TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 26/09/2022, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr S Grey	M Murray	D Evans
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr A Carey	G Smith	
Cllr S Habgood	Jill Smith (clerk)	T Boxall	
Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr Spooner	J Evans	

Clerk: Mrs Jill Smith

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Baldock, Cllr Eyre
2. The minutes from the meeting on 18/07/2022 were approved. Proposed Cllr Buckley, 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: No Cllrs attended
   Borough: Cllr Spooner reported that due to the elections coming up next May 2023, he felt things were already beginning to slow down. GBC has now appointed heads of services for Waverley and Guildford for the slow move forward to the merger between the 2. Cllr Spooner reported that the new leader, Paul Follows, seems to be doing very well and has settled in, and reported that Cllr Follows seems very keen to respond to residents directly rather that enquiries going elsewhere to be dealt with., which was a good thing. Cllr Spooner felt that Tongham and Ash would maybe loose out as the Boroughs priority seems to be aimed at Guildford Town Centre. He reported that there was a meeting this week between SCC and GBC about the old people's provision, which considering the closure of the Shawfield day care centre, was much needed. He hoped that there would finally be some progress on that front, and that he, or Cllrs Eyre or Furniss would be able to report back to us on this matter. The old Debenhams building in Guildford town centre has been put forward for residential planning and Cllr Spooner felt this was very likely to be approved. Cllr Spooner felt the North Street development would have more of a struggle to get approved. He reported that Cllr Furniss would still be our divisional councillor now that he no longer holds responsibility for highways.

6. Adjournment: Mrs Murray reported that there was a broken bit of fencing along The Street (between the entrance to Lambourne way and the shops) that needed repairing. It was broken when a tree fell last year, and the tree was removed but the fence wasn't repaired. It was agreed that TPC would look into getting it done: **ACTION CLERK** Mr Evans spoke about the placemaking proposals and asked what the next stage of the procedure would be considering that most of the 200 odd comments on the site were negative. Cllr Oakley explained that the placemaking team were quite a new organisation and that they were not actually there to sort out the traffic problems in The Street, or issues with the chicane, and hey these issues were not included in the plans despite Cllr Furniss saying/thinking that they would be. Mr and Mrs Evans confirmed that they had made their views/thoughts known on the online platform and would await further information on the issue going forward. They also talked about the piece of land between Ellison Way and The Street as both they, and all councillors had been told previously that the land did not belong to SCC so could not be touched, but the placemaking team had said that it belongs to SCC and they can improve it. The improvements to that piece of land were generally agreed to be a good idea. Mr Evans queried who would look after that green area if the plans went ahead, and Cllr Spooner said that officially it would be SCC – although it was felt that probably a village working party could maybe take it on and keep it looking nice. There was also public concern raised about the possibility of the roundabout at the junction of Grange road and The Street being removed as it was felt that would be very detrimental to traffic trying to get out of Grange road at busy times.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: None
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
        a. Village sign : Cllr Habgood is still awaiting the design from the developers : **Ongoing**
        b. Placemaking : as per above this is ongoing : **Ongoing**
        c. Teen shelter : There were 10 online responses to this proposal so TPC are now going to get more designs together and get the project underway : **Action Cllr Grey**
        d. 6 monthly budget : Clerk reported that TPC was where it was expected to be 6 months in to the financial year.
        e. Fireworks : risk assessment and planning : Clerk reported that emails had been sent out to all relevant parties to ask for help and permission for parking in the church car park. Cllr Oakley reported that he had contacted the usual food outlets/rides and DJ who were all on board for the day. It was agreed that due to the ever growing numbers of public who now attend, that there should be more first aid signage and it should be more prominent. : **Action Clerk**
        f. Autumn newsletter **:** Cllr Habgood has started to put together an Autunm newsletter and hopes to have if finished in the next 10 days or so and on the website so that people can have time to still go online and leave comments for the placemaking team, which closes on 7th October : **Action Cllr Habgood**

Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.

a. FNST for July and August 2022 : Agreed by all
b. Register of interests: No changes
c. CGA 2023/24 ; Clerk reported that claim had been put in to enable TPC to go ahead with replacing the piece of equipment in the small playground that was removed due to it being unsafe. It was agreed to ask HAGS to quote for new swings – 1 baby swing and 1 normal swing : **Action Clerk**

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 26th September 2022". Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr. Grey

Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 17th October 2022