



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Held at: THE OLD SCHOOL, POYLE ROAD, TONGHAM

MONDAY 16/12/2019 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr J Evans	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr A Carey	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Gray
Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr M Furniss	Cllr P Spooner
Mr L Stovold	Mr D Evans	Mrs G Spittles
Mr M Heath	Mrs S Heath	Mr T Boxall
Mr C Pritchard	Mrs J Pritchard	Mrs L Oakley
Mr M Moore	Mr G Smith	Mrs J Smith
Mr D Crail	Mrs J Laker	Mr P Treherne
Revd C Holt		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Oakley opened the meeting by expressing his thanks to all who support Tongham, including Cllrs Furniss, Spooner, and Eyre, and the parishioners who regularly turn out for our meetings. Apologies received: Cllr G Eyre.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 18/11/2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Evans, Seconded: Cllr Blewitt. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None.
4. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
5. Borough matters: Cllr Spooner advised that he was impressed by the support Tongham PC receives from people attending the meeting. He further advised that the Ash Bridge project, formerly managed by himself and Cllr Furniss, has now gone over budget by 10 million, and grant funding is now a loan, to be repaid by Section 106 monies. Bellway Homes are looking to build in the Harpers Road area. However he also advised that after that development the areas of Ash and Tongham should have no more large developments for the next 20 years. It is also felt that Ash and Tongham need more investment in infrastructure.
Cllr Furniss advised that the Runfold Diversion road will be closed from Monday 23rd from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. White Lane: sight lines need upgrading, repair to be done to the bend and the area closer to Poyle Road. The Street parking review has been postponed until February 2020. The good news is that Surrey Highways' budget has increased so things should progress from April 2020, with more funding available for small repairs and patches. They are also looking at upgrading Rights of Ways to Cycle paths. A sensible amount of salt has been laid in ready for winter in case of ice,

and a new piece of equipment can test road temperature so salt will not be used needlessly. This is obviously better for cost and for the environment.

Mr Stovold asked when Spoil Lane will be repaired; Cllr Furniss has asked the Countryside Team to make repairs as soon as possible, and a proper repair will take place after April 2020, i.e. in the next tax year. Mr Stovold also asked why the Ash Lodge development was encroaching onto the footpath. Cllr Furniss will check. Mr Stovold asked whether there was any possibility of help with fencing his allotment due to the deer continuously eating produce. Council advised no, not to individual allotments, but we will look at the perimeter fencing to see if that can be improved. This will go on February agenda.

Cllr Baldock asked about parking at the chicane near Manor House Flats; Tongham PC has written to the householders, but they are still parking on the area. He asked whether it could be changed to yellow lines. General parking on The Street is on the agenda for February 2020. Cllr Furniss was glad that Tongham PC is being proactive, and advised that he suggests police involvement. He has asked for Police help to prevent lorries parking on the access road to the A31 Hogs Back, outside the garage.

6. Adjournment:

a. Mr Mike Heath presented his report:

Tongham Care Group (TCG) Report

1 - Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - The damage to Spoil Lane road surface will be repaired – All to Note.

B - Arrangements are in hand for the ditch alongside the Tongham Moors Recreation Ground to be cleared - All to Note

C - The damage to the Grass Verges at the Junction of Poyle Road with White Lane will be repaired on completion of Road Works – All to Note.

D - The road arrangement at the junction of Poyle Road with White Lane is under review – All to Note

2 - Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - TPC has adopted the BT Telephone Box in the Village - All to Note.

B – Missing Birds Mouth Fencing along The Street is to be replaced – All to Note.

3 - Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A – The installation of an additional/permanent Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) is to be considered following the results of consultation of new road markings by GBC – All to Note.

B - Funds are being sought for the introduction of a New Gate for the under 8- Year-Old Play Area in the Recreation Ground – All to Note.

C - TCA is preparing GBC Planning and Building Control Applications for an Air Condition System to be installed in the Main Hall of the Community Centre – All to Note.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:

i. 19/P/02062: 54 Poyle Road, pair of semi-detached homes. Objection to be sent as this is a very small space and it is felt that a single dwelling would be preferable.

ii. Planning meetings at GBC: Council agreed to a suggestion from the Clerk of Send PC that Parish Councils should have an automatic slot to speak, and not have to apply as a member of the public. Clerk to action.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey:

- i. Further birdmouth fencing along The Street: it was agreed that we would pay one-third of the total cost along with Tongham Care Group and Surrey County Council. Cost likely to be £1200 in total, our share therefore £400.00.
 - c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 29/11/2019 agreed by all.
 - ii. Budget for 2020/2021 agreed.
 - iii. Section 137 request from Scouts rejected; it is felt that they have had a considerable amount of funding, but an application next year would be favourably received.
 - iv. Section 137 request from Naomi Richards, for dance equipment for a class in the village hall; £260.00 awarded.
 - v. Section 137 request from Tongham Community Association for LED lighting in Rec; agreed, in principle, but deferred until April 2020.
 - vi. Any other business: Silent Soldier update: still organising repair and refurbishment, Revd Claire Holt to be consulted as to best position (near war memorial) when work has been completed.
- 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 16/12/2019".

Proposed: Cllr Evans; seconded Cllr Habgood.

Signed:
Chair of meeting
Date: 17/02/2020