TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 19/07/2021, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Gray	Cllr A Carey
Cllr S Habgood	Cllr P Buckley	Cllr G Eyre
Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr M Furniss	Cllr P Spooner
Mr T Boxall	Mrs J Smith	Mrs G Spittles
Mr M Heath	Mrs L Aves	Mr P Aves
Mr R Johnson		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr M Baldock.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 17/05/2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Gray. 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 the lay-by at the top of The Street had been completed, he has requested that the developers do not use this as it is for the residents' use. He had not received photographs of the HGV's mis-using the Street and Oxenden Road and the meeting was advised that this situation had improved. He had attended a safety AUDIT AT St Paul's school and was pleased to report that some of the advised actions had been accepted. There is a new transport plan online; the target is to reduce carbon emissions by 46% so an electric minibus is planned, this can be requested by phone and used by residents. (Not in use yet.) Cllr Oakley asked about the Runfold bridge; repairs are being carried out. Mr Heath asked whether residents had been consulted about the use of bollards planned at Oxenden Court (Ash PC area). Cllr Furniss explained that much of the parking on that site was illegal and the alternative to bollards was double yellow lines. Mr Heath then asked for a progress report re traffic lights at the A331/A31; still in progress. Guildford BC had been the leaders of the project, now lead has been taken by Surrey CC. Mr Heath then asked about the land behind St Paul's school; Cllr Furniss confirmed he had spoken to the Education team, no allocation had been made of the land yet, suggestions welcome.
   Borough: Cllr Spooner advised that enforcement issues are ongoing at Ipsley Lodge Stables. The gateway seems to be under some work, following Surrey CC's objection

on Highways grounds, enforcement are aware. He said that 600 new homes have been allowed at The Horsleys, the local Plan is balancing out (Tongham and Ash being the first areas to be developed). Mr Heath asked about the Ash railway bridge, permission was granted in January, work is expected to begin in December 2021. Mr Heath is concerned that this will result in a rat run, Cllr Eyre advised that he shared that concern and would be monitoring. Mr Heath also asked about the joining of Waverley BC and Guildford BC; this is NOT a Unitary situation, SCC will not be affected, there will be one Chief Executive and one management team. Details will be available as time proceeds. It will be similar to Hart District and Rushmoor Borough Councils. Cllr Eyre had nothing else to bring up.

Cllr Spooner also advised the meeting that the area north of the Hogs Back – an AONB – has been bought up by Taylor Wimpey. He has met with then and told them that he is totally against any development here. He advised also that developers were using delays in using existing plans to try to get more homes agreed. We agreed that the strategic gap needs to be protected, as does this AONB.

6. Adjournment: Mr & Mrs Aves, and in fact the whole meeting, agreed that any more houses in the Kingston House site would be totally unacceptable, intrusive and over-crowded. Cllr Oakley advised the meeting that the Parish Council would **not** be meeting with developers at Kingston House and that although two Councillors and the Clerk had agreed to meet with them this did not represent a meeting with Tongham PC and was representative of concerned Tongham residents only. Tongham PC would be objecting to any increase in the number of homes. Cllr Habgood had asked the developers that question when we originally met with them, and they had at that point promised that no more homes were planned. Cllr Spooner reminded the meeting that as many people as possible had to write objecting to this, however even if the matter went to full Planning Committee and was turned down, he warned that the Planning Inspectorate may overturn the decision. Suggested grounds for objection were listed as lack of infrastructure, Highways aand wildlife – which is even more pressured to exist than when original permission was granted. Cllr Spooner said that he is expecting updates from the Government on mental health and climate change.

   Mr Heath advised the meeting that the phone box (adopted by Tongham PC for £1) is almost complete; TPC will be arranging for a defibrillator, and it is also planned to have shelves for books and run a book exchange. He was advised that TPC had funds set aside for the restoration.

   Mr Heath also brought up the matter of the ladies' loo at the community centre; needs floor repairing, Clerk will follow up and put in an insurance claim.

   He also asked if TPC could put in the order for the repair of the 'puddle' at the bonfire site in the Recreation ground – he will send the details to the Clerk, who will proceed.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
   a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: Clerk has contacted Tom Smailes of Bewley Homes regarding a meeting consisting of herself, and Cllrs Habgood and Buckey, and Bewley. Will follow up.
   b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
      1. CCTV annual review was received from Mr G Tyerman. Mr Tyerman suggests a meeting on Friday evening with Tongham Parish Councillors.
      2. ASB at the Recreation ground: we have had little support from the police, despite constant reporting of the issues; so random patrols by security guards are planned, and the Police will be contacted by letter.

3. Raising profile: a postcard is being produced to be hand delivered round the village, stating broadly what we do, advertising the website and asking for people to sign up for an electronic newsletter. There will still be some paper ones available. Thanks to Cllrs Gray and Habgood for their work.
4. Excess greenery between the shops and Manor Road; Mr Darren Crail has been asked to clear the pavement, having regard to insect and butterfly life not too far back.
5. Allotments: 3 plots (one tenant) are seriously overgrown, to be cut back and then re-offered to people on waiting list.
6. Phone box: as above, almost completed, will house defibrillator and book exchange.

c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
   i. Financial statements for May and June 2021: agreed by all
   ii. 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 19/07/2021". Proposed: Cllr. Buckley, Seconded: Cllr. Blewitt.

Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 20/09/2021