



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 20/07/2020 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr P Abbey	Cllr P Spooner
Cllr G Eyre	Cllr S Habgood	Mr M Heath
Cllr S Gray		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr S Blewitt, Cllr M Furniss.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/06/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Gray. To be signed by Cllr Oakley in due course.
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 Spooner reminded the meeting that the 254 homes HAD been agreed and the refusal was over the reserved matters, including the poplar trees. It is likely that GBC will incur substantial costs in meeting this appeal. There will most probably be a public enquiry. It was stressed by all 3 Guildford Borough Councillors that green issues are vitally important, an opinion which the whole meeting agreed to. Cllr Abbey pointed out that more local house building is vitally important for Guildford Borough Council, but Cllr Oakley responded that Ash and Tongham had had enough building locally. The infrastructure, especially Highways and Schooling, are becoming seriously affected.
6. Adjournment:
Mr Mike Heath made his report:

Again, we the TCG, repeat our particularly concern- that the very necessary improvement to the A31/A331 Roundabout has been put on hold. With so many additional homes built/being built in and around Tongham improved Infrastructure is essential- we have made our views known to John Riggs in the hope that this particular improvement is allowed to proceed at the earliest time- we request our Borough and County Councillors agree to make this Roundabout change a Priority Project- we would like to be involved in the discussions for resolving our Highway Infrastructure Problems.

There are a number Highway Infrastructure Problems becoming even more concerning in and around Tongham

- i.e. entering from Ash and Ash Green, namely - Ash Station Junction, A31 to Tongham Via White Lane, Oxenden Road to/from the A321 Roundabout, The Street to/from A31, Poyle Road junction with White Lane and Poyle Road onto The Street

- all these junctions and supporting roads need attention/need Traffic Management Control and Constructional Improvement - ie made wider, stronger and clearly marked for Speed Restriction and Safety Instructions marked on the road.

S106 and CIL contributions from the new developments will probably be insufficient funding to provide the required Improvements- a concerted effort is needed to persuade Government to provide the necessary funding for these Improvements. The absolute minimum change would be to introduce Traffic Lights at the junctions mentioned- to help Reduce Speed and Manage Congestion.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

- a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: Chaired by Cllr Oakley.
 - i. 20/P/00974, 2 new homes in the vicinity of Springfield Cottages; objection sent by Tongham PC on ground of over development of the area.
 - ii. Proposed new development in Poyle Road; a meeting to be arranged between Bewley Homes and Tongham PC.
- b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Habgood:
 - i. Fireworks: decision as to whether to proceed to be taken in September.
 - ii. Purchase of hand sanitiser equipment: TCA proceeding, grants available, Cllr Oakley will manage.
 - iii. Phone Box: repair ongoing. De-fibrillator AND book swop chosen.
 - iv. Portaloo in place for cricket games; TPC to fund one-third.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 30/06/2020 agreed by all.
 - ii. Future of meetings: future sub-committee meetings will be held by Zoom, Clerk has entered into monthly contract with ZOOM to allow longer monthly meetings.
 - iii. Any other business: Cllr Oakley advised the meeting that the community centre would be thoroughly cleaned and that dogs are not allowed for the time being. The Clerk advised that as a request for an election to fill the vacant position has been received by Guildford BC, with the required 10 signatures, we cannot fill the Parish Council vacancy by co-option under Casual Vacancy rules, and that an election to fill the 1 vacancy is not likely to be allowed until May 2021. If only 1 person stands, there will be no need for a formal election. The meeting was assured that the remaining 6 Parish Councillors are in place until 2023.

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 20/07/2020”.

Proposed: Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Habgood.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: