



## TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 15/03/2024, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

### PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr L Lowdon	Mrs Hellen Whitworth	Mrs Jo Houston	Mrs Julie Leker
Cllr S Gray	Cllr S Habgood	Mrs Elaine Devlin	Mr Andrew Keen	Mr Peter Roberts
Cllr M Murray	Cllr E Hall	Mr P Bearman	Mr Stuart Gadsby	
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr M Furnis	Mr T Boxall	Mrs Patricia Hughes	

Clerk: Mr. Zedekiah Watyoka

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Furniss apologised on behalf of Cllr Barker.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 19/02/2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr S Gray, Seconded: Cllr. P Buckley. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: Cllr P Buckley declared interest in allotment.
4. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with in the course of the meeting.
5. County and Borough matters:  
Manor farm developers would like to construct an access pavement. Flooding investigations are still under way. Oxenden Road works are now complete. Pricing for a new footpath between the scout hut and the recreation centre.  
As Road Bridge , then Manor speed humps.  
Mcdonald's proposal has been delayed pending more information.  
SCC is objecting the 20mph for the Cardinals, including school safety following extension . Sweeping requested in Lambourne Way. Cllr Furniss will give funds for the ramp.
6. Adjournment:  
Mr Bearman is still advocating for the preservation of the Old Manor Wall as it has historic significance to the community. They are 2 species of bats that are currently residing in the wall. Not sure if they are protected. In the interests of local history and conservation of wildlife this needs to be considered before a new crossing is erected.  
Residents that live along and close to the proposed development of Number 9 Manor Road are objection the construction of the proposed 5 new houses. They cited that the new houses will be of a different design being taller than the existing structures, concern that this will greatly impact the environment and affect the general outlook of the area. Currently Spoil Lane is used as public parking which will no longer be existent. This will limit the parking in the area. At present the road gives access to allotments and dog walkers and pedestrians to the footpath. This will be greatly compromised by the construction. There is also risk of flooding that needs to be considered. Residents were advised on measures to take in opposing the construction of the new builds. TPC is also against the construction and will gladly write to GBC in this same regard.
7. Reports from sub-committees:
  - a. Finance, Policy and Administration: Chair: Cllr Gray.
    - i. FNST for month of February 2024 agreed by all.
    - ii. Register of Interest: no changes declared.

- iii. Section 106 funding. There is £88,000 available for spending. Proposed ideas from last meeting are still being explored and decision will be made once all quotations are in.
- iv. Asset register check : Still ongoing.
- v. REPF funding: the fund is for improving jobs and economy, not suitable for e.g. new chairs for community centre; however, we could consider applying for extending the building on the existing groundwork that has been done to create more space and use them as multipurpose rooms. After discussion it was agreed not to proceed.

b. Planning: Chair Cllr Murray:

- i. Fuel Station, Blackwater Valley Road. Erection of a freestanding Restaurant with drive through facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works including customer order displays and a play frame.  
Still with SCC pending ore information.
- ii. Location: 54 Poyle Road, Tongham, Farnham, GU10 1DU. Proposal: Construction of detached dwelling and single storey extension to existing dwelling following subdivision of plot.  
Approved.
- iii. 9 Manor Road, Tongham, Farnham, GU10 1BL  
Proposal: Proposed five detached/link-detached four-bedroom dwellings with private gardens, dropped kerb and two parking spaces each following demolition of existing dwelling.  
Reject.

c. Lighting and General Purposes: Chair Cllr Buckley.

- i. Fireworks: The 2023 firework display was good, but all felt the crowds are growing too large for us to cope with. We will be taking steps to ensure public safety whilst still holding our very popular event. Proposed changes or ideas:
  - St Johns ambulance presence
  - More volunteers / paid stewards to control traffic and movement.
  - Maintain the event free and continue with the donations but to restrict advertising to posters and banners to avoid too many outsiders.
  - To use a skip or disposing debris from the bonfire
- ii. Clearance at The Moors: The are will be cleaned out and the space given back to the "environment".
- iii. Allotments: Currently they are 22 people on the waiting list. Portaloo to be emptied on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> od March and a Skip placed in on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.
- iv. Parking at St Pauls school: On going as we are seeking SCC to enforce some road traffic infringements. SCC seems reluctant to enforce any laws/ Cllr Furniss will look more into this matter.
- v. New batteries for VAS: These have been bought and are currently with Mike Heath.
- vi. Litter pickers: Suggestion was to buy and keep these and use them when a village clean up is organised. Cllr Furnis suggested to use the free ones that are provided by GBC.
- vii. Village enhancement: Layout near White Hart

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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024". Proposed: Cllr. Lowden, Seconded: Cllr. Habgood

Signed:

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: