



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

MONDAY 21/10/2019 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 M Furniss	Cllr P Spooner	Mr G Tyerman
Mr L Stovold	Mr B Simpson	Mrs G Spittles
Mr M Heath	Mr T Boxall	Mrs M Pritchard
Mr C Prichard		

Clerk: Mrs Wendy Blight

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr A Carey, Cllr G Eyre.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/07/2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Baldock, Seconded: Cllr Blewitt. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure if interest: Cllr Oakley is widening the entrance to the Old School Hall.
4. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
5. County & Borough matters: Cllr Spooner advised that the Local Plan is protecting Ash and Tongham, developers are less likely to take on GBC now. The following reserve matters regarding Tongham are being appealed: There is more green space in the new plan, blocks of apartments are wanted to block off noise from A31. Bewley wish to remove the poplar trees bordering The Street, arguing that they are over mature, and have offered to replace with semi-mature native trees. The density of the plans remains the same. Cllr Baldock asked whether there was any update to the storm drainage; answer 'No.' Cllr Spooner also advised us that that Ash has anti-social behaviour issues, even more severe than Tongham's. He stressed that reporting all incidents is vital. Mr Tyerman advised the meeting that Surrey Police will soon have facilities for submission of photos/videos.
Cllr Furniss reported that the camber on White Lane is being looked at. Also, parking outside petrol station and Hogs Back Hotel are being looked at (lorry parking). The website to report potholes in roads has been updated. The Council is halfway through a road improvement plan, there are far fewer potholes needing filled, the prevention is working. Winter preparations for gritting are being made. New materials are being considered to extend the life of road surfaces. Mr Heath asked whether traffic could be prevented from using Spoil Lane – Cllr Furniss will investigate.
6. Adjournment:
 - a. Mike Heath presented his report:

1 - Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - SCC Highways is monitoring Spoil Lane Road Surface regards need for repair due to land clearance at Travellers End and Building Development in immediate surrounding areas - i.e. Planning App 15/P/00167 for 26 Dwellings – All to Note. Note - Several places on the Lane surface have been repaired but verge damage still needs attention.

B – SCC Councillor has been requested to agree for the task of reducing the height of Trees on the land along The Street between the Village and Lambourne Way -

Ongoing.

Note i) - Funding of the Task will be provided from private funding

Note ii) - the trees consist of Blackthorn to the side of Number 1 Lambourne Way and a row of Ash to the front of 21 through 39 Ellison Way.

C – SCC Highways has improved the Pavement along Poyle Road Recreation Ground – All to Note.

D – SCC Councillor has been requested to arrange for the ditch clearance alongside the Tongham Bowling Club - **Ongoing.**

2 - Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A – TPC approved the TCA request for the installation of an Air Condition System in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. (Query – when did this happen? Was on agenda for this meeting and has been removed. MM).

3 - Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A - The missing sections of the Birds Mouth Fencing along The Street will take place this year - **Ongoing.**

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

Mr Tyerman asked when the fireworks are, as the agenda still said 9th November but all advertising materials quoted Sunday 10th. Cllr Oakley confirmed that there had been a communication breakdown and as it was not possible to build the bonfire on a Friday the event was taking place on Sunday 10th.

Cllr Baldock advised that work has ceased on the Grange Road development due to planning enforcement issues (hedgerows). Cllr Oakley advised that Wimpey Taylor Bewley wanted to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the development in The Street.

Cllr Baldock advised that a planning enforcement order had been put on the Airbnb property on The Street, which was operating without planning permission being granted.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey:

- i. Firework update: all plans in place, firework booked, Scouts are on board. Plan has been emailed round. Definitely on Sunday 10th. Banners/Posters to go up early November.
- ii. Volunteers will be needed to marshall the road closures; we DO have permission to close the roads. Cllr Oakley to arrange.
- iii. New gate for the younger age group play area: it was felt that the suggestion was too expensive.

- iv. Anti-social behaviour in the village: it was stressed that ALL incidents need to be reported to the Police.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 30/09/2019 agreed by all and signed by Cllr Oakley
 - ii. Section 137 request from St Paul's church for entrance to Old School Hall improvements; materials only; £250.00 agreed
 - iii. Tree felling / inspections in churchyard; an amount to be included in next year's budget to help with this.
 - iv. Any other business: There was no other business.
- 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 21/10/2019".
Proposed: Cllr Evans; seconded Cllr Habgood.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: 16/11/2019