



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 21/09/2020 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 E Schofield	Mrs Y Farmer
Mr J Riddell	Mr M Heath	

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: None.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/07/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Gray. Signed by Cllr Oakley and displayed to the meeting.
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 matters: Cllr Furniss advised that he had become aware of drug dealing issues in Tongham Woods, he liaised with the Police committee and this is now on their radar. Any further instances are to be reported to the Police online or using telephone number 101. Follow up visits will be made. The clerk advised that matters had improved recently and passed on the thanks of the Tongham Woods Improvement Group. There have been many road repairs recently, e.g. hogs Back resurfacing (Cllr Habgood advised this was very noisy still but was assured it would improve when settled down), White Lane (though not the hoped for changes at the A31 junction), Grange Road drains have been cleared. The developer has been spoken to and the GBC enforcement officer is aware; the drains had tarmac and concrete. Cllr Furniss advised us to let him know of any further wet spots in the village, i.e. where houses were affected, and of any places to plant trees. He also advised that the survey equipment removed from The Street by SCC was still held and had not been identified or reclaimed. There is a new Community Projects Fund for community improvements – not roads – available for applications. Cllr Oakley asked about weight limits on The Street and Poyle Road, the new Ash/White Lane developments are using 18-ton lorries which are disrupting traffic and using The Street. Cllr Spooner advised that GBC and the developer need to establish a structure management plan, and that this should be resolved expeditiously. Cllr Furniss advised that Trading Standards officers as well as the Police have powers to deal with such issues and suggested any details – e.g. photos showing number plates etc – be sent to him. Cllr Oakley and Cllr Eyre advised that more signage through the affected area would be useful. Mr Heath asked about the A31/A331 roundabout, Cllr Furniss advised that SCC would be taking this on but GBC remained financially responsible. Their aim is

to start work in the next 6 months, i.e. during the current tax year. Mrs Farmer asked about rubbish on the A331 at Farnborough. Meeting was advised this fell under Hampshire CC but Cllr Furniss was happy to chase this up. Surrey CC has cleared their rubbish. £2.5 million is due to be spent on balancing ponds adjacent to the A331 to help flood prevention. Cllr Furniss also advised the meeting that the speed limit is to reduce around Warren Farm and Poyle Road. The Manor Farm development in Tongham should result in a substantial S106 payment, which he hopes to use for traffic lights in The Street, as yellow lines proved unpopular. However nothing has been finalised yet, so any ideas can still be passed to him for consideration. Mr Riddell asked about preventing traffic from Grange Road developments using Lambourne Way – a quiet residential area – as a rat run. Cllr Furniss advised if it became an issue they would look at some way of slowing/preventing the traffic, for example improvements will be made to Grange Road. Cllr Habgood asked for details of these improvements; Cllr Furniss will try to re-send.

Borough matters: Cllr Spooner advised the meeting that Bewley and Bellway developments were both in early stages and any issues were mainly due to enforcement issues. The ‘Tongham Triangle’ development in Manor Farm appeal is ongoing. There were constant complaints about the Grange Road development, the GBC enforcement officer was aware of the situation and very active. He advised that a change of Leader at Guildford BC was expected tomorrow, the Residents for Guildford party were expected to provide the new Leader. New Unitarian council: a White Paper is expected from the Government soon, until that had been received all was just speculation. Cllr Eyre has resigned from Ash PC. A new Planning Officer has been appointed to GBC and should start by the year end.

6. Adjournment:

Mrs Y Farmer advised the meeting of a problem with ‘bee poo’ due she felt to the high numbers of bees in the vicinity. The clerk advised that she had spoken to the one beekeeper in the allotments (at the rear of Mrs Farmer’s property) who has assured her that he had become aware of the issue and was reducing his hives. However there are other local beekeepers. Clerk to ask allotment beekeeper for more information. Cllr Spooner advised that similar situations had arisen in other parts of the Borough but that beekeepers usually sorted it out themselves. Cllr Oakley agreed with actioned and said it was best to nip any problems in the bud. Cllr Eyre advised that youths seem to be coming back to the Rec, Mr Heath advised they did over the previous weekend but seem to be gone again now. Cllr Spooner advised that the Police and Safer Guildford Partnership were aware of issues. Clerk reiterated thanks regarding the Tongham Woods situation.

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 - The 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.

2 - Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

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

3 - Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - The remaining Old Birdsmouth 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 replaced - ongoing.

D - New Benches have been positioned in/near the Recreation Ground Play Areas – All to Note.

E - 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.

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

G - TPC has decided to cancel Bonfire Night this year – All to Note.

4 - Tongham Care Group (TCG)

A - Funds are being sort 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 on New Road has been completed. Repair of this System behind The Street Dwellings is in progress - ongoing

Note -Tree roots and Silt have been removed from 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 - The Community Centre has been opened – All to Note

H - Tree Care to an Oak Tree at the Tongham Bowling Club using Funds provided by the TPC, TCG and The Moors Trust will take place on Wednesday 30 September – ongoing.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: No reports.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Habgood:

i. Fireworks: Postponed till 2021. Booked provisionally for Sunday 7/11/2021.

ii. CGA request in for new play equipment – to decide what, later.

iii. Phone Box: repair ongoing.

iv. Silent Soldier: Clerk to purchase along with Remembrance wreaths.

v. Traffic in The Street and Poyle Road: see CC report above.

vi. Lambourne Way: likewise.

vii. Excess foliage in The Street: has been cleared by SCC.

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

i. Financial statements for July and August agreed by all.

ii. Accounts and AGAR form agreed and signed by Chairman.

- iii. Community Project Fund: agreed that the new stage at the Community Centre would be taken forward as a new project, Cllr Oakley to investigate pricing and Clerk to investigate application details.
 - iv. AOB/Correspondence: NONE
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 21/09/2020".

Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, seconded Cllr Gray.

Signed:
Chair of meeting
Date: 19/10/2020