

Chairmans Report For AGM 20TH May 2024

Thanks as always to all TPC Councilors for their time and dedication to Tongham Village, we are all aware the village is growing at an alarming rate and change is inevitable. Volume of traffic seems to be high on everyone's agenda and it can only be hoped that this "Settles Down" once all the road works and services for all the new houses are complete.

This past year has seen a change of personnel with Zed taking over as Clerk to the Parish Council, following on from Jill Smith who for personal reasons had to stand down, my thanks to Jill for her efforts whilst in office. Councilors Ed Hall, Lyn Lowden and Phil Buckley being the "newest" additions to the council have been great in my opinion as have councilors who have been around a bit longer, Councilors Susie Hapgood. Sue Gray and of course Margaret Murray, special thanks to Sue G and Margaret for ensuring the smooth transition of parish clerk, you have both done a fantastic job in helping Zed into his new post and ensuring that everyday parish issues were dealt with.

This year has seen us take back responsibility for Tongham Moors and I know we have several idea's for that area, with works having begun with the removal of the existing play area equipment which had seen better days to say the least. The allotments seem to be as popular as ever with a long waiting list of people looking to be considered should one become available. The Recreation Ground continues to be a well used area for Football, Cricket, with the various play/exercise area's also very popular with local people, it also provides a very nice setting for numerous dog walkers.

Thanks to all the members of the public that come to meetings here at the old school, special mention to Tony Boxall who barely misses a meeting. Thanks to Matt Furniss and Sallie Barker for their continued support of Tongham and for their help and advise which at times is much needed. Thanks also to Mike Heath who despite no longer attending TPC meetings continues to carry out lots of tasks around the village.

Finally my apologies for not being able to attend this evenings meeting but in my absence I would just like to make clear that I am happy to stand again as Parish Chairman should the majority of my fellow councilors wish, however if its felt that its time for a change by the majority then so be it.

Have a great summer everyone !!

Best Regards

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