

Tongham Parish Council Chairmans Report, May 2019

I write this year's report having just accepted another year as Chairman of Tongham Parish Council (TBC at AGM later Today) I will continue in my role all the time it is the wish of my fellow councillors that I do so.

Regards my fellow councillors including our latest recruit, Councillor Susie Habgood I would like to thank them all for doing their bit for the village, of which has been quite a busy year for village projects notably the new play area in the recreation ground and the outdoor gymnasium at the same venue.

Huge thanks must go to our Clerk Margaret Murray, she does make my job a fairly straight forward one with her attention to her duties and her constant reminders regards mine. Margaret also keeps all councillors informed and communication is key to any organisation in my opinion.

Moving on to County and Borough, our good friends and supporters Cllr's Matt Furnace (SCC) and Paul Spooner (GBC) continue to attend regular monthly meetings showing their support of us and the village, and I would personally like to thank them both, along with new borough councillor Graham Erye for attending TPC meetings where possible, I can't sign off County and Borough matters without expressing my disappointment at the lack of communication between us and Paul Abbey (GBC) it was hoped and suggested that perhaps a healthy relationship between councillor Abbey and TPC could be developed, however sadly this has not been the case, and im sure there may be a few individuals out there that may be thinking "Told you so" anyway that's all in the past and can't be changed.

Finally I would like to thank everyone that regularly attends TPC monthly meeting's as it does make it feel a bit more worthwhile that we have the attention of parishioners', also big thanks to our friend Mike Heath who is an absolute "Tongham Warrior" when it comes to village life, he works tirelessly throughout the year on various projects and is always happy to help when called upon.

Not going to mention over development of my beloved village as I have been around the block and back again on that one and it changes nothing so im currently teaching myself to be more tolerant and accepting of change.

Hoping to see everyone again at TPC meetings when we finally come out of the current situation we all find ourselves in, I wish you all well, stay safe.

Best Regards



Les Oakley

Chairman: Tongham Parish Council