



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 15/02/2021 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr S Gray	Cllr S Habgood	Mr M Heath
Cllr M Furniss	Cllr P Spooner	Mr D Thompson
Mrs K Wontner		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Graham Eyre, Cllr Ali Carey, Cllr Paul Abbey.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 21/12/2020 were approved. Proposed Cllr Baldock, 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:  
Borough: Guildford BC and Waverley BC are discussing a possible merger – still with two sets of Councillors, but working from one office. This is still early stages. It is an Independent-led initiative. Cllr Spooner thanked Cllr Furniss and the Highways team at SCC for all the work currently progressing in Ash and Tongham.  
County: On the A331/A31, Highways has started by clearing vegetation; slip roads and crossings will be started around April. A plan can be provided on request – Clerk to do this. The A323 junction works are almost complete, The Street bridge works are being done overnight. (Clearing birds, droppings, litter etc., and a safety check.) Due to the multiple local developments, there is a sizeable amount of Section 106 funding available; Highways are looking at traffic lights to manage Grange Road and The Street, also traffic calming in Manor Road. Work is continuing in the White Lane area, and the speed limit should be reducing to 30 MPH. Speed checks are planned for Poyle Road and if the speeds recorded exceed 34 mph, SCC will step in. Free bus travel has been extended to include pre-9.30 am, and trees have been planted in Chester Way and Poyle Road.. SCC now has a reasonable budget for such items as Highways works and Education; figures will be provided to the Clerk. Countryside also has funds for Spoil Lane repairs.
6. Adjournment: Mrs Wontner had no specific queries. Mr Thompson asked why Grange Road had been narrowed; this is causing huge issues to the existing residents. Cllr Furniss assured him that SCC would be carrying out a review once the building work on the roads was complete and any necessary action would be taken. Mr Thompson

emphasised that existing car park spaces had been removed, barriers put in place to prevent parking, and no lay-by yet provided. Passing traffic was dangerous to cars parked there, pedestrians. Cllr Furniss advised that work on the lay-by was going on now. He also assured the meeting that funds would be held back in case of need for improvement. Mr Thompson asked that he be kept informed as to when the safety review would take place; Cllr Furniss assured him that this would be well advertised. Cllr Habgood asked about changing wards in GBC; Cllr Spooner assured the meeting that the Electoral Commission are indeed looking at the number of wards, as we are all well aware there has been a lot of development locally and extra new Councillors may be appointed. No constituency changes are proposed. Mr Heath had asked what was happening with the Manor Farm development; he does not wish to give out any wrong information.

7. Reports from sub-committees:

- a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: No new plans.
- b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
  - i. Recreation ground GBC will not remove the 'Poo' bins, however they will be TPC/TCA responsibility to empty. They will not be replaced at the end of their usefulness. Mr Heath had advised TPC that the TCA actually emptied the bins into the Chambers waste bin and paid for this to be emptied weekly. No further action.
  - ii. Grange Road/ Tongham Woods fence: The developer has put amended plans forward to GBC with a fence which is acceptable to TPC. It is hoped GBC accept this amendment.
  - iii. Anti-social Behaviour at the Recreation Ground: The Chairman and Clerk have met with police and Mr Gordon Tyerman, the strong message being delivered is that incidents MUST be reported to the Police so that they are aware of any trouble spots and can action appropriately – either phone or online reporting are acceptable. We have received a report from Crime Prevention Officer Stephen Cake, which was most helpful, and this has been made available to the members of the Tongham Community Association...
  - iv. Village in Bloom 2021 – all agreed to enter this, when we have a date we will organise a litter pick, and the Clerk has checked – we will have our lovely flower baskets this year. Cllr Habgood will send round a list of suggestions of ways to involve the village residents and businesses.
- c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
  - i. Financial statements for December and January 2021 agreed by all
  - ii. The current asset register was approved.
  - iii. Surrey Playing Fields: all agreed the annual affiliation fee of £10.00.
  - iv. Newsletter: an online /noticeboard posting was agreed, but in current Covid restrictions it was felt unwise to hand-deliver to every house as usual. Will be produced shortly.
  - v. Section 137: £250.00 agreed for Leanne Bowden of Stagestruck. Proposed: Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Habgood.
  - vi. Any other business: Cllr Oakley reported a conversation he had with Mr Mike Heath, the perimeter fence around the new 'footie' pitch needs repair, as does part of the fence bordering with the Vicarage. Mr Heath is happy to carry out these repairs; all agreed. Also, the area approaching the woods/ adult gym is very waterlogged; Mr Heath has a price from Mr P Gibbs to carry out remedial works for £2000.00.

TPC can put £1200.00 towards this cost. All agreed. Cllr Oakley will bring this up at the TCA meeting on 9/2/2021.

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 15/01/2021".

Proposed: Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Habgood.

Signed: .....

Chair of meeting, Date: 15/03/2021