



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at: THE OLD SCHOOL, POYLE ROAD, TONGHAM

MONDAY 15/04/2019 at 7.30 pm.

Sub-committee meetings held 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr J Evans	Cllr S Gray	Cllr A Carey
Cllr M Furniss	Cllr N Kearse	Mr M Heath
Mrs G Spittles	Mr T Boxall	Mr G Eyre
Mr L Stovold	Mr D Evans	G Theunissen
A Jones	H Perry	G Tyerman
E Tyerman	B Simpson	

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr P Spooner.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 18/03/2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Baldock, Seconded: Cllr Evans. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure if interest: None declared.
4. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
5. County and Borough Council Matters:

A discussion regarding the No 3 bus took place, Cllr Furniss advised the meeting that he is in contact with HCC and the intention is that the No 41 is routed through Tongham. The No 3 may be reinstated once local road improvements have taken place. The Pirbright junction improvements will start soon, and the White Lane gap is to be retained but will be improved. Mr Tyerman asked that the camber be improved in this area. Cllr Furniss advised that the developers were responsible for this and would be held to this. Mr Heath asked that Cllr Furniss email him the road changes, which he will do, and include the Clerk. He also asked about traffic lights on the Oxenden Road roundabout which we were advised have been further complicated by the frequent queues caused by the drive-through restaurants on North Lane. Cllr Kearse told the meeting that the Local Plan will provide more protection for Ash and Tongham in the future. He is hopeful that the plan will be in place before the election on 2/5/2019, Cllr Furniss added that the expected date was 25/4/2019. Expected improvements to the access routes for the A31 and A331 will help local traffic flow and may keep more drivers from using Tongham as a 'rat run'.

6. Adjournment:

Mr Mike Heath read his report as follows:

Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - SCC Highways are monitoring Spoil Lane Road Surface regards need for repair – **Ongoing.**

B - SCC has agreed to provide Funds towards the costs of a Defibrillator installation in the Tongham Recreation Ground - **Ongoing.**

Note – the Defibrillator will be installed on Wednesday 17 April 2019.

C – Councillor Matt Furniss has agreed to provide Maps of 4 Sets of Road Improvements – **Ongoing.**

D – Councillor Matt has agreed to investigate the status of the request to remove the Chicane at the Bowling Club in favour of an alternative Speed Calming Feature – i.e. Speed Humps – **Ongoing.**

Note – Surrey Highways Report Number ME302904 refers and Bahram Assadi Traffic Engineer Area Team 2 SW Local Highway Services advised 03/05/2017 the subject was to be discussed at the Autumn Task Group Meeting of 2017 and no update information since.

Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A – The missing sections of the Birds Mouth Fencing along The Street will be replaced during May 2019 – **Ongoing.** Note – Future maintenance of the New Fencing will be arranged by TCG, until otherwise advised.

B - The Trees/ Shrubbery - Hedgerow along the Spoil Lane Allotment Boundary Fence will be cut on Monday 13 April and Tuesday 14 April – **Ongoing.**

Note – Future maintenance of the Hedgerow will be arranged by TCG, until otherwise advised.

C – TCG is investigating the cost to purchase/install a second Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) to be permanently positioned on The Street near the Chicane at Manor Flats. Also, to install a New Support Post/utilise a suitable positioned Street Light Post for the use of the existing VAS when moved about Tongham – **Ongoing.**

Note i) – A request has been made to the Surrey Safer Camera Partnership for a Speed Data Recorder (SDR) to be installed on The Street particularly to record the Speed of Vehicles leaving the Village towards the Chicane at the Bowling Club.

Note ii) – records show that 10,000+ vehicles exceed 30mph on The Street in one week and 2000+ on Poyle Road.

Note iii) – the introduction of Traffic Lights at Poyle Road junction with White Lane, The Street/Grange Road and Oxenden Road to the Roundabout over to Aldershot would help filter congestion and calm speed.

Note iv) – a Speed Zone of 20mph from the Ambulance Station through the Village to Elm Lane would engage some to use the A31/A331 and bypass Tongham.

The Clerk will apply to SCC for the third share of funding for the defibrillator, Cllr Furniss will arrange payment to TPC who will then pay two-thirds to the TCA.

Cllr Oakley pointed out that Mr Heath and the Tongham Care Group were operating without Parish Council agreement on cutting back trees and shrubs at the Spoil Lane allotments and informed him that any issues would be referred to the TCG.

The issue of vehicles parking on pavements was raised, Mr Tyerman mentioned the area just outside Bridge Mews across the road from the parking bays, and advised that people were stopping there even when there were parking spaces available. Clerk will email Cllr Furniss regarding the possibility of yellow lines.

Ms G Theunissen asked about fencing between the A331 and the Tongham Woods. The Clerk is meeting with an SCC highways engineer on Wednesday at 10.00 am to discuss this, all agreed we need some sort of fencing. There is a broken fence near Ash Manor School – Mr G Eyre agreed to pass this on to Ash PC.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

- a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:
19/P/00606: 75 homes north of Poyle Road, objection letter to be sent.
- b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair: Cllr Oakley in Cllr Carey's absence
 - i. Play area update: Clerk advised that we now have permitted development permission and she is hoping to obtain some funding from Section 106 monies, GBC will confirm soon.
 - ii. Outdoor Gym equipment: the Council will decide the best place to site this when we have our walk of inspection in May.
 - iii. Fencing along The Street: all agreed this is necessary, TCG proceeding, funds will also be provided from TPC.
 - iv. A331/Woods fencing: Clerk is meeting with SCC Highways on 17/4, will keep all updated.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Oakley in Cllr Hughes' absence.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 28/03/2019 was agreed by all and signed by Cllr Oakley.
 - ii. Election 2019: All Councillors elected in an uncontested election; one vacancy, casual vacancy to proceed after AGM in May.
 - iii. Electronic banking: Cllr Evans now has the capability to proceed, Cllr Oakley will also contact the bank and arrange reader, cards etc. Clerk will begin procedure. Cheque book to be continued and signatories remain Cllrs Oakley, Evans and Carey.
 - iv. Section 137: Tongham Football Club, Tongham Cricket Club and Tongham Community Association: £250 each awarded.
 - v. Any other business: None.

8. Execution of documents: To consider, if necessary, passing the following resolution:
"That the Council do seal in the manner prescribed by law, or the clerk or member as appropriate, do sign on behalf of the Council any Order, Deeds or Documents, required to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports as presented to, and approved by, the Council on 15/04/2019".
Proposed: Cllr J Evans, seconded Cllr S Blewitt.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: 20/05/2019