



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 21/12/2020 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr P Spooner	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr G Eyre	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Blewitt
Mr M Heath		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Retrospective apologies received from Cllr Gray.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 16/11/2020 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr Habgood. 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:  
Cllr Eyre advised the meeting that the main concern he has at present is the Ash Road Bridge; a Planning meeting is to take place on 6th January 2021. He expects issues to be raised. Cllr Spooner advised that he and Cllr Eyre had re-joined the Conservative Group at Guildford Borough Council. He further advised us that he and Cllr Eyre had met the developers to discuss improvements at the Manor Farm site, however he pointed out that the plans were acceptable in Planning terms.
6. Adjournment:  
Mr Mike Heath advised the meeting that the Tongham Care Group would continue to function, but would step back from activities and reporting to the Council. He was thanked by all for the sterling work done by the TCG, and Cllr Spooner advised him that he was doing exactly what was necessary, i.e. keeping Councillors to account. Cllr Spooner also felt that Tongham PC should be kept in the loop. Mr Heath will continue to contact Councillors directly. Mr Heath admitted that at times he felt very frustrated; Cllr Spooner agreed that these were difficult times, and he shared Mr Heath's frustration. However sterling work is being done by the many Councillors who work hard at every level of local Government, and both he, Cllr Eyre and Tongham PC urged Mr Heath to keep going.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
  - a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: No new plans.
  - b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey: Chaired Cllr Oakley.
    - i. Recreation ground GBC have advised that they are planning to remove the 'poo' bins. These bins in the Rec are extremely well used and Cllr

Spooner is sending the Clerk details of whom to approach to express our antipathy to this idea. For little cost, this is providing a huge benefit to the community. Regarding GBC plans to charge for regular bin emptying, Mr Heath advised the meeting that the TCA actually emptied the bins into the Chambers waste bin and paid for this to be emptied weekly. Clerk will clarify to GBC.

- ii. Grange Road/ Tongham Woods fence: all are disgusted by the developers' action, i.e. ripping out the fence and rendering the woods a dangerous place for dog-walking and children. Cllr Spooner advised the Clerk in the first instance to complaint to GBC Planning dept, and he would expect the Planning enforcement officer to be involved. All agreed that Plans are pushed through with little or no regard for existing residents.
  - iii. Anti-social Behaviour at the Recreation Ground: After much lively discussion, the salient points are: Cllrs Spooner, Eyre and Oakley will request a meeting with the Police to request that the Recreation Ground is made subject to a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) so that we can request Police assistance in clearing those causing damage and unrest. Cllr Furniss is also to be invited to join this meeting/group. It is hoped that if we are seen to be a cohesive group then a) the Police will be willing to meet with us and b) we can apply for a PSPO. Cllr Spooner advised us that at present the Chair of Ash PC has met with the Police and advised them that Tongham's problems were 'minor'. Cllr Oakley advised that he and Mr G Tyreman had CCTV evidence and were keeping logs of issues and reportings to the Police; he also advised the meeting that 99.9% of Rec users were very supportive and caused no trouble at all, it's just a tiny minority who are not Tongham residents but need to be moved on.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
    - i. Financial statements for November agreed by all
    - ii. Register of Interests: Cllr Baldock has changed his job but this has no effect on his parochial duties.
    - iii. Any other business: 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 21/12./2020".

Proposed: Cllr Habgood, seconded Cllr Baldock.

Signed: .....

Chair of meeting, Date: 15/02/2021