TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 21/11//2022, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr M Furniss (SCC)	Mr D Evans
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr P Spooner (GBC)	Mr C Pritchard
Cllr S Habgood	Cllr G Eyre (GBC)	Mrs J Pritchard
Cllr S Blewitt	Mrs M Murray	
Cllr A Carey	Mr T Boxall	
Cllrs S Gray	Mrs J Evans	

Clerk: Mrs Jill Smith

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: No apologies were received.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 17/10/2022 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 advised that there had been a good uptake to the online consultation for the placemaking with over 600 people responding. Parking on the pavements in The Street was something that has been flagged up by many residents, and he reported that the proposal was for a total ban on pavement parking and 2 raised tables to deal with any speeding issues. It would mean losing 4 parking spaces on The Street, but after a few visits from his team, it was shown that there would still be sufficient parking on The Street for residents. The 2nd proposal was for H bar line paining across people's driveways, but this would mean more parking spaces would be lost. The proposal has been sent to TPC for their approval and he will await their feedback.
   The main Tongham improvements have now gone to the next level to approve funding which would mean it would be started next year. MM asked if the roundabout was staying at the junction of Grange Rd and The Street and Cllr Furniss said it was. Cllr Furniss said that there is currently a bus usage consultation going on and he asked as many residents as possible to go online and take part in it. There are a few options being looked at, one of which is introducing an on-demand service, £2 per journey, is Surrey, which was felt to be a good idea, and if the on demand service was well used, we might be able to ask the bus companies to reinstate services which have been cut. It wouldn't be set routes, so means it would be easier for people to get into Farnham,

which is currently hard on the buses. There is a link to it on our website and notices on the notice boards.
Cllr Furniss said he still has £1250 in his community projects allowance to use up, so if there was anything we felt he could help us with, to contact him.
He asked about TPC's Your Fund Surrey application. This is ongoing and needs to be looked at in more depth by the councillors and clerk, Cllr Furniss said that he was happy to help with anything if needed, including a letter of support : **Ongoing Clerk to contact TPC councillors to arrange a meeting.**
Cllrs Furniss talked about flooding/blocked drains and encouraged people to report online, this way, problems will be dealt with quicker.
Cllrs Furniss said that next year, if we had any tree planning or road/pavement resurfacing requests, that we should let him know. He has £100k to spend in his division.
Cllr Habgood asked Cllr Furniss about the state of Grange Road, now that the building works have finished. Cllr Furniss said he would chase it up for resurfacing.
Cllr Oakley asked Cllr Furniss about the Surrey Arts Partnership – it was confirmed that all surrey arts groups were involved and they would contact Cllr Oakley directly.
Borough : Cllrs Spooner and Eyre had nothing to report.

6. Adjournment: Mr Pritchard asked about the mulch that had been left by the removal of the Ash die back trees. Cllr Furniss said he would ask for it to be tidied up and it was also part of the Tongham improvement plan and some replanting would be done there, when that work gets underway: **Action : Cllr Furniss**
7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: Nothing to discuss.
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
        1. Fireworks: Feedback. The event was a great success, many thanks to Flashpoint Fireworks and to all concerned. The Scouts collected £4239 and with a contribution of £200 from the stall holders – TPC were donated £2119. Cllr Oakley is going to put some words together for the TPC website and hold a debrief session with all concerned. **Action : Cllr Oakley**
    c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
        a. Financial statements for October 2022 agreed by all.
        b. Changes to Register of Interest: no changes reported.
        c. The draft budget for next year (2023/24) this is still being looked at: **Ongoing : Clerk/Cllrs**
        d. Any other business/correspondence
            i. Cllr Baldock has resigned, GBC are aware and the process for getting a replacement is underway.
            ii. YFS – as talked about with Cllr Furniss, this needs a meeting to be arranged to go over what to do next. **Action Clerk, Cllr Oakley, Cllr Grey**
            iii. Allotment update : plans are in place to get one of the plots that has been left to become overgrown, cleared, and its been agreed that the plots need monitoring more closely in the future : **Action Clerk**
            iv. Warm Hubs : We were updated but MM on the warm hub being offered at the Old School Hall form the Church and Cllr Oakley said that the TCA were in discussions about maybe offering the Community Centre as well. It was agreed that the OSH needed more advertising.

Clerk to contact Vicar for opening times of Warm hub and Food shed :
Action : Clerk: **DONE**

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 21/11/2022". Proposed: Cllr Blewitt, Seconded: Cllr. Buckley

Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 19/12/2022