



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

MONDAY 20/05/2019 at 7.30 pm.

Sub-committee meetings held 6.45 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr J Evans	Cllr S Gray	Cllr P Spooner
Cllr M Furniss	Mrs J Laker	Mr D Crail
Mrs G Spittles	Mr T Boxall	Cllr P Abbey00
Mr L Stovold	Mr D Evans	Ms S Habgood
Mr D Knowlden	Ms S Wyeth-Price	Mr E Hall

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Mr Mike Heath, retrospectively Cllr A Carey.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/04/2019 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:
County: Cllr Matt Furniss advised the meeting that the White Lane access from the Hogs Back would NOT be closed, but will be improved, and the greenery controlled. Works on the A331 will continue over summer, and surface dressing has now started in the area. The application for help with the defibrillator costs is going through procedure. Cllr Evans asked who is responsible if a filled pot hole fails, Cllr Furniss advised there is a two-year guarantee on pot holes so it would be the contractor. Cllr Baldock advised that heavy lorries are using The Street and White Lane; he was advised to contact the companies concerned with number plate info and said he would do so. He also asked who was responsible for the Oxenden Road roundabout, and was advised Surrey CC.
Borough: Cllr Spooner advised that GBC conservatives had lost heavily in the recent election and now we in the west of the borough had lost considerable protection; but the Local Plan should prevent further building, even if it is subject to a review for the period of that review the protection remains. He stated that he was very disappointed in the results of the election.
Ash level crossing: ongoing, some for, some against. The new medical centre site in Ash (Bewley Homes) is being taken forward, it is hoped that Bewley Homes may help with the building cost but they will not help with fitting it out.

Bus: Stagecoach are trying to continue but Hampshire CC are cutting funding. Cllr Spooner advised the meeting that it is up to our new Borough Councillor, Paul Abbey, to take up the challenge.

Cllr Baldock asked about obtaining funding from developers; Cllr Spooner advised that there is Section 106, but developers need to be asked for this. He also advised that GBC's new Planning head was very proactive so the situation should improve.

Cllr Paul Abbey introduced himself. He advised that he was keen to see a Doctor's surgery or clinic in Tongham, he has contacted the NHS and local doctors, and wants as much information from the village as possible to assist in his aims.

6. Adjournment:

Cllr Oakley read a report from Mr Mike Heath of the Tongham Care Group:

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 has been installed.

C – Councillor Matt 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 – date to be advised – **Ongoing**.

B - The Trees along the Spoil Lane Allotment Boundary Fence has been completed – All to Note.

Note – The Hedgerow will be arranged later – date to be 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.

Cllr Oakley advised the meeting that TPC had requested assistance with parking issues, mainly concerning developers parking on (100% on) pavements so that pedestrians are forced onto the road. Cllrs Furniss and Spooner advised that although wardens cannot impose fines from photographs, they can use them to build up evidence.

Mr Stovold mentioned a car being parked continuously in the disabled parking bay; Cllr Furniss advised him that for disabled people in parking bays, there is no time limit so we cannot prevent this. The meeting was also advised that there are huge issues at the moment with people parking at junctions, which has worsened over the past 18 months. Poyle Road is one of our 'bad' spots for this, Cllr Spooner suggested collating a list of 'bad spots', i.e. the road names and positions, and send it to parking enforcement. Mr E Hall asked about neighbour's bushes overhanging pavements. There is a lengthy procedure but Cllrs Furniss and Baldock advised that his first move should be to politely request his neighbour to cut the bush back. He will do so and contact TPC if he is not successful.

Ms Wyeth-Price asked if the CCTV at the shops could see the exit from Poyle Road. Advised to contact Gordon Tyerman who installed the cameras. She will do so. Ms S Habgood asked about speeding cars at the White Lane end of Poyle Road, and was assured this had been an issue for years. The speed limit is 40 mph. Cllr Abbey suggested contacting the police. Mr Dean Knowlden asked whether anything could be done about parking at St Paul's Close. Cllr Oakley advised that we have been promised random visits by a parking officer, but they do seem to avoid busy times.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

- a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:
19/P/00720: Semi-detached homes at Grange Farm, Grange Road, Tongham; letter of objection to be sent, traffic, over development in that area, and potential damage/loss of footpath adjacent to Grange Farm.
- b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair: Cllr Oakley in Cllr Carey's absence
 - i. Play area update: We have funding from GBC, and are now awaiting a start date from the chosen company.
 - ii. Fencing along The Street: all agreed on a recent PC walkabout that this is necessary, TCG proceeding, funds will also be provided from TPC.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Oakley in Cllr Hughes' absence.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 30/04/2019 was agreed by all and signed by Cllr Evans.
 - ii. Election 2019: Many changes at Borough level.
 - iii. Electronic banking: Clerk delighted to report that electronic banking is now up and running. Cheque book to be continued and signatories remain Cllrs Oakley, Evans and Carey.
 - iv. Website: due to new requirements for accessibility, Surrey Community will no longer be running our website. It is hoped that GBC will step in. Clerk is monitoring.
 - v. There is one vacancy on Tongham Parish Council: Clerk will start the procedure with GBC.
 - vi. 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 20/05/2019".
Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Gray.

Signed:
Chair of meeting
Date: 17/06/2019