



## **Tongham Parish Council** **Chairman's Report, May 2019**

I start my report this year no different to any other year, by thanking my fellow parish councillors who give up their time for the good of Tongham Village. Councillors, Blewitt, Carey, Evans, Gray and our latest addition councillor Baldock have all been active in their roles as parish councillors.

Our clerk Margaret Murray continues to do a sterling job which in turn makes things a lot easier for all councillors, so once again thank you Margaret.

I would like to thank Borough/County Councillors, Spooner, Kearse and of course Matt Furniss, all three have supported us in one way or another and I'm sure they all share my enormous disappointment regards local housing development, even if as we are told it could of been a lot worse, as a lifelong Tongham person I fail to see how it could of been much worse for our village however I do genuinely appreciate their efforts in what has been a deeply frustrating 2-3 years regards housing development for all of us.

Thanks also to the regulars who regardless of the cold winters nights still come and show an interest in what the parish council is all about, I would like to see a few more like minded people attending and it's not through not trying on our behalf as we now have the power of social media to advertise meetings, but if locals are not interested then so be it. One thing for sure is that both myself and all councillors will continue to "bang the drum" for Tongham Village having all just signed up for another term and it being the wish of my fellow councillors that I remain as Chairman for now at least.

Best Regards

Les Oakley

**Chairman: Tongham Parish Council**