THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION, 16 September 2026

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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on 16 Sept 2026, 7.30pm Pembroke Gardens Bowling Club.

Present - Sharon Morris (Planning, Heritage & Conservation), Gail Baird (Chair, Website, Membership), Anna Koor (Secretary), Bob Nield (Treasurer), Mike Dobson (Traffic).

1 Apologies — Ann Wakelin (Environment) who needs to step back for a while. Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Eileen Measey (Environment), Ward Councillors Mark Jeffery, Ian Holder, Chris Attwell.

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 meeting on 29 July 2026 were circulated to the committee and agreed by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - Portsmouth Grammar School is still using Governor's Green despite this agreement reportedly ending. Anna had a response from PCC Road Safety Officer Chi Sharpe about Feltham Row. He confirmed that staggered barriers do not comply with current guidance and where they exist elsewhere in the city, there are plans for their removal. Anna has requested regular police patrols on foot along Feltham Row.

5 Correspondence and Communications

University of Portsmouth - Gail had received a request regarding a student project titled HARVEST. The majority of the committee do not see it being relevant to or appropriate for FOOPA.

Gunwharf Quays and Anti-social Behaviour - Gail received a letter from a GWQ resident seeking advice regarding disturbances on their estate. She put him in touch with Steve Rolls at WRAP and referred him to the Neighbourhood Forum meeting on 15 September.

Spice Quay - Eileen forwarded correspondence received by a resident lobbying for closure of the public footpath through Spice Quay. Mike suggested checking the Definitive Map - Anna to check.

Memorial proposal - An organisation approached Gail about the possibility of a memorial to those who died at Trafalgar from the British Fleet, to be erected next to Nelson's statue. She has advised him to come to the October committee meeting.

6 Treasurer's Report — This report covers July and August owing to no committee meeting in August. The figures are as follows: end of July £863.54 in the current and £8197.05 in the savings accounts. This included 3 membership subscriptions. A further £150 in events income was received. At end of August there was £621.29 in the current and £8200.64 in the savings accounts (including £3.59 interest). Costs included £219 paid to the Pembroke Gardens Bowls Club (£114 event bar bill, £75 event hire fee, £30 committee meeting hire fee). There was 1 membership subscription payment.

7 Social Programme

The James Doherty talk generated a net profit of £87. It was agreed with the speaker and the committee that this would be donated to a charity supporting young people or families. Gail suggests Motiv8. Bob N (Treasurer) proposed rounding the donation up to £100. All agreed. The next social event will be Alan Smith on 29 October - Gail and Anna to co-ordinate. It was decided to postpone the Quiz to January. Another idea, suggested by members, is a talk by Kent Parsons they attended at City Museum, about tracing family histories.

8 Membership Report – No further changes, there remains 154 households comprising 295 members.

9 Traffic
BAR / Subsea Craft Business Parking Permits - Mike is supporting Angela Page on this issue, however he is moving house and has a busy few weeks ahead.
Royal Albert & Royal Naval Yacht Club - Insufficient barriers and inadequate diversions are causing a substantial hazard to pedestrians and school children.
Pembroke Road Business Parking Permits - Sharon will resubmit the FOI she made in order to obtain updated numbers that have been issued to Subsea Craft employees. These permits have been extended to August 2027.
Peacock Lane One-way Street - Parents with their children are regularly seen cycling the wrong way.
School Streets scheme - Bob N is convinced that the scheme's lack of success is exacerbated by the 30 BAR parking permits for Pembroke Road that have been issued to Subsea Craft employees.
Pavement parking - Reports have been made to PCC regarding a regular offender on Peacock Lane.

10 Planning
Portsmouth Local Plan - The planning inspector has published the documentation ahead of the meetings on 5 and 6 October at the Guildhall. The public can attend. The plan includes a large section on the Tipner site. The inspector has asked why the housing allocation is not denser and taller.
University Data Centre - The building is now visibly under construction. Sharon questioned its high energy demands and how its heat generation could be put to positive use. She never got a reply.
Fontenoy House - Featured at last week's planning committee. The officer's report recommended approval but the case does not appear on the Weekly Lists. She has enquired as to the outcome.
Museum Records Office site - A pre-planning consultation exercise was conducted among Pembroke Park residents. Sharon is disappointed this excluded other residents, and FOOPA. Plans entail a 44-bed elderly supported living block. The Records building will be demolished. Trees will be maintained. Access to be via the Kings Road end, not from Pembroke Park. Sharon is concerned about protecting the integrity of the City Museum. She has submitted comments to Planning and will share.

11 Heritage & Conservation
City Museum - It is closed for a month in preparation for the coming Portsmouth 100 exhibition.
Spot the Lions - This time inside the Cathedral!
City of Culture - Portsmouth's bid has gone in.
11 Pembroke Road - Shows continued deterioration and now has a boarded up window.
Heritage Open Days - Events are being held this week, the cathedral have hosted a few.

12 Environment
PCC Survey - There is currently a consultation on BBQs at Canoe Lake, Seafront and Southsea Common. See https://www.research.net/r/SBBQ_Live

13 Website – Gail has posted all the latest updates and news.

14 Ward Councillor Reports - None present.

15 Committee Admin - None.

16 AOB
Water Matters - Sharon thanked all the organisations who supported the representation by Water Matters to Southern Water objecting to the Havant Thicket reservoir plans which incorporates use of recycled sewage for Portsmouth's drinking water.
Local Government Reorganisation - Plans have been paused.

17 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 14 October 2026, 7.30pm, Pembroke Gardens Bowls Club.