

THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION, 15 October 2025

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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on 15 October 2025, 7.30pm Pembroke Gardens Bowling Club

Present - Sharon Morris (Planning, Heritage & Conservation - Minutes), Mike Dobson (Traffic), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Gail Baird (Chair, Website, Membership), Eileen Measey (Environment), Ward Councillor Chris Attwell.

1 Apologies – Anna Koor (Secretary), Ann Wakelin (Treasurer), Ward Councillors Ian Holder, Mark Jeffery.

2 Declarations of Interest – All were reminded to confirm their declarations of interest should any matters of that nature arise during FOOPA business.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 17 September 2025 meeting had been circulated and agreed. Awaiting Anna's return to resolve items raised.

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Paving outside A-Bar – Attendees had not recently checked on progress with the replacement of the tarmac patch with the original flagstones by the utilities company that dug them up.

School Streets – Copy of neighbour letter sent by Sharon to Mike. Cllr Attwell told the meeting that he is meeting Natalia in about a fortnight's time. Sharon and Mike concurred that the traffic situation is back to how it was before any measures were put in place. Little visible enforcement.

Old Portsmouth Living – There was a pre-meeting meeting with the publisher/editor to discuss background and future contributions as well as access to blocks for delivery. Mike to manage contact.

5 Correspondence and Communications – Receipt from Rowans had been circulated, acknowledging donation of £97 (net proceeds from the last FOOPA event).

6 Treasurer's Report – Ann was not present, but at end September there was £3832.74 in the current and £5130.62 in the savings accounts.

7 Social Programme – There was a brief discussion of the talk on 6 November 2025 by retired navy officer Mark Barton. Gail has extended invitation to other local groups in order to boost ticket sales. A flyer has also been distributed to the membership of the Society for Nautical Research (South). Sharon to pass on to Portsmouth Sailing Club. Nothing else planned pre-Christmas, but perhaps a quiz in the grey post-Christmas times. Mary has very kindly curated and put together the questions for it. The Committee thanks her.

8 Membership Report – Gail to supply latest numbers for these minutes: later submitted - 161 members comprised from 238 households. Anna to complete a membership reconciliation on her return for the next meeting as without a membership secretary, this task has slipped. Gail raised, and all agreed, that there needs to be focus to consider FOOPA's relevance to the community, the value offered, and how to bring in new members. (Post meeting note – perhaps a separate meeting?)

9 Traffic

Parking at The Point - Residents at Point are unhappy that 60 business parking permits have been issued to BAR for use by businesses that occupy the building. These permits are in addition to the

generous parking already available at BAR, on their apron area and in the Camber carpark. *Post-meeting note:* Mike to update residents with background information.

Portsmouth Transport - A public survey is currently running, closes on 16 November 2025.

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-portsmouths-public-transport/>

Some questions overlap with the Clean Air survey. Both take a while to complete.

Shipwrights Way - Local signage on lampposts does not accord with the Hampshire Co Council map.

Camber Bike Hangar - Mike needs to respond to letter from PCC road safety officer Chi Sharpe.

A Bar Cycle Cut-through - Signage has been removed and none replaced.

Duke of Buckingham planning application - The planning officer's report did not address parking.

Speeding - Mike needs to respond to Ian Myhill, Road Safety Manager at PCC regarding data.

10 Planning

University of Portsmouth - Their building projects are advertised on the Angelsea Road hoardings.

Knight & Lee development – Stephen Morgan MP is adding pressure for progress with its development via an online contact list.

Osborne Road – Demolition of the Casino is proposed, to be replaced by two apartment blocks.

Duke of Buckingham – Thank you to Cllr Attwell for following up on why FOOPA's comments hadn't been loaded to the PCC Planning website. Unfortunately, PCC's 'investigation' into this matter did not generate any explanation. However FOOPA's comments are now there, some more than once! This case is on the agenda for PCC Planning Committee on 22 October. Sharon to follow-up with Jack House Gallery, and potentially to submit a deputation. Cllr Attwell also intends to attend/speak.

14 Grand Parade – A new floor is being added with a turret feature. This is the house that is being split from the house next door, hence also the new garage and dropped kerb.

RAYC – There is currently an application for conversion of half the ground floor to a 17 cubicle beauty facility/2-station hairdressers. It suggests that parking is included, however most of the parking/garages is for Pembroke Chambers. There is a parking space allocated for each of the two penthouses, none for the flats (planning was approved). This may leave two usable spaces for 17 beauticians, and their clients, who will be arriving/leaving every 45min/hour. It is hard see how this will be managed with School Streets restrictions. There is also concern about the existing hair/beauty businesses in Pembroke Road and the Beauty Retreat in High Street.

RAYC Function Suite – An application to convert this into four flats. There are questions over garage/parking access for Pembroke Chambers, further pressure on local parking and the effect on Wyndham Mews properties, which overlook the area.

Peacock Lane – One of the listed properties at the top of Peacock Lane opposite the school has applied for permission to knock through the downstairs living area.

11 Heritage & Conservation - see above.

12 Environment - Eileen has been away so no news. She and the volunteers continue to keep the weeds at bay at the Nelson Statue beds.

13 Website - Nothing to report.

14 Ward Councillor Reports – Included above.

15 Committee Admin – As above.

16 AOB – Last meeting, Sharon had noted a suspected abandoned vehicle on Penny Street however this appears to be legitimate.

17 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 12 November 2025, Pembroke Gardens Bowls Club.