



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

MONDAY 18/11/2019 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr J Evans	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Gray
Cllr A Carey	Cllr G Eyre	Ms N Bertani
Mr L Stovold	Mr B Simpson	Mrs G Spittles
Mr M Heath	Mr T Boxall	Mr D Evans

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr P Spooner, Cllr M Furniss via Cllr G Eyre.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 21/10/2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Carey, Seconded: Cllr Habgood. 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 Eyre advised that the planning application had been received from Bewley/Taylor Wimpey for the 254 new homes at Manor Farm in The Street. Cllr Oakley said that the Parish Council had held a very useful meeting with the developers. Cllr Eyre said that the new plans were much better, however the sticking point was the noise level from the A31, which was still too high to be acceptable. Cllr Oakley, while agreeing that the plans were far better than the original ones, said that the Council is still of the opinion that it is not good for the village. However the Parish Council will continue to work to ensure the development is as acceptable as possible. The yellow lines in The Street should be done sometime in the next few months – Cllr Eyre could not be precise. Cllr Baldock advised the meeting that a new lay-by will be built in The Street, opposite the new development, beside the cottages.
6. Adjournment:
 - a. Mike Heath presented his report:
Surrey County Council (SCC)
A - SCC Councillor has advised that reducing the height of Trees on the land along The Street between the Village and Lambourne Way will not take place until these trees are dead, dying or deceased - All to Note.
B - SCC Councillor has been advised that the condition of Spoil Lane road surface continues to suffer damage due to Building Contractor Lorries - All to Note.
C - SCC Councillor has been requested to arrange for the ditch clearance alongside the Tongham Bowling Club - **Ongoing.**

Note - this ditch was previously cleared by Guildford Borough Council Contact Tim Pilsbury 01483 444521

Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - TPC has approved the TCA request for the installation of an Air Condition System in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. Applications for Planning and Building Control will be prepared - All to Note. (All Parish Councillors in agreement.)

Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A - The some of the missing sections of the Birds Mouth Fencing along The Street has been replaced. A decision to re replace further missing sections is to be determined - All to Note.

B - The pruning of the Hedgerow along the Spoil Lane Allotment Boundary Fence will take place this week - All to Note.

C - A Communal Area Patio in the Spoil Lane Allotment Gardens has been completed. Top Soil/Landscaping will be completed when weather permits - All to Note.

D - The decision to introduce a Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) to be permanently positioned on The Street near the Chicane at Manor Flats and, to utilise Lamp Post No 23 for an additional Support Post for the use of the existing VAS when moved about Tongham is held pending other developments* - **Ongoing**.

Note* - Various road design and parking changes are being considered for The Street.

E - TPC has agree to provide Funds for Tree Care to those situated along Poyle Road Recreation Ground. This Task will take place this week - All to Note.

F - The under 8-Year-Old Play Area Gate in the Recreation Ground has been adjusted - All to Note.

G - Concern about the dangers of the road junction of Poyle Road and White Lane has been relayed to Surrey Police - All to Note.

The White Lane/Poyle Road junction was discussed at length, with the decision being taken that Tongham PC would fund signage to warn of danger, e.g. 'Caution – dangerous junction - Please Slow Down' or similar, under advice from SCC. Cllr Oakley plans to contact SCC Matt Furniss personally to ensure something is done. Cllr Eyre suggested asking the home-owner at that corner if he could cut his hedging right back, and advised that SCC is planning verge improvement in the area.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:

- i. Petrol station on Hogs Back: extension: no objections.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey:

- i. Firework debrief: Gordon Tyreman has requested a meeting with Cllr Oakley to discuss action needed going forward, Cllr Carey advised the older children/youths and some adults were mis-using the play area and asked that in future it be sealed off before the event commences. The Scouts have made £2860.15 in their bucket collections, which is similar to previous years. The Clerk is working on suitable and cost-effective dates for next year's display.
- ii. Phone box at crossroads; we are in the process of adopting the phone box, to be included in February's agenda for a decision on how to use it.

- iii. Parking in The Street and parking on the lined area behind the chicane: letters to go to the Village Hall committee asking them to remind their users NOT to park on pavements so that pedestrians are forced onto the roads, and letters to go to the owners of the new house and Rose Cottage to remind them NOT to park on the chicane or the marked, lined area as that is to keep the sightlines open.
 - iv. Silent Soldier: Clerk to ask the Vicar, Revd Claire Holt, if he can be re-sited at the war memorial; Cllr Baldock is working with Strawberry Signs to have the metal work refurbished and appropriate wording added.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
- i. Financial statements for month ending 30/10/2019 agreed by all and signed by Cllr Oakley
 - ii. Provisional budget issued, to be approved in December meeting.
 - iii. Section 137 request from TWIG improvements; £250.00 agreed
 - iv. Section 137 request from St Paul's church for Christingle costs: £60.00 agreed.
 - v. Section 137 request from Ash Parish Action Dementia Alliance; refused, it was decided Section 137 should be retained for Tongham.
 - vi. Section 137 request from Scouts: refused, as grants had been given previously.
 - vii. Members' Allowances report: Tongham Parish Councillors do not and will not receive any allowances.
 - viii. Any other business: We have received a further Section 137 request, which will go onto December agenda.
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 18/11/2019".

Proposed: Cllr Blewitt; seconded Cllr Baldock.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: 16/12/2019