initiated by BCP Council but has been made by the Government. In brief you will not be able to object to a planning application to your Councillor. All power will now be with the Planning Officer/Committee. Karen advised that a new local plan was raised but it collapsed. A new plan is currently being constructed which she advised will include 44,000 new dwellings to be built in the local area. Consultation of the emerging local plan is due in October 2026.

6. Questions & Answers

Grass Cutting – a resident raised that the standard of work in respect of the grass cutting in the village is questionable and not to a great standard – local Councillor Matt Gillett was asked to respond – Matt advised that a company called “Red Zone” currently holds this contract and he would raise & report the concerns.

Overhanging Trees – a few residents raised that there are areas with large overhanging trees on the village – notably on Fern Barrow Road, Vine Farm Road/Close, Cull Close – lively discussion followed. Jo advised that she has raised this with the Council but does not always get a response. She felt that the less frequent grass cuts and tree maintenance was due to a cost-cutting exercise being made by BCP – as it has been reported that they want to save £450K in these areas. A resident suggested that some of the tree maintenance should be down to the homeowner as well, but in more “communal areas”, it was suggested by a resident that maybe a “pruning working party” could be formed and help cut back these branches. This has been suggested to BCP Council previously, but no response has been received – Councillor Matt Gillett advised he would investigate this also. However, many residents raised that they believe very strongly that this should be done by BCP Council as they felt that is part of our Council Tax. A resident advised that they have reported a very large overgrown & now out of control bush/tree for the past 2 years – with no action or even a response. A resident of Cull Close contacted Council to request that they themselves trim trees growing over and against their fences – the Council refused and they were advised that they were not allowed to prune/cut them. A resident advised that they had been advised that the Grass Cutters are only allocated a certain amount of time to cut the grass around the village and this is likely to be a reason that the quality is poor – weeds/grass grows in the

kerbs and pathways – especially on Fern Barrow Road. Some of the pathways on this road are very overgrown and need a good cut back.

House of Multiple Occupancy – a resident raised that number 10 Vine Farm Road is an HMO – they advised that although some improvements have been made to the garden, overgrown trees/shrubs are now obstructing their view – they advised they have reported but no action to date has been taken.

- Subway (Wallisdown Road)– a resident asked if it is true that BCP Council want to close and fill in this subway. It was also stated that the subway does flood from time to time. Nick Thorpe advised that he checks the subway and clears leaves that block the drains in the subway to try and alleviate this problem as the Council will not allocate a resource to do this – he also asked residents to help if they can spare time – not ideal but any help can try and stop this from flooding when we have a downpour of rain. It was stated that the proposed closure may be because BCP want to increase cycle lanes & a surface crossing along that stretch of road as it is in their original plan. It is felt by BCP that surface crossings are safer. Jo challenged BCP Council and they reiterated that it was safer for children crossing the road for school. They also argued it is safer for women. Jo has issued a short snap survey when news of BCP’s intentions was raised and the results of the survey were 97% wanted the Subway to REMAIN. Jo also accessed crime statistics and only 1 crime has been reported in the subway. This subway is used daily by children living in the village walking to school and other residents. Councillor Matt Gillett advised that he felt that the closure of the Subway is unlikely due to funding as the Council have no funds available to undertake this work. Councillor Karen Rampton advised she was not aware of this. Jo advised she will ask BCP Council for an update.
- Bus Stops – a resident raised concerns about the increased vandalism to the bus stop on Fern Barrow Road and all along Wallisdown Road. Jo advised that replacement glass has been requested for the village bus stop. Jo has also requested statistics from the University Police Officer. Jo advised that she attends Charm Meetings (along with the Councillors) and she expects an update then. With regards to any residents that may have concerns regarding crime in general – Jo advised that Pop Up Police units are specifically around Waitrose area in Winton. If any resident has any concerns regarding crime/safety – always report it to the police – even if you feel nothing may be able to be done. The Police need things reporting so this can help get more police officer presence in areas which may help as a deterrent – the message is “report report report”.
- Litter – a resident reported an increase in litter on the village. It is a problem, but TVRA do hold periodic litter pick events. TVRA have several “Litter Pickers” and would be happy to let any residents use them if they wanted to attack any areas. Liz Dyble advised that most weeks she walks the village picking litter – mainly sweet packets, empty cans, cigarette butts, etc. It is hard to know what to do about this – educating people is really the only way. It was also raised about dog walkers not picking up their “dog pooh” ...again there are dog litter bins around the village, and it is down to individuals to do the right thing and clear up their dog mess.
- Proposed changes to Planning – a resident asked if this change applies to application of HMOs – Houses of Multiple Occupancy. Residents were advised that if they have a concern about a current or soon to be HMO – to contact Councillors Karen Rampton, Matt Gillett and Dawn Logan so they can help with a proposal objection – Article 4 has helped them to do this. The Article 4 direction – controls new HMOs – usually HMOs can

get through planning as permitted development – Article 4 has helped Talbot Village with this. A resident raised the point that 10 Vine Farm Road currently has 7 occupants as an HMO and this was permitted?

- Talbot Village Trust (TVT) – it has been advised that they are setting up a “Panel”. It seems there is only one Councillor currently on the panel. There are six Councillors, so Karen Rampton is challenging why they are allowing only one Councillor. TVT are also having a “Citizen Assembly” – residents in the village will be invited randomly to attend – more details of this will be made available as it becomes known.

7. Any Other Business

Thanks to everyone attending and contributing. Meeting closed with appreciation for residents’ ongoing support.

8. Actions Summary (for follow-up)

Cycle Rack Flower Display – work to be completed

Community Sessions – publish next season schedules

Grass/Trees/Shrubs – resubmit request for BCP to cut back growth on key paths

Grass Cutting – Councillor Matt Gillett to report concerns to contractor “Red Zone” on quality of their work

Bus Stop – continue to chase replacement of broken glass in shelter

Membership – launch new year marketing drive targeting recent movers especially

TVT Citizen Assembly – gauge more understanding of TVT’s intentions

Litter Picks – schedule future voluntary village litter picks

Social Events – advertise new events on Website and Facebook Page.

Subway – request update to status of Subway

TVT – challenge TVT to be more inclusive of TVRA