TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 20/09/2021, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Gray	Cllr S Blewitt
Cllr S Habgood	Cllr P Buckley	Mrs Y Farmer
Cllr P Spooner (GBC)	Cllr M Furniss (SCC)	Mr C Pritchard
Mr T Boxall	Mrs G Spittles	Mrs J Pritchard
Mr M Heath	Mrs L Aves	Mr P Aves
Mr B Waugh	Mrs C Waugh	Mr D Evans
Mrs J Evans		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr M Baldock, Cllr Graham Eyre (retrospective).
2. The minutes from the meeting on 19/07/2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Buckley. 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 on the current traffic nightmare surrounding and going through the village. There was considerable discussion and the following issues were brought up: safety, danger to property and people, traffic fumes, time taken to travel through the village, the appalling amount of bad and inconsiderate driving taking place, road rage. Cllr Furniss is very concerned to improve matters; temporary traffic lights are to installed in The Street within a week, these will be monitored to ensure that when the permanent lights are installed (next tax year) they will be in the best place; the Grange Road roundabout will be taken into account. He assured the meeting that the road works are intended to finish in November this year, and meantime, has signage directing through traffic away from the village. The traffic lights will operate all day and evening. Mr Evans asked if there were plans to improve the traffic flow from Ash onto the A331; Cllr Furniss answered yes, but this will be partially reliant on Hampshire County Council improving the North Lane area. Mr Waugh enquired whether double yellow lines could be used effectively; this had been Cllr Furniss' intention last year, however a petition was handed in from residents of

The Street objecting to this. Mrs Waugh asked whether speed bumps would be installed; No. It was pointed out that regarding the new development at Manor Farm, provided most of the traffic came out of the sole exit/entrance and turned right to the A31/A331 then this would be fine; if they come left into the village chaos will ensue. Mr Pritchard asked whether his photos of lorries incorrectly driving through the village are being used; Cllr Furniss assured him they were, they were being passed to the Highways Team and, where necessary, letters were being issued to the drivers, and also Police were being notified where applicable. Cllr Oakley advised that as far as he was aware the situation has improved; Mr Pritchard said it had not. Cllr Furniss is very happy to continue receiving photographs. Mr and Mrs Aves asked about a dip in the road adjacent to the Orchard development; Cllrs Spooner and Furniss will work together to find out whether this is Highways (SCC) or pavements (GBC) to remedy. **Borough**: Cllr Spooner advised that both Bewley applications for Ash Manor site had been refused, which is very good news. The Ash Road bridge is proceeding, as it the footbridge. He was happy to report that all bin collections are proceeding well.

6. Adjournment: Mr & Mrs Aves, and in fact the whole meeting, remain concerned about the extra 6 homes requested; Cllr Spooner is of the opinion that this may well be accepted, however a couple of extra houses may be dropped. Cllr Habgood advised the meeting that far too many trees had been ripped out and she remains extremely disappointed and angry about this. She also mentioned that she had referred an enquiry regarding the substation on the site; Cllr Spooner has received no such enquiry, Cllr Habgood will check and advise contact. Cllr Spooner advised that many times the developers will agree, and then change their minds and rip trees out; regarding the poplars at Manor Farm in The Street, the developers had agreed to keep these following public outcries, and then the Planning Inspectorate made the decision that they needed to use the plans with semi mature trees instead. Mrs Spittles asked about large-item furniture collection; GBC has suspended this service during Covid restrictions. She mentioned that she had been on the phone for over 30 minutes, no messages, no replies; Cllr Spooner advised that he or the Clerk would be happy to pass on enquires by email, as the online 'my Guildford' service was currently offline and the Council are trying to move people from telephones to online enquiries.
   Mr Waugh advised the meeting that the phone box (adopted by Tongham PC for £1) is almost complete; he and the Clerk will liaise regarding the best way forward.
   Mr Heath brought up issues regarding Oxenden Court parking and traffic, however this is situated in Ash Parish Council. Cllr Spooner will take note.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
   a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: None.
   b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
      1. 6 monthly budget monitoring: the Clerk confirmed that we are where expected at this point in the year.
      2. Fireworks: planning is being carried out, the Fireworks company have confirmed they are on board, all going well.
      3. Anti-social behaviour at the Rec: this seems to have quietened considerably, however there is still an option to use a private security team if needed.
      4. Raising profile: a postcard is being produced to be hand delivered round the village, stating broadly what we do, Cllr Gray will send this round for comment and for extra information suggestions.

5. Phone box; Almost complete, the Clerk will liaise with Mr Waugh. Thanks were given to him for all his hard work.
6. The White Hart: the Clerk has started the process of adopting the White Hart as an asset of community value, she explained to the meeting that this would mean if e.g. the landlords wished to sell the pub then the village would have a 6-month window to raise the funds and run it themselves.
7. Fly-tipping from Maitlands Close flats to the woods; mainly grass cuttings. If this continues a letter from Tongham PC will be issued advising the residents to request a garden waste bin from GBC.

c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
   i. Financial statements for July 2021: agreed by all, August bank statement not yet received. Clerk to chase up.
   ii. Changes to Register of Interest: no changes reported.
   iii. CGA for 2022/23: additional ramp at community centre and teen shelter.
   iv. Section 137: Scouts: £500 towards new hut and equipment.
   v. Section 137: Guildford Young Carers: £20 awarded.
   vi. Section 137: Tongham Football Club: £250 awarded.
   vii. Any other business: Mr Heath asked if TPC could help with the cost of funding air conditioning for the centre, it needs £10,000 and he has £5,000. This is marked as needing discussion and will be on the next agenda. Cllr Oakley assured Mr Heath that he was well aware of the time constraints – i.e. Planning permission, and the potential of prices increasing.

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. Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr. Gray.

Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 18/10/2021