TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: HYBRID meeting Monday 17/05/2021. Held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham – restricted by Covid Regs – and by Zoom at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: None.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 19/04/2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Habgood. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
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 his Member's Allocation of £5000.00 will be available to help community projects/needs from 1/6/2021. He is happy to consider ideas for community improvement. He advised us that the Big Lunch, a community get-together idea, was taking place shortly and suggested Tongham might want to organise one – e.g. a barbecue, maybe. He also advised us that speed control bumps are to be installed in Manor Road, and traffic calming improvements on The Street are to take place – there will be an opportunity for public liaison and feedback, he has suggested traffic lights at the top of The Street, improvements to the roundabout at the White Hart. He has organised a speed check on Oxenden Road following complaints from the public. He had organised one on Poyle Road, and was able to report that the majority of people are driving at the correct speed. There are a few speeders at the beginning and end of the day, however, and monitoring will continue. He has also requested a safety check regarding issues at St Paul's school. There is a large area of ground beside the school which is owned by Surrey CC, he would welcome ideas of what to do with this, preferably something to help the community.
   Borough: Cllr Spooner advised that the election results had been pretty much as expected with little change. Regarding the Tongham Triangle in The Street, this is now to go to Reserved Matters in June. There are considerable Members' and Officers' concerns regarding this development. Other planning: the Ash Manor site is due to come up before the committee, there are 3 different applications for this

development, and it is challenging. Information has been received about the area of land on the north side of the Hogs Back, an AONB, and both Cllr Spooner and Cllr Eyre are investigating robustly. This may be a speculative long-term plan.
Cllr Eyre had nothing else to bring up.

6. Adjournment: Mr & Mrs Pritchard and Mr & Mrs Evans both raised the matter of HGV lorries travelling through the village, Cllr Furniss advised that some signage is due to be re-positioned more usefully and accurately, all the developers have been reminded of the requirements,. He requested that any breaches be reported to Cllr Spooner, preferably with photographic evidence. A lengthy discussion then took place, the result being that Cllr Oakley would consult with Mr Gordon Tyerman about the CCTV images, and any resultant registration numbers would be passed to Cllr Spooner, who also agreed that any photographs taken of lorries coming through the villages could be sent to him. The more actual evidence rather than hearsay the better. He did point out that some of these could have legitimate business to do so but if photographed frequently were likely to be in breach of the agreement. Cllr Eyre advised the meeting that a professional cameraman lived on the route from Ash over Ash Bridge and had been instrumental in stopping lorries taking that route.
Cllr Baldock advised the meeting that the Grange Road development was starting work way too early; Cllr Spooner advised us that the Government had introduced leniency rules around working times, due to developers falling behind after lockdown. However he also advised us that individual developers need to apply for permission for their sites; he will check whether David Wilson homes have done so and if they have not will follow it up.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: NONE
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey. NONE
    c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
        i. Financial statements for April 2021: agreed by all
        ii. Section 137 request from Tongham Community Association: towards re-opening costs, including a leaking radiator, £350.00; proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Buckley.
        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 17/05/2021". Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr. Buckley.
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Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date:.