



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Held Remotely by Zoom.

MONDAY 18/05/2020 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr J Evans	Cllr A Carey
Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Gray
Cllr P Spooner	Cllr M Furniss	Mr M Heath
Mr C Pritchard	Mrs J Pritchard	Revd C Holt

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: None.  
Cllr Furniss had attended the earlier AGM meeting, but had two further meetings to attend both at 7.30. He was planning to attend later if possible.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 16/03/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Evans. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None.
  - 5 / .County/Borough matters: Cllr Spooner advised the meeting that the new administration at GBC is now underway, a new Leader should be elected some time between July and September, He warned us that the Residents for Guildford group (sharing power with the Liberal Democrat party) are very town centre focussed, so it remains to be seen regarding the outlook for villages. It is his feeling that the corporate direction will be unchanged. There is no overall control of the Council; Planning committee is expected to change, as is the executive. Cllr Furniss sent the following update: the Community Recycling Centres are going to be fully opened from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Currently it is only black bag waste and garden waste. We are now back to normal on highways works and we will see that activity ramping up particularly on resurfacing. Countryside car parks are now all back open and remain free. Th SCC helpline is still active and we are supporting hundreds of calls from those in need across Surrey. We have launched a new virtual mental health service accessed via our website to help with challenges of lockdown. Locally I am dealing with access issues in Spoil lane and seeing what we can do with repairs there. We are also continuing the flooding work from before lockdown which is key to Tongham.

Adjournment:

Mr Mike Heath made his report as follows:

Tongham Parish Council Meeting - Date for next meeting to be advised (18/5/2020).

Tongham Care Group (TCG) Report for May 2020

Surrey County Council (SCC):

A - The damage to Spoil Lane road surface will be repaired when all New Development has been completed - ongoing.

B - A requested has been made to clear the Fly Tipping and Rubbish from along the Slip Road off The Street to the A31/A331 Roundabout - ongoing. (Fridge Freezer etc)

C - A request has been made to clear the Surface Water Grills and Rubbish from the A331 Underpass from Moor Lane through to the Blackwater River - ongoing.

D - A request has been made to clear Rubbish (Wheelie Bin etc) from the Blackwater River at the crossing via Moor Lane to Aldershot - ongoing.

E - Highways has agreed to reinstate the Rail Arrangement opposite Oxenden Court - ongoing.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC):

A - GBC John Rigg has advise that the modification to the A31/A331 Roundabout is on hold - ongoing.

B - GBC has given permission to repair or replace The Street Bench opposite Lambourne Way - ongoing,

Tongham Parish Council (TPC):

A - TPC has provided funds for the Tongham Woods Improvement Group Volunteers and Rangers to repair the Rabbit Fencing along the A331.A further £400 is still required - ongoing.

B - TPC is to replace the Old Birdsmouth Fencing in stages as funds become available - ongoing.

C - TPC has advised that changes to the Track to the Picnic/Bonfire Areas is held pending available funds – ongoing.

D- TPC is to replace the Public Noticeboard in the Tongham Recreation Ground - ongoing.

E - TPC is to arrange the repair of damage to the Village Telephone Box - ongoing.

F – TPC has provided funds for the work on the Oak Tree in the Tongham Bowling Club. A further £222 is still required - ongoing.

Tongham Care Group (TCG):

A - A New ROSPA Approved Design Metal Gate has been installed in the under 8-Year-Old Play Area – the New Fencing been completed and a New Sign is being obtained - ongoing.

B - GBC Planning Approval for an Air Condition System to be installed in the Main Hall of the Community Centre is awaited - ongoing.

Note - Funds are being sort for purchasing and installing the Air Condition System - All to Note.

C - The introduction of a Footpath and Cherry Blossom Trees on the Grass Area between The Street and Ellison Way is being considered by the Orchard House Estate Management Directors - ongoing.

D - Cost Quotations have been provided for the introduction of a Football/Sports Area in the Recreation Ground - ongoing.

E - Funds have been collected to repair the damaged/blocked Drainage System Pipes on New Road -System Repair for Phase 1 which starts 26 May - ongoing.

F - Cost Quotations are being prepared to cover the removal of Brambles along the Footpath from Moor Lane to the entrance to Tongham Woods - ongoing.

G - Cost Quotations are being prepared to repair the Fencing along the Moors Recreation Ground and remove fallen/ damaged trees - ongoing.

H - It has been decided to postpone installing Deer Fencing at the Allotment. Four places have been identified that are considered need Fencing as a Phase One project. Cost Quotations are available – ongoing.

Reports from sub-committees:

- a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: None.
- b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Oakley:
  - i. Noticeboards: Cllr Oakley has removed the plastic noticeboard from the village centre and made good the result. He is looking at a fresh coating for the boards adjacent to the phone box. Clerk is in process of ordering a new noticeboard for the entrance to the Recreation Ground.
  - ii. Village fencing: we now have two quotes and Clerk is awaiting a third. Once this is received the work can proceed.
  - iii. Tongham Care Group are proposing a new footpath from The Street to Ellison Way. TPC gave their approval to this suggestion.
  - iv. Football etc in the new MUGA: we have three (similar) quotes, and Cllr Oakley will send all three round for Councillors to see. When possible, we will meet at that area.

- v. Clerk is proposing a village tidy up when Lockdown lifts; she will advise the village via Facebook and (hopefully) a few people will volunteer.
- vi. Parish in Bloom: Cllr Gray has taken some photographs, Clerk will send them in with narrative. This year's competition will take place remotely.
- vii. Phone Box: Cllr Baldock and Mr B Waugh are continuing with this, but are held up due to Lockdown.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
  - i. Financial statements for month ending 30/03/2020 and 30/0/42020 agreed by all.
  - ii. New website domain: Is up and running, feedback requested from Cllr Gray.
  - iii. Any other business: The soldier who was sited at the White Hart pub is beyond repair. Cllr Baldock is looking into a new one, which will be sited at St Paul's church near the War Memorial.

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 18/05/2020".

Proposed: Cllr Evans; seconded Cllr Baldock.

Signed: .....  
 Chair of meeting  
 Date: 15/06/2020