



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING::Monday 19/04/2021 Held by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

### PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Gray	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr S Habgood	Cllr P Buckley	
Cllr M Furniss	Cllr G Eyre	Cllr P Spooner
Mr D Evans	Mrs J Evans	Mr J Ferns
Mr M Heath	Mrs G Slater	Mr C Pritchard
Mrs J Pritchard		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Ali Carey, Cllr Sue Blewitt.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/03/2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Baldock. 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 reported that work had started on the A31/A331 slip road to include an upgraded crossing. In The Street, a feasibility is taking place and will be presented for public comment in due course. New yellow lines will be put in place in Ellison Way and Lambourne Way to prevent parking on blind corners. After the election on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Cllr Furniss' Member's Allocation of £5000.00 will be available to help community projects/needs. He also advised us that yellow lines will be put in place on the slip road leading to the Hogs Back to prevent the current parking issue there. £660,000.00 will be spent to provide an 'on demand' transport facility, thus improving the present bus service.  
Borough: Cllr Spooner advised the meeting that the planning pre-app scheme had been suspended for 3 months, after which time it would be reviewed. There are insufficient resources to cope with the current level of applications. He has asked that they try to clear the backlog as swiftly as possible. With reference to the felling of the poplar trees in The Street, Tongham: Cllr Spooner advised us that the developer had every right to fell the trees from the ambulance station to the Brewery entrance, however he completely agreed that the nesting season is NOT the time to do this. He will follow this matter up tomorrow morning.  
Cllr Eyre had nothing else to bring up.
6. Adjournment: Mr Pritchard raised the matter of HGV lorries travelling through the village, it was established that there is a 7.5 ton weight limit; however entrance is

allowed for access. GBC and the developers will have agreed a Construction Management plan which would have included routes. Cllr Baldock also suggested that we could talk to the developers and ask them to put up signage, e.g. 'No Construction Traffic'. Cllr Eyre said that a similar situation occurred in Ash, the lorries were following their SatNavs and coming along Ash Lodge Drive. It was agreed that Cllr Oakley would speak with Mr G Tyerman and try to obtain CCTV images from the cameras in the village centre. These will be sent to Cllrs Furniss and Spooner.

7. Reports from sub-committees:
  - a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt:
    - i. 21/P/00505: Ipsley Lodge Stables; plans for 2 houses and two pitches. Objection to go – grounds of over development and concerns re traffic, It was felt that the entrance is not currently suitable, and there is sufficient traveller pitch provision in the area.
    - ii. Mast at the Hogs Back Hotel: several questions have been sent to the company proposing the mast.
  - b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
    - i. Tennis Court re-surfacing: quotes to be sought, surface needs binding/resin; 2 quotes should be with us soon, 1 more needed.
    - ii. Bronze plaque at the crossroads: Clerk and Cllr Habgood have offered to clean these, when the weather is suitable. After this they will be cleaned regularly on an annual basis.
    - iii. Village tidy up: the Parish in Bloom competition is being judged (all being well) mid-June to mid-July; so at the end of May and ongoing we will ensure the village is as clear of litter as possible. It mainly is, except in certain areas (lay-by at the shops, Rec ground). Cllr Baldock has offered to litterpick at the top of The Street. Clerk has contacted Lifesigns at the crossroads to ask whether they are planting any flowers in their hanging basket.
  - c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
    - i. Financial statements for March 2021: agreed by all
    - ii. Election update: we have a new Councillor, Philip Buckley, who was the only applicant. A warm welcome is offered to Cllr Buckley.
    - iii. Section 137 request from Tongham Woods Improvement Group: the group need help with insurance costs (estimated at £350) and with some new tools, especially as more and more people are using the woods. A total of £500.00 was agreed unanimously: proposed Cllr Habgood, seconded Cllr Baldock.
    - iv. Any other business:

Cllr Oakley advised us that Mr Mike Heath, TCA chairman, had reported a bin set alight. Mr Heath is sourcing a new bin which the Parish Council will pay for.
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 19/04/2021". Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Baldock.

Signed: .....

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 17/05/2021.