TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 20/12/2021, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Blewitt
Cllr S Gray	Cllr P Buckley	Cllr A Carey
Cllr G Eyre (GBC)	Cllr M Furniss (SCC)	
Mrs J Smith	Mr G Smith	Mr T Boxall
Mr H Heath		

Clerk: Mrs Margaret Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Oakley thanked all those present for coming out on such a cold winter's night. Retrospective apologies received from Cllr M Baldock and Cllr P Spooner.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/11/2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr, Buckley 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.
5. County and Borough matters:
   BOROUGH: Quiet at the moment, the Ash Lodge Drive development had set aside a plot of land for a medical practice but have received no interest yet. There are 2.5 years remaining after which the land will revert to the developers. GBC are hoping to canvass public opinion for a community centre of some sort – hall, library, youth club. Cllr Blewitt observed that it was a great shame about the Doctor's surgery; Cllr Eyre agreed, remarking that all the local Doctors are heavily over-subscribed.
   Cllr Oakley mentioned the dangerously damaged pavement outside the new development at the top of Poyle Road; Cllr Eyre will bring this to the attention of Planning Enforcement, however Cllr Habgood (who lives close to the development) advised that the developers had told her they would put scalpings down to cover the area between Christmas and New Year, after which work would be done and after that, re-tarmacing would take place.
   COUNTY: Cllrs Oakley and Carey proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Furniss for all his – and SCC – work on the new A331 junction with the traffic lights. It would appear to be working really well, both the cars and pedestrians. Cllr Furniss said that he was delighted and that he could now turn his attention to local issues in The Street,

Manor Road, Poyle Road. He confirmed that it is still the intention of SCC to put yelow lines at the corner of Ellison Way and Lambourne Way; Mrs Smith remarked that it was sometimes difficult to exit, as vans parked right on the corner.
Mr Heath was thanked for providing Cllr Furniss with photos of trees provided for the recreation ground.

6. Adjournment: Mr Heath thanked Cllr Furniss for all his hard work, and thanked Tongham PC for their support throughout the year. He advised that the big gate at the entrance to the Rec has been changed to a much lighter gate that will be a lot easier on the users.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: No plans to discuss.
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey. Nothing to discuss.
    c. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
        i. Financial statements for November agreed by all.
        ii. Changes to Register of Interest: no changes reported.
        iii. The draft budget for 2022/2023 was formally approved.
        iv. Section 137 request from Tongham Care Group to have the markings in the community centre car park re-done; £300.00 to be contributed by TPC. Clerk to order.
        v. Report that the bus stop in Manor Road needs cleaning; Clerk will inspect and either wipe clean or organise a professional clean.
        vi. Any other business: Cllr Carey asked Cllr Furniss about footpaths, citing the one from the Hogs Back petrol station to The Street; it is in need of clearance. She asked whether one could be formed in Seale near the playground. Cllr Furniss will ask, however this would rest with the landowners, Hamptons, who have cleared the one from Seale Lane to the park.

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 20/12/2021". Proposed: Cllr Gray, Seconded: Cllr Carey.

Signed: ……..
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 21/2/2022