

Tongham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: Monday 21st July 2025, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road
Tongham 7:30 pm.

Present:

Cllr L Oakley (Chair)	Cllr S Habgood	Cllr E Hall	Cllr P Buckley
Cllr L Lowdon	Cllr M Murray	Cllr S Gray	Cllr S Barker (GBC)
Clerk K Brennan	Mr D Evans	Mrs S Cox	Mr T Boxall
Mr. M. Denness (Consult communications Ltd)	Mr N. King-Smith (Consult communications Ltd)	J. Vilcins (GBC Housing)	

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr M. Furniss (SCC)
2. The minutes from the meeting on 16/06/2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr Buckley, Seconded L. Lowdon. Signed by Cllr L. Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: Cllr Buckley declared as an Allotment holder.
4. Register of Interests: No change.
5. **Matters arising from June meeting:**

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllrs Hall & Buckley in contact with Ash Parish Council who have provided contacts for initial plan set up.

Tongham Meadows – Tree issue: several councillors have viewed the area and there is no safety issue.

Section 106 – funding ideas are:

A notice board for the new estate on The Street, opposite the Brewery.

An extra water supply for plots on the allotments.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Continue to liaise with Ash Parish Council and share information across councils to identify trends.

6. **County and Borough matters:**

Councillor S. Barker (GBC) informed the meeting that a public meeting concerning the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) will be held at Ash Manor School on 28th July and that the consultation process will close on 5th August.

She also informed the meeting that she and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC) will be meeting representatives of Taylor Wimpey Construction, to discuss planning intentions for housing developments in the village, on Friday 25th July and will update the council after.

7. **Public Adjournment:**

- **Presentation from Consult Communications Ltd** – Mike Dennis provided information on the development of land at Manor House Flats for social housing (Planning App: 25/P00793). Presentation focused on architectural design and project plans; there was a Q&A session following the Presentation.
- **Public Concerns** – Mr D Evans informed the meeting of an incorrect sighting of a road sign at the Oxenden Road Traffic Island, this is to be reported to Surrey Highways.

8. **Reports from Sub-Committees:**

- **Finance and Administration:**
 - Financial Statement for June 2025 presented, agreed and signed.
 - Section 106 - Suggested projects acknowledged but further project ideas are required.
 - **Section 137 Grants** –
 - TWIG Application - £500 agreed.
 - Bowling Club Application - £300 - £600 pending.
 - **Planning** –
 - Planning Applications discussed:
 - 25/P00802: 9 Manor Road – No Objections
 - 25/P00991: ‘Santong’ Hogs Back Seale – No Objections
- **Lighting and General Purposes:**
 - VJS80 day – It was decided that there will be no village commemoration for this event.
 - ROSPA Report - for inspection of Recreation Ground Outdoor gym equipment, Play areas and facilities – All recommended high-risk repairs to be carried out.
 - Waste Bin Cleaning - 2 quotes received – Follow up required.
 - Tongham Care Group(TGC) - 2 enquiries: VAS scheme relocations and Neighbourhood Watch sign re-instatement – No actions as no longer required.
- 9. **Any Other Business** – Local Government Reorganisation – a choice of 2 or 3 authority options to support. The consultation process ends on 5th August, it was decided to complete the questionnaire but not to commit to either option as not enough information provided.

Village Defibrillator update - Battery and Pads replacements ordered and inspection regime reinstated.

MET office extreme Weather training – Cllr Habgood agreed to attend the training on behalf of the council.

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 Habgood, Seconded: Cllr Murray.

 Signed:  

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 21st July 2025.

Actions:

Section 106 - ideas for projects still required – All Councillors

Allotments – Extra water supply – plans ongoing – Cllrs Buckley Oakley and Clerk.

Oxenden Road Traffic sign fault – inform SCC – Cllr ?

ROSPA report – Gym equipment repairs – Cllrs Hall & Buckley

Waste Bin cleaning – clarification on cleaning methods – Cllr Oakley.

Village Defibrillator – refitting of battery & pads and ongoing inspections – Clerk.

