

TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 15/04/2024, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Murray	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr E Hall
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr S Gray	Cllr S Barker	Mr P Bearman
Mr T Boxall			

Clerk: On leave, Cllr Murray taking minutes.

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Barker apologised on behalf of Cllr Furniss, who has sent updates via email – Many thanks. Apologies from Cllr Lowdon.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 18/03/2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr Hall, Seconded: Cllr Buckley. 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: Cllr Barker advised that the new Chief Executive for GBC had now been appointed and had started work. The Housing Fraud investigation is ongoing. There is difficulty in contacting GBC; all Councillors agreed. The merger with Waverley BC is continuing.
 - a. SCC have highway rights over the verge I will let Gemma know.
 - b. Road space is being booked for the path connection from Manor Farm to The Street. Designs remain as per approved plans.
 - c. I met with the team about the next phase of improvements including the park area and the junction in front of the shops. We also have some repair work to the tables on The Street planned as they were not built to standard. This will be met by the contractor.
 - d. The SCC Flood team conducting a section 19 investigation, this will include highways and Thames Water to build some flood resilience into the village. If anyone was impacted please can they contact me and I will put them in touch with the flood team as part of the investigation.
 - e. Oxenden Road works complete and bollards installed.
 - f. Pricing of a new Footpath on South Side of Poyle Road being quoted from scout to recreation ground.
 - g. Manor Road speed tables being installed this financial year.
 - h. Ash street bus stop and crossing improvements being installed this financial year.
 - i. White Hart asset of community value is confirmed. If the purchaser wants to change the current use then the community has the first right to buy the premises.
 - j. Bins are not being removed from Tongham woods, understand being converted to general refuse.
 - k. Mcdonald application delayed due to more information being sought by SCC, currently unless improved Surrey will object.
 - l. 20mph for the Cardinals being advertised and school safety improvements meets being designed up for consultation.
 - m. St Paul's expansion confirmed couple weeks ago, the new road safety plans will take this into account.
 - n. Street sweeping requested for Lambourne and surround roads, any other suggestions welcome.
 - o. Graffiti on the A31 bridge reported for clearing, I have chased this today.
 - p. Community Allocation and Small YFS Grants now live. Please let me know of any bids.
6. Adjournment: Cllr Barker will be contacting GBC Planning department as it has been brought to her attention that unauthorised extensions, garage conversions, businesses etc are taking place in the Manor Farm development which Bellway are not controlling.
Mr Boxall had a query about the boundary of Ash and Tongham which the Council were able to advise on.

7. **Reports from working groups:**

a. **Finance, Policy and Administration:** Cllr Gray.

1. FNST to end March 2024: all agreed.
2. Register of Interest: no changes declared.
3. Asset register update: Cllr Gray asked for input from the Chair as to how long equipment etc would be expected to last; she was advised 10 years is reasonable.
4. S106 project: pathway round the outdoor gym and pathway to link up the horseshoe round the wooded area in the Rec and to increase to parking area for cars etc near the bonfire site: Cllr Oakley is working on obtaining quotes.

b. **PLANNING:** Cllr Murray.

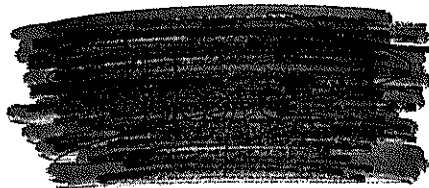
1. 24/P/00479
2. 24/P/00481: both these are extra homes on a site where the developer originally wanted 9 homes which was reduced to 6 on grounds of overdevelopment and serious Highways issues; application was put in for No 7 which was granted. The request has now come in for 2 more. Objections to be sent on original grounds.

c. **LIGHTING AND GENERAL PURPOSE:** Cllr Buckley

1. Fireworks: Ongoing.
2. Play equipment at The Moors; will be done this week.
3. Allotments: we are having an inspection / walkabout on 8/5/2024 at 6.30 pm. 1 skip has been filled and removed.
4. Parking round St Paul's school: double yellow lines have not helped, parents ignore them.
5. We are purchasing litter pickers and hi-viz jackets. Cllr Gray to price.
6. Verge outside White Hart: apparently owned by SCC
7. Pavement running from Scout Hut to Rec entrance: SCC are investigating and obtaining pricing. NFA by TPC required at present.

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 15^h April 2023".
Proposed: Cllr Buckley, Seconded: Cllr Habgood.

Signed:



S Habgood (Vice Chair), Chair of meeting, Date: 20th May 2024.