TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 20/03/2023, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr S Blewitt	Mrs Pritchard
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr M Furniss	Mr Evans
Cllr S Habgood	Mrs M Murray	Mrs Evans
Cllr S Gray	Mr Pritchard	Mr Moore

Clerk: Mrs Jill Smith

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Carey, Cllr Spooner, Cllr Eyre
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/02/2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Buckley, 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 reported that Grange Road was due to be resurfaced on 4th April 2023 now that all major developmental works have been finished. He still has drain investigation and repairs if needed down as ongoing. SCC will clear drains first then a camera will be put down to investigate further. He reported that everyone should have had their leaflet through now concerning road improvement works which will hopefully be carried out during the summer. He reported that he has a new £5000 community allocation fund available from 1st April for small projects and that each county has now been given £50000 over 2 years for bigger community projects which don't meet the bigger Your fund Surrey project criteria. He advised that if there were any local projects that might benefit for this they should get in touch with him. He reported that that bus consultation has now been done. HCC are withdrawing the 41 bus as of September 2023 and SCC will be introducing an on demand bus service from September. It's a bit like an Uber, you can ring up, order a bus to come to your home and the cost will be £2 for any journey, but will be free for bus pass holders. The buses are 60 seater electric buses and you can do anywhere (within reason!) he reported that the only trips that would not be available would be school drop offs and pick ups.Cllr Furniss reported the 520 bus was still going to be running for another year and that will then be switched to the on demand service as well. Cllr Furniss has been around with the tree officer to identify a number of sites for tree planting and will let us know more when the checks for utilities etc has been done. They will need to be watered for the next year, so that is something that is being looked into. He also reported that there will be more tree planting at the end of the year where trees were removed at the end of the 331 roundabout. After a query from Cllr Habgood concerning the resurfacing of Grange round and whether kerbs and the width of the road were going to be addressed, Cllr Furniss said they would talk to the land owner (who is still the developer) to see if they can widen it a little bit.

   Borough : No Cllrs present.

6. Adjournment: Mr Pritchard asked Cllr Furniss about the embankment in The Street where the ash die back tress have been removed, and he reported that the chippings will be cleared out and some low tress of some sort will be replanted in the winter. Mr Pritchard asked Cllr Furniss about the opposite side of the road to the embankment where a fallen tree had been taken away by SCC but all the debris from it had just been thrown into the hedge there. Mr Pritchard had himself been down to cut some of the brambles back and had seen what a terrible mess it was. Cllr Furniss has said he will look into getting it cleared and agreed that some of the SCC funding could be used to plant something more attractive there. **ACTION : Cllr Furniss**
Mrs Evans asked Cllr Furniss if he and Sallie Barker were still putting their flyers through doors as she had not had one. Cllr Furniss said she should have had one and apologised and would get one to her. He confirmed that their part of Oxenden road was still within the ward as the ward ends at Elm Lane : **ACTION : Cllr Furniss**
Cllr Oakley asked Cllr Furniss if they had got to the bottom of who was parking on the verge opposite the bowling green and Cllr Furniss said he was in the process of talking to them to ask them to stop before they plant some trees on that patch. Cllr Furniss informed us that the person parking was in fact in breach of parking rules, he should not be parking there. Cllr Furniss also confirmed that yellow lines would be being painted on The Street by the shops to stop people parking there and up on the path. As Parking enforcement was being taken back from Borough and going out to a private firm who were going to be patrolling the villages far more often than GBC have done in the past, he felt that the problem could be sorted out fairly quickly .Cllr Furniss confirmed that people can legally park on pavements as long as there is enough space to pass with a wheelchair/pushchair, but you cannot park on the pavement if there are double yellow lines on the road. Cllr Furniss confirmed that from the summer, pavement parking on The Street would be banned completely. Cllr Habgood asked about the large Laurel Hedge opposite the church that obstructs the view, and Cllr Furniss will look into that. **ACTION : Cllr Furniss**
7. Reports from sub-committees:
    a. Planning: Chair Cllr Blewitt: None
    b. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Carey.
        a. King Charles Coronation : TCA are leading the preparations for this. TPC clerk has put up posters and is just waiting for the banners to be done so they can go up ASAP – **ONGOING : Clerk/TCA**
        b. Teen Shelter : This is still ongoing. Cllr Oakley is going to let us know installation costs before the shelter is ordered, and it is hoped it will be installed by the summer Action : **Cllr Oakley**
        c. Trampoline in park : Cllr Okley has met with a local company to get the drainage dug for this. **Action : Cllr Oakley**
        d. AONB boundary review : Cllr Buckely informed that himself and the clerk had attended a meeting concerning the review of the AONB boundaries, and the consultation is now underway. Cllr Buckley informed us that the review to bring in Tonghams side of the Hogsback did not meet the criteria to allow it to be bought into the AONB. If the Parish want to make any inroads into changing Natural Englands views of the area our only option is to make comments saying why we think the area is beautiful enough to be included. Cllr Furniss, who had also met with

Natural England, said that it was felt there were not enough comments , with photos, from the public to help Tongham meet the criteria. Cllr Buckley is going to put notices, with QR codes on them, on the areas where people go walking to encourage more MOP to go online and leave comments and pictures. Cllr Buckley said he would also put notices in the Community centre, Church and church hall, and Village Hall and there are already notices on all notice boards in the Village, hopefully this will encourage people to comment. It was agreed that TPC would look into getting a banner made for the railings in The Street telling people about a specific meeting to be held in the Community Centre for this. It would need to be done once the Coronation banner is taken down. **ACTION : TPC/CLERK**

Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.

a. FNST for months ending February 2023 agreed by all
b. Changes to Register of Interest: no changes reported.
c. Asset register check : Cllr Gray and Clerk are going to go through this together and update : **Action Cllr Gray/ Clerk**
d. Risk Assessment approved.
e. Section 137's were agreed : Tongham Toddlers £500 and St Pauls church towards the community garden £203.50
   Tongham Bowls club have put in a request for section 137 but it will need to come out of 23/24 monies.
f. Any other business/correspondence : None

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 20th March 2023".
   Proposed: Cllr Habgood, Seconded: Cllr. Blewitt

Signed: [redacted]
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 20th April 2023

