



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 15/6/2020 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr M Furniss	Cllr P Spooner
Cllr A Carey	Cllr S Habgood	Mr M Heath
Mr C Slater	Mrs G Slater	Cllr G Eyre

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Apologies received: Cllr S Blewitt, Cllr M Baldock.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 16/03/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Carey. 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 advised the meeting that the 254 homes opposite Manor Farm have been improved as to design, but he has concerns regarding sustainability, e.g. gas central heating, the fact that bus services are greatly reduced, air pollution. The Agenda for the next Executive GBC meeting will confirm cancellation of major projects, Covid 19 may be a contributory factor; for example, reducing air pollution and transport, Guildford Museum, bike share scheme. Cllr Spooner is concerned that this will have an adverse effect on Ash and Tongham. Cllr Spooner has stood down as leader of the Conservative Group at GBC. Cllr Oakley told the meeting he had been advised that due to multiple objections from the public, the yellow lines in The Street project would not proceed. Cllr Furniss advised us that in Lockdown, he had been looking at improving and providing cycle lanes; there are 2 pilot schemes, one of which is Farnham town centre. He would appreciate suggestions for other areas. This could also help villages with social distancing and excessive traffic. SCC has allocated a substantial sum to improve Rights of Way provision, which may include some cycle improvements. He has been working on the developments in Spoil Lane to stop deliveries accessing the site from Spoil Lane. SCC has also implemented an anti-speeding campaign, with 475 tickets being issued in 3 days; cameras to control average speed will be implemented on the Hogs Back this year. Also, utility companies will be penalised for needlessly installing traffic lights and fined where necessary; this could affect the Hogs Back plans. Cllr Carey asked about the disabled bay opposite the shops which is monopolised by one resident; Cllr Furniss suggested that he could try for a resident's bay to be provided and the existing bay to be used for shoppers only, for a limited time period. Cllr Carey

also advised that lamp-post 11 in Chester Way had been broken, and wondered whether it was repaired. Clerk will walk round and check. Cllr Habgood asked whether the improvements for exiting the A31 and coming down White Lane would be implemented; Cllr Furniss advised us that sadly they would not, due to budget constraints. Cllr Oakley asked about the Poyle Road/White Lane junction; this also will need funding, and in addition nearby land to make the necessary improvements; however the situation would continue to be monitored. Cllr Furniss advised that SCC, following the cancellations of investments in Highways by GBC, would be actively commenting on future plans. Cllr Spooner suggested asking for the 254 homes in Manor Road to be deferred, Cllr Furniss will supply suggested wording. The Clerk asked about the Right of Way from Grange Road through to The Street, which is unusable and very overgrown; Mr Heath advised that he had heard this was due to be dealt with soon.

6. Adjournment:

Mr Mike Heath made his report:

Surrey County Council (SCC)

A – The improvement to the A31 to White Line is on hold – All to Note.

B – The improvements to the Junction of Poyle Road to White Lane is on hold – All to Note

C – The improvements to the A31/A331 Roundabout is on hold – All to Note.

D – The introduction of Yellow Lines on The Street has been cancelled – All to Note.

E – The repair of Spoil lane is yet to be planned – All to Note

F – The connection of the Spoil Lane Ditches through to Ash is yet to be planned – All to Note.

G – Traffic Lights are being considered for The Street – All to Note.

H – THE Public Footpath 345 Is to be cleared of Brambles – All to Note

I – A request is to be issued to SCC requesting a review of the Parking at the Village Shops – ongoing.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

A – Reserve Matters for Manor Farm on GBC Planning Agenda for Wed 17 June - ongoing.

B – Guildford Local Plan Consultation for Development Management Policies- Issues and Preferred Options is available for comment – All to Note.

Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - No further correspondence has been received from the Rangers concerning the Rabbit Fencing along the A331 - All to Note

B – The remaining Old Birdsmouth Fencing will be replaced in September 2020 - ongoing.

C - TPC has ordered a New Noticeboard in the Tongham Recreation Ground - ongoing.

D - TPC has arranged the repair of damage to the Village Telephone Box - ongoing.

E - The repair to the Main Entrance Gate has been completed – All to Note.

F – The improvement of the Track and Drainage to the Gym and Bonfire Area has been put on hold – All to Note.

G – The introduction of a Drainage System from the Trampoline has been put on hold – All to Note.

Note – Sample digs have identified the ground is soft on the proposed route for the Drainage System.

H - TPC is to purchase Benches to be positioned in/near the Recreation Ground Play Areas – All to Note

I – The replacement of the Footpath and the introduction of a Bench Base for the U8 Play Area is to be advised – All to Note.

Tongham Care Group (TCG)

- A - A New Sign has been installed in the under 8-Year-Old Play Area - All to Note.
- 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.
- C - The increasing of the Fence height in places around the Spoil Lane Allotment is on hold – All to Note
- D - The New Track to the Communal Patio Area has been completed – All to Note.
Note – The Ground around the Patio is to be completed at a later date
- E - 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.
- F - The repair of the Drainage System on New Road is nearing completion - All to Note.
Note -There is a need to clear tree roots/repair the Pipe to the Headwall behind The Street Dwellings.
- G - Cost Quotations are being prepared to cover the removal of Brambles along the Footpath from Moor Lane to the entrance to Tongham Woods - ongoing.
- H - Cost Quotations are being prepared to repair the Fencing along the Moors Recreation Ground and remove fallen/ damaged trees - ongoing.
- I - The Street Bench opposite Lambourne Way has been repaired – All to Note.

At this point, the Zoom meeting ended and had to be resumed at 8.20.

7. Reports from sub-committees:
 - a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: None.
 - b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Oakley:
 - i. CCTV review: a report is coming in from Mr Gordon Tyerman.
 - ii. MUGA: a meeting is planned for final discussions, Cllr Oakley will request photographs of the preferred contractor’s work.
 - iii. Phone Box: repair ongoing. FB notice to go on re. future use.
 - iv. White Hart corner: Paradise Gardens have been asked for a quote to tidy up the area,
 - v. Overgrown hedge on the corner of Newton Way and Blenheim Close: Clerk to write a letter requesting that hedge is cut back to allow use of pavement.
 - vi. Silent soldier: Cllr Baldock has offered to order one of these, which will be installed near the War Memorial at St Paul’s Church.
 - vii. Seating for Rec: Clerk to order, a meeting will be organised to further discuss where these are needed. (2 in new play area, one on old play area, 2 in MUGA?)
 - c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
 - i. Financial statements for month ending 30/05/2020 agreed by all.
 - ii. Future of meetings: future sub-committee meetings will be held by Zoom, main monthly meetings will be held by Zoom until we are advised we can revert to use of St Paul’s Church Hall.
 - iii. Any other business: Cllr Oakley had received complaints about inappropriate parking from a resident in Poyle Road, he will liaise with the Clerk and a formal letter will be sent.
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 15/06/2020”.

Proposed: Cllr Habgood; seconded Cllr Oakley.

Signed:

Chair of meeting

Date: