



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

MONDAY 17/06/2019 at 7.30 pm.

Sub-committee meetings held 7.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr A Carey	Cllr S Gray	Cllr M Furniss - SCC
Ms S Habgood	Mr M Heath	Mr B Simpson
Mrs G Spittles	Mr T Boxall	Mrs G Smith
Mr L Stovold	Mrs Y Farmer	Mr G Tyerman

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr P Spooner, Cllr J Evans.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/05/2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Baldock, Seconded: Cllr Gray. Signed by Cllr Oakley. AGM minutes 20/5/2019: Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr Baldock. 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 Furniss advised that quotes are being sought for repairs to White Lane; however this could be a lengthy procedure. The southbound stretch of the A31 is also to be improved. There is a temporary speed limit of 50 MPH on the A331 due to poor air quality, Cllr Furniss feels that this may be due to the ongoing roadworks on the M3 forcing traffic off the motorway and onto the A331. SCC are working with Surrey Police to alleviate the problems of lorries parking outside the garage on the slip road to the A31, passing the Hogs Back Hotel. He will chase up our request for fencing between the A331 and Tongham Woods. Cllr Baldock advised Cllr Furniss that a sign on the slip road to the A331 has been knocked down; he will chase this up.
6. Adjournment:  
[Tongham Care Group \(TCG\) Report](#)  
[1 - Surrey County Council \(SCC\)](#)  
A - SCC Highways are monitoring Spoil Lane Road Surface regards need for repair – **Ongoing**.  
Note – There are two places warranting attention Highways has been advised.  
B - SCC has agreed to provide Funds towards the costs of a Defibrillator installation in the Tongham Recreation Ground - **Ongoing**.

Note – the Defibrillator has been installed and Training in its use starts 21 June 2019  
C – Councillor Matt has provided Maps of 4 Sets of Road Improvements – All to Note.

D - Yellow Lines are proposed for The Street (Village to the Manor House Flats) and at the entrance to Spoil Lane – All to Note.

E – Councillor Matt has advised that consideration to remove the Chicane at the Bowling Club in favour of an alternative Speed Calming Feature is not considered a high priority/on a list of 40 other issues being considered – All to Note.

## 2 - Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A – The missing sections of the Birds Mouth Fencing along The Street will be replaced – the work start date hopefully by the end of this June – **Ongoing.**

B - The pruning of the Hedgerow along the Spoil Lane Allotment Boundary Fence will take place later this year/hopefully this September – **Ongoing.**

C – A Communal Area Plan has been approved for the Spoil Lane Allotment Society - the work start date to hopefully be during July – **Ongoing.**

D – TCG requests comments from the TPC concerning their view to introduce a second Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) to be permanently positioned on The Street near the Chicane at Manor Flats. Also, to utilise Lamp Post No 23 for an additional Support Post for the use of the existing VAS when moved about Tongham – **Ongoing.**

Note i) – A Speed Data Recorder (SDR) was installed on The Street/Oxenden Road/Manor Road junction and recorded 28,800 + vehicles exceeding 30mph 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.

E – TCG requests comments from the TPC concerning the use of Chargers in the Tongham Area – **Ongoing.**

Mr Tyerman advised the meeting that there are gas works taking place in White Lane which may worsen traffic.

Mrs Habgood advised that there is new signage and road markings on Poyle Road, which is good, but unfortunately the signage is obscured by vegetation/trees. She will email the Clerk who will contact SCC.

Hedges overgrowing onto The Street near the village hall: Clerk will prepare some letters to ‘The Occupiers’ and Cllr Baldock will deliver these.

A lengthy discussion took place about the various issues with young people mis-using the recreation ground. They are using balloons and cream compressors; the latter are only illegal if they are intending to pass them round. These can cause brain damage. There is also broken glass and a lot of litter every morning, and people are being put off using the recreation ground. Cllr Oakley will attempt to contact their families and advise them of the situation; some of them are sleeping all night in the Rec ground.

As a Parish Council we have the power to issue Banning Orders, ignoring these orders will result in a criminal record and a fine. A suggestion was made that we put up posters advising the young people of the risks to themselves, and of the danger they are putting young children and dogs in by breaking glass. There is a new CCTV camera on the balcony so they should be easily identified. It was also suggested that

Cllr Oakley speaks to the manager of NISA to ask that they enforce age control when selling alcohol.

7. Reports from sub-committees:
  - a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:  
19/P/00795: Single dwelling added onto the back of the Great Oaks site.  
Objection to be sent as we feel this is over-development and the area is just recovering from the trauma of constant building.
  - b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair: Cllr Oakley:
    - i. Play area update: The work has started for both the play area and the outdoor gym. The Clerk has asked for an insurance quote. When all the work is done, we propose to have a celebration as this is also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community centre being officially opened.
    - ii. New Chairman's badge: to show the church and clock tower, hops and two rivers. Quotes to be obtained.
    - iii. Fireworks night: Guy competition. We will have one last try and will encourage Scouts and School to take part. If no entries again – no more Guy competition.
    - iv. Drug use in Rec Ground: see adjournment.
    - v. Railway bridge and community groups quoting TPC: Cllr Oakley has been in touch with GBC and these groups and has assured GBC that TPC has nothing to do with them. He will attend their next meeting but as a private person.
    - vi. Repair to birdmouth fencing: Agreed to make a contribution, amount to be decided later via email.
    - vii. Sub-committee meetings: we will start SC meetings at 6.45, and as Cllr Blewitt has work commitments and cannot always make it for then, Planning will be looked at last (i.e., at 7.15).
  - c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
    - i. Financial statements for month ending 31/05/2019 was agreed by all and signed by Cllr Gray.
    - ii. CCTV: annual review. Unanimous decision that CCTV still needed, we have plenty signage and system is properly ran.
    - iii. Solicitors Bill for Scouts Lease: had not been sent when Lease continued, all agreed we would have to pay this, and were sorry that no discount was allowed.
    - iv. Casual vacancy: We have not been advised by GBC that an election is required, so we can fill this vacancy by Casual Vacancy rules. Clerk will advertise the vacancy and we can make a choice in July meeting.
    - 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 17/06/2019".  
Proposed: Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Carey.

Signed: .....

Chair of meeting

Date: 17/06/2019