TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 18/12/2023, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Murray	Mr T Boxall	Mrs J Smith
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr L Lowdon	Mr M Daughtreau	Revd C Holt
Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Barker	Mr D Evans	
Cllr S Gray	Cllr M Furniss	Mr G Smith	

Clerk: (Acting) Mrs M Murray

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence:
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/11/2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Lowdon, Seconded: Cllr Gray. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: Cllr Oakley declared an interest in LGPS item 1.
4. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
5. County and Borough matters: :
   Borough: Cllrs Barker and Furniss will be attending a meeting at GBC tomorrow regarding a new Chief Executive Officer. Regarding the McDonalds at the garage application, there will be a meeting in Feb/March to decide this. We as a PC will draft a response. Concerns include litter, environmental impact and impact on Tices Meadow.
   County: Poyle Road; junction at White Lane, action expected March/April. Cllr Furniss has asked for pavement resurfacing for a couple of sections of Poyle Road. Phase 2 of the upgrade to The Street should take place next year, including at the chicane on Oxenden Road, this last during the February half term, and tables similar to those in The Street are to be installed in Manor Road to reduce speeding near the school.
6. Adjournment:
   Cllr Habgood asked why the new street lights at the development near her property were not working. Cllr Furniss advised that the developers need to progress and to connect to the grid. He is pushing for this.
   Mr Daughtreau asked about the tables in The Street. Cllr Furniss advised that any breaking areas were down to be repaired. He also replied to Mr Daughtreau's query about people parking on the tables that yellow lines and grids would be used to prevent this.
7. **Reports from working groups:**
   a. **Finance, Policy and Administration**: Cllr Gray.
      1. FNST for November 2023: all agreed.
      2. Budget for 2024/25 agreed.
      3. Financial Regulations were approved.
      4. S137 request from St Paul's school: £1000.00; to help with set up costs for new nursery for the village. Agreed.
      5. Register of Interest: no changes declared.
      6. Section 137 request: from Bowling club (NB should have been minuted in October meeting) £450.00. Agreed.

7. Ramp at community centre: TCA will be seeking grants/funding.

b. **PLANNING:** Cllr Murray.
    1. NONE.

c. **LIGHTING AND GENERAL PURPOSE:** Cllr Buckley
    1. Tongham Football club wish to erect fencing round the top pitches, there is a real issue with dog fouling and they hope this will make it clearer that these are pitches and dog fouling must not be allowed or tolerated. All agreed. They will be seeking funding – total cost expected to be around £10,000.00.
    2. AOB: Cllr Habgood advised the meeting that the new Welcome to the Village sign was now in place. The meeting expressed thanks to her for all her effort and patience.

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 18th December 2023". Proposed: Cllr Buckley, Seconded: Cllr Habgood.

Signed: .....
L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 18th December 2023.