



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 16/11/2020 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	Mr L Dyer	Mrs M Dyer
Mr M Heath		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Baldock (who has difficulty accessing Zoom), Cllr Carey.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 19/10/2020 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: Cllr Furniss advised the meeting that he and a Highways officer had met Cllrs Oakley, Eyre and the Clerk to look at issues around Tongham, plans were afoot to improve the chicane, the roundabout and consideration will be given to the parking on pavement issues in Ellison Way. GBC has asked SCC to take on the work of improving the A31/A331 but will need to provide more funding. SCC Cabinet meeting is next week.
Local schoolchildren are busily sending in names for the new grit lorries – many based on the film Frozen – and all the Grit bins have been filled ready for winter. Funding applications are open now, for the new Surrey funds, and the Clerk advised she had registered a project. Cllr Furniss mentioned that someone had suggested a BMX track for Tongham Recreation ground.
White Lane/Poyle Road; anti-skid junction and lower speed limit planned.
County: Cllr Spooner advised that he and Cllr Eyre had attended at a meeting with Ash Green RA regarding the latest plans. He advised that funding is especially difficult at the moment and that there are significant cuts; it is a difficult climate to work in. Mr Heath asked when work on White Lane and the roundabout at the end of Oxenden Road were planned; Cllr Furniss said next financial year.
6. Adjournment:
Mr Mike Heath made his report:

Surrey County Council (SCC)

A - The improvement to the A31 to White Lane Junction is planned for 2021 - ongoing.

B - The improvements to the Junction of Poyle Road to White Lane has been completed – All to Note

C - The improvements to the A31/A331 Roundabout has been approved 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 344 – The Street to Grange Road Is to be cleared of Brambles - ongoing

H - A review of the Parking in the Ellison Way Area is to be considered - ongoing.

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

J - The introduction of a Road Warning Sign at the Bowling Club Chicane has been approved – ongoing.

K – Traffic Lights are being considered at The White Hart/Grange Road Junction – ongoing.

Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

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

B - A request has been made to conduct Maintenance on Tongham Ditches - ongoing.

Tongham Parish Council (TPC)

A - The remaining birdsmouth fencing is currently being replaced - 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.

(Plan for replacement next financial year – MM)

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 - A Silhouette Soldier been installed in the grounds of St Paul’s Church Yard – All to Note.

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

Mr L Dyer asked whether consideration had been given to improving access to the A331/A31 and surrounding major roads, which would hopefully take ‘rat run’ traffic away from The Street, Tongham. Cllr Furniss advised that this was intended, but more plans and funding needed to be in place. However he is hopeful that improvements will take place, maybe in the next financial year. Cllr Spooner said that it was good to encourage new residents, and welcomed Mr and Mrs Dyer.

Cllr Oakley reported that he and the Clerk had met with Cllr Furniss, Cllr Eyre and a Highways officer to look at various issues round the village, i.e. the roundabout and Grange Road, the chicane at the Cricketers and parking in Ellison Way/Lambourne Way (bearing in mind the potential to use this as a through-road when the Grange Road developments are fully tenanted). The line marking at the roundabout are to be re-worked, meantime, and Cllr Furniss advised that the planned traffic lights maybe sited be at the Grange Road junction. Signage is to be improved at the approach to the chicane. There is the possibility of yellow lines at the T-junctions of Ellison Way, and maybe some posts in the grass verges to help prevent parking there. Cllr Oakley suggested that some form of prevention outside Bridge

Mews (where everyone parks for the shops) would be good; however this would not be suitable for posts.

The meeting held a discussion on parking in the village; all agreed more parking is needed, however there is no suitable land. Cllr Furniss is keen to encourage other forms of transport.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:

i. Application for 5 dwellings at 64 The Street: 20/P/01832. Objection letter sent, over development in area generally and in this property particularly. Cllrs Spooner and Eyre do not consider that substantial changes have been made to this previously failed application.

ii. Cllr Habgood advised that archaeological work has begun in Kingston House site.

b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey:

i. Recreation ground update: Cllr Oakley has had a conversation with Pro-Fencing who are doing the fence round our 5-a-side area. He has been offered an upgrade to include a top rail at no extra cost. All agreed to accept. Clerk advised we have paid 50% of cost upfront.

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

i. Financial statements for October agreed by all

ii. Debit card for Clerk's use: Clerk has not been physically into the bank but does not think our account allows debit cards. All agreed to leave the situation as it is for now, and look at again post-lockdown.

iii. AOB/Correspondence:

1. Allotments: Cllr Oakley has had a complaint about bonfires in the allotments. Clerk and Cllr Blewitt advised that two of the allotment holders had voluntarily burned all the wood left by other holders, from 3.30 – 4.00 pm; the only dates allowable are 1 – 10th November, so it had built up. Cllr Oakley has given Clerk's and Cllr Blewitt's details to complainant.

2. Complaint received re. soft play area in the under-8 play area. Clerk advised that the ROSPA inspection has been done and the report is expected, and advised waiting till that has been received.

3. Revised Code of Conduct from GBC: approved by all.
Proposed: Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Blewitt.

4. Cllr Habgood thanks Cllrs Oakley and Baldock for installing the Silent Soldier in the churchyard, and installing the poppies on the lamp-posts. She also advised that the Christmas light near the phone box seems to be on all day. Clerk to follow up.

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 16/11/2020".

Proposed: Cllr Habgood, seconded Cllr Gray.

Signed:

Chair of meeting, Date: 21/12/2020