

TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday 19/05/2025, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road, Tongham at 7.30 pm. PRESENT:

Cllr L Oakley	Cllr M Murray	Cllr E Hall	Cllr S Gray
Cllr P Buckley	Cllr L Lowdon	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Barker GBC
Parish Clerk K Brennan	Mr D Evans	Mrs S Whitlam	Mr T Boxall

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Matt Furniss
2. The minutes from the meeting on 17/03/2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded: Cllr Gray. Signed by Cllr Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None.
4. Register of Interests: No change.
5. Matters arising: none which would not be dealt with during the meeting.
6. County and Borough matters:
 - a) Local Government and Devolution plan, 2 proposals have been submitted to the Government and a decision is pending.
7. Public Adjournment:

Mrs Whitlam raised safety concerns regarding overhanging trees on the land behind her property in Tongham Meadows, and requested that the trees are cut back,

Councillor Habgood to check the ownership of the land and Councillor Oakley suggested that if the responsibility sits with the Parish Council then a visit to the property to assess the problem will be the first step to resolving the problem.
8. **Reports from working groups:**
 - a) **Finance, Policy and Administration:** Cllr Gray.
 - a. FNST for March and April 2025: all agreed.
 - b. Allotments rents: 2 debtors currently, Councillor Gray has sent letters to the those responsible.
 - b) **PLANNING:**
 - a. Manor Road/Spoil Lane: old plans withdrawn, no further plans in yet.
 - b. Fuel station – McDonalds restaurant application ongoing, GBC matter.
 - c. Taylor Wimpey purchase of properties in Poyle Road and The Street giving access to fields: no plans have as yet been received by GBC. We may be assisted by amendments to the AONB boundary.
 - c) **LIGHTING AND GENERAL PURPOSE:** Cllr Buckley
 - a. Local plan: Ongoing. Cllr Buckley will investigate financial support.
 - b. Tongham Moors: Several Councillors met for a walk round and inspection of the area, maintenance is required as it is very overgrown.
 - c. Playground: Councillor Habgood confirmed work has now commenced.

- d. Parking in Poyle Road: Councillor Habgood to make enquiries regarding a request for double yellow lines to reduce the problem.

9. Any Other Business:

- a) A skip has been ordered for the Allotments and due for delivery on 23rd May.
- b) 5 Allotments plots are not being maintained, they are all rented to the same person and a letter will be sent to the tenant regarding the terms of the rental agreement.

10. 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 May 2025".

Proposed: Cllr Lowdon, Seconded: Cllr Gray.

Signed:

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 16th June 2025.

Actions:

Tongham Meadows / Moors – tree safety issue – Cllr Habgood & Cllr Oakley

Allotment overdue rents – Cllr Gray

Local Plan SCC – Cllr Buckley

Poyle Road parking – Cllr Habgood

5 Allotments maintenance – Cllr Gray