



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 19/10/2020 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr P Spooner	Cllr M Furniss
Cllr G Eyre	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Blewitt
Cllr S Gray	Cllr P Abbey	Cllr A Carey
Mr M Heath	Mr J McComb	

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Baldock (retrospective.)
2. The minutes from the meeting on 21/09/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Gray. Signed by Cllr Oakley and will be collected by the Clerk for filing.
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. County and Borough matters:  
County: A considerable amount of road works have been completed; more work remains on White Lane. Much work had also been done on pavements. Cllr Furniss was glad to report no flooding, despite heavy rainfall recently. SCC will be looking into the possibility of improvements for Lambourne Way with regard to the Grange Road developments, and into the roundabout at the White Hart. A meeting will be held with Highways, to include TPC. Cllr Oakley asked about the chicane at the bowling club in Oxenden Road, asking that more prominent signage be used; SCC will look into this too. Cllr Furniss stated that parking on verges and pavements on Ellison Way is a serious issue and that he and Cllr Spooner would be working on this. TPC is keen to be involved. Mr McComb asked if yellow lines in The Street had been shelved and was advised Yes, but traffic lights were planned, funded by the developments. Mr McComb also asked about a recent traffic survey; SCC has no idea who conducted this, they have the equipment safely stored. Cllr Furniss advised that traffic surveys may now restart, had been in abeyance due to Covid 19. Cllr Abbey advised that the development in Ash Green was causing disruption, using overweight lorries on the bridge and so forth; Cllr Furniss advised that a number of residents have contacted Highways, Cllrs Spooner and Eyre are taking this up with Planning Enforcement at GBC and the Police. Finally, Cllr Furniss advised that he had some funding left in his Community |Fund for capital projects and that the Surrey Community |Fund will be available from November for capital projects.  
Borough: Cllr Eyre advised the meeting that GBC had obtained a High Court injunction to prevent further hard standing and unauthorised encampments at Ipsley

Lodge Stables for a period of two years. This situation has been going on for some years. Regarding the Dean Lodge development, trees have been felled for entrance despite TPO's being in place; he has spoken to the team, who are very professional and helpful. Work is going on and there are concerns, storage, lorries and so forth; GBC planning enforcement advise the developers are within their rights, but are monitoring. Cllr Spooner stated that he felt a Construction Development Plan should have been in place between Planning and the developers. Cllr Spooner feels that control needs to be enforced from pre-planning stage. He is also concerned about lorries ignoring the weight limit on the bridge at Ash Green. He advised that Tongham had been quiet of late, apart from the parking on pavements/verges issue. He has however received complaints about leaves falling from trees into adjacent gardens. Cllr Blewitt asked about the possible development of 2,500 houses on the Hogs Back; Cllr Spooner assured her that this would not happen and the area was covered by the Local Plan.

6. Adjournment:

Mr Mike Heath made his report:

Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - The improvement to the A31 to White Lane Junction is on hold - ongoing.

B - The improvements to the Junction of Poyle Road to White Lane is on hold - ongoing

C - The improvements to the A31/A331 Roundabout has now been approval to proceed - ongoing.

D - The repair of Spoil Lane is yet to be planned – ongoing.

E - The connection of the Spoil Lane Ditches through to Ash is yet to be planned - ongoing.

F - Traffic Lights are being considered for The Street - ongoing.

G - Public Footpath 345 Is to be cleared of Brambles - ongoing

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

I - A request has been issued to SCC requesting Safety Inspection of Trees on The Street - ongoing.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

A - Reserve Matters for Manor Farm Development deferred for reconsideration - ongoing.

Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - The remaining Old Birds mouth Fencing is to be replaced date to be advised - ongoing.

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

C - The trampoline in the Recreation Ground New Play Area is being reviewed - ongoing.

D - TPC is planning the introduction of a Five Aside Football/Basketball Arrangement for the Top Tennis Court in the Recreation Ground plus a Shelter - ongoing.

E - TPC is planning the introduction of a Silhouette Soldier to be installed in the grounds of St Paul's Church Yard – ongoing.

Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A - Funds are being sought for installing Air Condition System in the Community Centre - ongoing.

B - Landscaping around the Allotment Communal Patio Area will take place in 2021 - ongoing.

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 - The repair of the Drainage System behind The Street Dwellings is in progress - ongoing

Note - A Liner has been installed in the Pipe to the Headwall behind The Street Dwellings.

E - Cost Quotations are available for the removal of Brambles along the Footpath from Moor Lane to the entrance to Tongham Woods – All to Note.

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

G - Tree Care to an Oak Tree at the Tongham Bowling Club using Funds provided by the TPC, TCG and The Moors Trust has been completed – All to Note.

Date of next TPC Zoom Meeting 16 November 2020

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: No reports.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey:

- i. Maintenance of play areas: monthly ‘walkabout’ and visual check possibly by Mike Heath and quarterly check by V B Refrigeration. Clerk and Chairman to draw up a monthly/quarterly schedule.
- ii. New development in Grange Road; fence between the development and Tongham Woods has been removed, TWIG has asked that a kissing gate be installed to prevent motor cycle and quad bike access, and a proper fence to keep animals from straying. Clerk to contact David Wilson homes. Cllr M Furniss requested a copy of our letter.
- iii. Lambourne Way: see item 5, County Council matters. There is little likelihood of Grange Road being opened up again. Roundabout at White Hart; again, see item 5.
- iv. Further traffic concerns focus on the chicane near The Cricketers and the Bowling Green; we would like traffic priority signage on both approaches to the chicane to warn people as many folks ignore the possible danger. Again, see item 5.

c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.

- i. Financial statements for September agreed by all.
- ii. Budget monitoring report was noted and agreed by all.
- iii. The initial draft budget was presented and will be finalised and agreed in December meeting.
- iv. A section 137 award to St Paul’s School of £500.00 was unanimously agreed. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Habgood.
- v. AOB/Correspondence: The figures from the Tongham Community Association raise concerns; the takings have fallen dramatically and any improvement is not imminent. It was agreed that TPC would forgo the £100 pcm towards grass cutting in the meantime, and monitor the situation carefully. The centre manager remains on Furlough. Also a request was received for a Section 137 grant; £500 awarded. Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Habgood.

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 19/10/2020”.

Proposed: Cllr Carey, seconded Cllr Habgood.

Signed: .....  
Chair of meeting

Date: 16/11/2020