

Tongham Parish Council: Chairman's Report 2021

I write my report this year on the back of a past 12 Month like no other I have experienced in my life, whilst it has been difficult I am just grateful we are all still here to tell the tale and my thoughts go out to those that have lost loved one's during this awful period we have all been through.

As always's I would like to start by thanking all Parish councilors for their efforts throughout the year and their support of both myself as Chair and Margaret as Clerk, I do feel we currently have a group who are all pulling in the same direction and working together which is very pleasing. Welcome to Cllr Phil Buckley our latest recruit, and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best as a Parish Councilor.

The past year has seen TPC complete all our planned projects, including the low level fencing along the Street between the shops and Lambourne Way and the football and basketball enclosure on the former tennis courts at the recreation ground, this area is always busy with young and old alike taking advantage of it, the recreation ground is a real credit to Tongham in my opinion, boasting 2 play area's 2 football pitches, a top quality cricket square, adult gym tennis court and of course a lovely walking experience for dog's and their owners, and lets not forget our fantastic community centre.

Moving on to County and Borough, I would like to Thank Matt Furniss, Paul Spooner and Graham Eyre for their support and encouragement toward Tongham Parish Council, it is very much appreciated, and really does give us the sense that we must be doing something right to receive such support from these individuals.

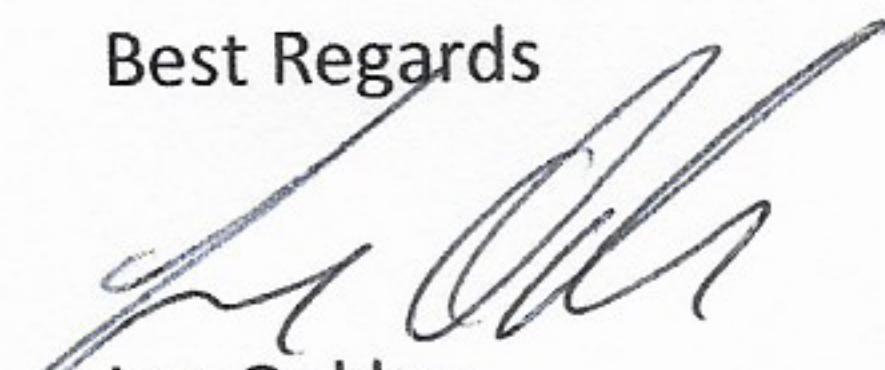
As always's many thanks to Tongham "Super Resident" Mike Heath for his continued work regarding all things Tongham, particularly within the recreation ground, of which in my opinion has never looked so good.

Huge thanks to my Clerk, Margaret Murray for her subtle prompts and reminders throughout the year, including writing this report in time for Monday's meeting, she makes my job so much easier and I don't know what I will do without her.

Finally, if any of you thought I would get through my report without any mention of development within my village then you were wrong, I make no secret of my loathing for both the developers and the houses they build, and will never be convinced it will improve Tongham or indeed Ash, however we must all just get on with life and try to live with the disruption.

With the end of restrictions looming I wish you all well for the future

Best Regards



Les Oakley

Chairman: Tongham Parish Council