



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at: THE OLD SCHOOL, POYLE ROAD, TONGHAM

MONDAY 18/02/2019 at 7.30 pm.

Sub-committee meetings held 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr L Oakley	Cllr A Carey
Cllr J Evans	Cllr P Spooner	Cllr M Furniss
Cllr S Gray	Cllr N Kears	Mrs G Spittles
Mr M Heath	Mr D Evans	Mr D Evans
Mr T Boxall	Mr L Stovold	Mr J Riddell
Mr M Heath	Ms Y Farmer	Mr J McComb
Mr D Weller	Mr G Tyerman	S Pedler
Mr G Eyre	Ms S Wyeth-Price	

Further members of the public were present but had not left a record of their names.

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr M Baldock.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 17/12/2018 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Evans, Seconded: Cllr Blewitt. 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:
Cllr Matt Furniss addressed the meeting to advise on his progress with the recent announcement that the Number 3 bus service will be removed by Stagecoach. He has arranged a meeting with Stagecoach to also include Michael Gove MP. Members of the public made useful points, namely:
 - Has account been taken of the expected new housing developments?
 - Many patients use the service to attend Frimley Park Hospital
 - There is a ¾ mile distance saving but hugely inconvenient for the public
 - It is a very long walk for the elderly, or mothers with young children, to get to the Greyhound if they need to go to e.g. doctor's or pharmacy.Matt also advised that SCC and GBC will be working on litter picking on Hogs Back and A331, also drainage issues same place. He is working on retaining recycling centres and the Farnham centre is save at least until September. SCC are not using any

of their reserves in this year's budget. Matt has funding from April and is happy to assist with TCA/TPC plans for a defibrillator for the community centre – Clerk to liaise. He also advised the meeting that although Sure Start centres were closing, funding remained in place and would be targeted at families who needed more direct support, visits and so forth. Matt also advised that he had asked about SCC cutting back the trees in Spoil Lane, bordering the allotments. Sadly this has been refused, although SCC is happy for the trees to be cut back if the allotment holders wish to do so.

Paul Spooner told the meeting that the Local Plan hearings have finished and he expects the Plan to be adopted very soon. He hopes – as do we all – that this will provide more protection for Ash and Tongham in the future.

6. Adjournment:

Mr Mike Heath read his report as follows:

Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - SCC Highways has advised that the removal of the Chicane on Oxenden Road and the Task Group investigation for possible alternative speed calming ideas i.e. introduce Speed Humps etc. has yet to be considered prior to then being considered by the Guildford Local Action Committee - **All to Note.**

B - SCC Councillor Matt Furniss has been requested to have Pavements improved/extended in front of the Recreation Ground on Poyle Road - **All to Note.**

C - SCC Highways is to be requested by GBC to improve the Drainage Pipe Work System leading to The Cardinals to prevent Flooding. GBC CCTV investigations has found various damage and design faults on route - **All to Note.**

D - SCC Highways been requested to remove the remaining Birdsmouth Fencing along either side of The Street to be removed - **All to Note.**

E - SCC Highways has advised that the works on the footway outside Hogs Back Kitchen are scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2019 - **All to Note.**

Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

A -The Guildford Local Plan is nearing ready for adoption by the Government Inspector – **All to Note.**

B - GBC has been requested to arrange for the trees /shrubby along the Spoil Lane Allotment boundary fence to be cut back - **All to Note. (SCC – and they have refused – see above report by Cllr Matt Furniss)**

Tongham Community Association (TCA)

A - Funds have been obtained for a Defibrillator to be installed in the Community Centre – **All to Note.**

B - Funds have been obtained to refurbish the inside of the Community Centre – **All to Note.**

C - New Trees and Shrubs have been installed at the entrance to the Recreation Ground - **All to Note.**

D - New Junior Goal Posts have been installed from Funds provided by NISA (Via Village Shop) - **All to Note.**

E - Funds have been obtained to purchase new Underlay and Matting plus the refurbishment of a Storage Container for Grass Cutting Equipment - **All to Note.**

Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - TPC has sufficient volunteers and Speed Gun training will be arranged shortly.

B - TPC awaits the results of the GBC permission for the New Play Area in the Recreation Ground.

Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A - Bedding Plants have been installed in the Flower Planter in the Village - **All to Note.**

B - The damage on the road of Spoil Lane has been partially repaired - **All to Note.**

C - The refurbishment of the BT Telephone Box in the Village is not considered acceptable. BT is to conduct further improvements in Feb/Mar 2019 - **All to Note.**

D - A request been sent to the GBC Major Projects Team to introduce Traffic Control Lights each end of Poyle Road, at the Ash/Aldershot junction and for a 20mph Speed Limit Zone on The Street between Elm Lane and the Ambulance Station. **All to Note.**

Mr Gordon Tyerman advised that the newly installed CCTV cameras were already being of use. Cllr Spooner advised us that Police resources have been increased throughout Ash and Tongham.

The pavement at the top of The Street is to be cleared by SCC, as are the pigeon droppings under the bridge.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt

- i. 77 further homes near Ash Manor: letter of objection to go, member of the public to send information re historical issues to Clerk for information.
- ii. Further detailed plans had been received re: 254 homes in The Street; envelope with plans given to Cllr Blewitt to study and pass on.
- iii. 2 detached homes in Poyle Park Cottage: letter of objection to go on grounds of Highways, lack of infrastructure and out of keeping with local area.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair: Cllr Carey

- i. Speed gun training: Clerk now has sufficient volunteers to request a local training course.
- ii. Mayor's reception in the Guildhall: Cllr Blewitt expressed an interest in attending with Cllr Oakley and the Clerk.
- iii. Chain of office: Cllr Oakley to supply Clerk with photograph showing size of the badge of office to send off for a quotation.
- iv. TCA update: Cllr Oakley reported that the TCA had received a grant of £1000 for a defibrillator at the Community Centre. The total cost of fitting and supply is likely to be in the region of £2000; he suggested that the TCA, PC and a Community Grant from Cllr Matt Furniss' available funds be used to supply the shortfall in funds. Clerk to contact TCA for full cost information.

c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Oakley in Cllr Hughes' absence.

- i. Financial statements for month ending 30/12/2018 and 30/1/2019 were agreed by all and signed by Cllr Oakley.
- ii. Fixed Asset Register: updated FAR agreed and approved, proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Gray.
- iii. Election 2019: the Clerk is attending a meeting at Guildford BC in early March and will report back.
- iv. Electronic banking: Cllr Oakley to log on and request a card reader and card to allow his to authorise Clerk's payment schedules. We have retained the ability for Cllr Oakley, Cllr Evans and Cllr Carey to sign cheques.
- v. Allotments fee increase from April 2020: it was unanimously agreed to increase the full fee to £30 a year and concessions to £12 a year from

April 2020; this still represents exceedingly good value compared to charges for other local allotments.

- vi. Affiliation fee to Surrey Playing Fields; £10 a year; agreed, proposed Cllr Blewitt, seconded Cllr Evans.
- vii. 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 18/02/2019".
Proposed: Cllr Jenny Evans, Seconded: Cllr Sue Gray.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: 18/03/2019