TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 19/06/2023, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Habgood	Mrs L Lowdon (Cllr Lowdon)
Cllr S Gray	Mr Graham Smith	Mr Tony Boxall
Cllr M Murray	Mr C Pritchard	
Cllr P Buckley	Mrs J Pritchard	Cllr M Furniss (arrived after public meeting had finished)

Clerk: Mrs Jill Smith
20/06/23

1. Co-Option of 2 possible new members – Mrs Lyn Lowdon was co-opted onto the Parish council with a unanimous vote from all other Councillors.
2. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Sallie Barker
3. The minutes from the AGM and Parish Council meeting on 15/05/2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded: Cllr. Buckley. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
4. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None.
5. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
6. County and Borough matters: Please see notes added at the endo of the minutes, to be ratified at the meeting on 17th July 2023.
7. Adjournment: Mr Boxall informed the council that the Christmas Pie trail sign in Poyle Rd/ Spoil Lane was broken off and needed putting back up. Cllr Oakley said he would look at it and fix it : **ACTION CLLR OAKLEY**
8. **Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.**
   a. FNST for month ending May 2023 - Agreed by all
   b .Register of Interests - No changes
   c. Approve and sign 22/23 AGAR and discuss Internal Auditors report. AGAR agreed by all and Auditors report agreed and approved by all Councillors.
   d. Any other business /correspondence – None
9. **Planning : Cllr Murray** – None
10. **Lighting and General Purpose : Cllr Buckley**
    a. Teen shelter : Clerk reported that it was due for delivery on 20/06/23 and will hopefully be installed in the next couple of weeks.
    b. AONB boundaries review update: Cllr Buckley reported that that submissions were now closed. He put in a very thorough report from Tongham Parish

Council and was pleased with the public meetings that were attended very well, with promises that there would be many more submissions done. Cllr Buckley was thanked by all the Council for all the many hours of hard work he put into this project. It will be some time – up to 2 years, before we will know whether we have been successful or not.

c. Village sign update – Cllr Habgood reported that she had finally managed to find the Poyle Crest, which has some nice colour in it, and all the council are happy with design, so she has sent it back to the developers and awaits an update on when it might be made.
d. Trees encroaching on Alder Copse from allotments- Due to holiday and tree surgeon not being available, Cllr Oakley reported that the trimming of the few branches on the tree has not yet been done. It is hoped to report at the next meeting that this matter will be done and closed. **ACTION CLLR OAKLEY**
e. TCG email concerning holes in fencing and tree removal at recreation ground : Mr Heath has been instructed to carry out the works needed.
f. New noticeboard for Manor Farn Estate: The council agreed that this was a good idea and have asked the Clerk to contact the developers to see if they are happy to put one up for us. : **ACTION CLERK**
g. Residents Manor Farm estate opposite HBB asking for a crossing to allow them safe crossing on The Street : It was felt that this was a question for Cllr Matt Furniss – see notes attached.
h. Visit to Tongham Moors : it was agreed that a visit would be done with the Clerk and as many councillors who can make it on Thursday 29th June at 6.30pm starting in the Recreation ground, walking through to inspect the allotments then on to The Moors : **ACTION CLERK**
i. Visit to Tongham allotments : see above, to be done on the same day.
j. SE water works update : The council talked about the meeting that had been organised by Rupert at the Hogs Back Brewery on Thursday 15th June. This meeting was well attended and there were many concerns and questions raised with SE Water representatives. Cllr Matt Furniss was also present and pointed out at the end of the meeting that SCC have not yet granted a permit for any work to be carried out. He attended another meeting with SEW the following day. Please see notes attached for his update on this matter. Cllr Oakley reported that Rupert from HBB had asked TPC to set up a Whatsapp group to discuss this matter, but it was felt that this would be a huge undertaking for the Clerk (or whoever was to do it) and could potentially cause more problems than it would solve. Members of the pubic with concerns can either contact Cllr Furniss of SEW directly. Cllr Oakley will contact Rupert to tell him this will not be done. **ACTION CLLR OAKLEY**
k. Any other business/correspondence : Cllr Murray reported that the SE in Bloom Team were visiting Tongham on 3rd July, but she didn't have a time for it yet.

11. 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 19th June 2023". Proposed: Cllr Buckley, Seconded: Cllr. Lowdon

Signed: ...[redacted].....
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 17/07/2023

Notes from meeting after Cllr Matt Furniss attended after the public meeting had closed – to be ratified at the next meeting on 17th July 2023

County and Borough.

Cllr Furniss proposes that as part of the 2nd phase of the Tongham Village enhancement he will try to get a speed table/crossing with some Section 106 money to help residents cross over The Street as he also agreed it was very dangerous there for pedestrians.

Cllr Murray told Cllr Furniss that we have reported the overgrown trees and bushes near the shops, and it was bought up that the hedges from Manor house flats up to the brewery is really overgrown as well. Cllr Furniss said that as none of it belongs to GBC it just a case of cards being put through doors asking people to land owners to cut the hedges/bushes etc back – **ACTION CLERK**

Cllr Habgood asked if Cllr Furniss had got anywhere with Belways on the Dover Arms, Ash road works. He reported that he had asked them today but had not yet heard back from them .Cllr Habgood reported that according to the contractors, it was BT that they were waiting for. Cllr Furniss reported that whilst the roadworks were happening at the Dover Arms, there would be no work done in The Street by South East Water as it would mean there were too many roadworks in the area which would cause more hayhem.

Cllr Furniss reported that he had just received the plans for the speed tables down Manor Road, so was hopeful that it would help to reduce the speed of vehicles coming down there, and this work would soon be started.

Cllr Furniss updated a bit more about the SE water mains works, there was a discussion about the other route proposals that SE water were looking into, which would take at least another 2 weeks for them to look at all other options and come back with their findings. He said that if The Street was the only option for the works, Grange road would be shut of completely, all residents would need to go via Lambourne Way, and a works compound would be made there, and this alone would shave up to 3 weeks off the proposed work time. He also reported that it would be 50 meters at a time rolling works. It was unanimously agreed that the communication from SE Water had been very poor!