TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 17/04/2023, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr S Blewitt	Cllr Eyre	Mr T Boxall
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr M Furniss	Mrs M Murray	Mrs J Pritchard
Cllr S Habgood	Sallie Barker	Mr D Evans	Mr D Hard
Cllr S Gray	Cllr Spooner	Mrs J Evans	

Clerk: Mrs Jill Smith

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Carey
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/03/2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr. Blewitt. 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. Cllr Oakley talked about the ongoing Village sign agenda item and has said this item is to be taken off the agendas going forward until there is another update – work is ongoing between Cllr Habgood and the developers on this matter.
5. County and Borough matters:
   County: Cllr Furniss updated the meeting on the Village improvements and said that the Poyle road gateway would now be delayed until the 2nd phase of works due to the fact that some lighting needs to go in first. Once this is done it will be ready for the gateway to be done in the 2nd phase of the Village improvements works. He confirmed that the gateway is also being pushed further out beyond the 30mph limit which all felt was a good improvement. Cllr Furniss said that as soon as he gets the updated plans, he will let us know. Cllr Furniss also said he would get the road works sign in The Street taken down after a query from Mrs Murray.
   Borough : Cllrs Spooner and Eyre said the borough is very quiet due to the upcoming elections. They congratulated those councillors who have been re-elected and Mrs Murray who has been elected after an uncontested election. They confirmed that it would be their last meeting and they would no longer be standing. They were both wished well for the future by all present.

6. Adjournment: Mrs Evans asked about the Parish Council elections and was assured that all notifications had been put on the Parish Council website and the 2 noticeboards in the village, as directed by GBC on the correct dates. Mrs Evans queried the fact that she felt the village sign was taking far too long, having bought up a few years ago the need for one for the village. The one that the developers are getting for the village is taking so long because they cant find anyone to do the design that was proposed, but Cllr Furniss said he would sort out "Welcome to Tongham Village" signs : **ACTION : Cllr Furniss**
   Mrs Pritchard asked about the removal of the chippings and Cllr Furniss assured her that it should be done within the next couple of weeks and he would chase it up : **ACTION : Cllr Furniss**
   Cllr Blewitt had been asked by a member of the public if anyone knew about the land that had been left near the new development off Ash lodge Drive which she thought

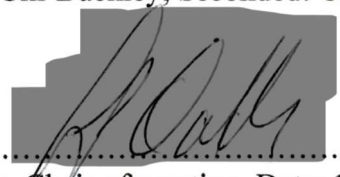
was going to be used for either a GP surgery or a nursery. Cllr Spooner informed the Parish Council that neither the CCG nor current local GP practices wanted another surgery putting on there, despite the local need for GP's! He is hopeful that whoever takes over from himself and Cllr Eyre will keep on top of this issue and find another community use. They have been assured that Bewley have no intention of taking it back and putting in more houses. The contract says that if Bewley or the CCG can't agree to build a health facility there the land will revert to the Council to do something with. But of course, it's not a simple issue. Both councillors have been pressing GBC to try and get some movement on this issue as they are concerned that time will run out on it.

7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: Grange Road – 10 new dwellings. The Clerk confirmed the Parish's original objection to the dwellings back in December 2021 was on the planning hub. A concern was raised that the Parish council should try and engage more residents on issues like planning etc. The Parish council puts information of interest on their website and noticeboards and in some cases social media, it was felt that there was nothing else that needed doing. It was also confirmed that updated postcards about Tongham Parish Council have now been ordered for distribution, mostly to the new houses, in the hope that more people might come along to the meetings and generally get involved with the village.
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
        a. King Charles Coronation : The banners are now up advertising the Picnic in the Rec. The day will be like the one that we had for the Queens platinum jubilee. Everything is going ahead as planned.
        b. Teen Shelter : It was agreed that this could now be ordered and it is hoped that the shelter will be in place by the summer. **ACTION : Cllr Oakley**
        c. Trampoline in park : This should be completed within the next couple of weeks – it may have to wait until after the Coronation party due to it being an unsafe area whilst its being done. **ACTION : Cllr oakley**
    d. AONB boundary review : Cllr Buckely confirmed there was no update at the moment. He's putting together a poster with a QR code on it which will be easy for people to use to voice their views. Mrs Murray/Cllr Grey suggested that some flyers could be made up once a meeting date has been agreed for the public meeting. These are planned to be done so that they can be handed out on the Coronation party day.
    e. Village Sign update : this matter has been addressed earlier in the meeting.
    f. Trees encroaching on Alder Copse from allotments : Cllr Oakley has visited the house who bought up the issue. It was agreed that the Oak tree could be trimmed as long as there is not a TPO (tree protection order) on it. Cllr Oakley will organise a tree surgeon to do the works. **ACTION ; Cllr Oakley**

Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.

a. FNST for months ending March 2023 agreed by all
b. Changes to Register of Interest: no changes reported.
c. Asset register check : this is being taken off the agenda, Cllr Grey will update it.
d. Any other business/correspondence : Section 137 from TCA £500 towards lighting. Cllr Grey also asked Mrs Murray, Secretary of the TCA if we could have all the reports as well as the minutes from the TCA meetings. Cllr Oakley has had a quote of £275 for the annual moss kill of the children's play area and it was agreed that this should go ahead. It was also bought up that the adult gym area at the top of the rec could be cleaned, Cllr Habgood is going to look into this. Cllr Grey asked about replacing the piece of equipment that had been taken out in the little children's play area. The quote to replace it was rather expensive. The clerk can now confirm that an application for a CGA for this piece of equipment has been done. **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 17th April 2023".
Proposed: Cllr Buckley, Seconded: Cllr. Grey



Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 15th May 2023