



TONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting: Monday 15 September 2025, held at the Old School Hall, Poyle Road Tongham 7:30 pm.

Present:

Cllr S Habgood	Cllr S Gray	Cllr E Hall	Cllr P Buckley
Cllr L Lowdon	Cllr M Murray		
Mr. P. Bearman	Mr D Evans	Mr. C. Pritchard	

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr Les Oakley, Mr K. Brennan (Clerk)
2. The minutes from the meeting on 21 July 2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr Murray Seconded Cllr Buckley Signed by Cllr LS Habgood (Vice Chair)
3. **Code of conduct:** disclosure of interest: None
4. **Register of Interests:** No change.
5. **Matters arising** – Repair to equipment – awaiting parts for swing in playground

Neighbourhood plan will be on hold for the time being
6. **County and Borough Matters.** No updates available
7. **Public Adjournment.** Mr Bearman thanked the Parish Council and in particular Cllr Gray for her work in reducing the waiting list for allotments. He asked if he needed permission to erect a shed on his plot and if there was a restriction in size. He was advised that he did not require permission and reminded of the ratio of cultivated land required.

Mr Pritchard raised his ongoing concern regarding parking on the west side of The Street north of the shops. He reminded the Parish Council that he had requested yellow lines some years ago. He also enquired about the promised clearance of the bank towards Lambourne Way which Councillors agreed was to be included with the

long-awaited village enhancements. At this time there had been no update as to when these works will take place. He also asked about an overgrown shrub alongside the layby opposite the shops. To be reported. SH

Reports from sub-committees

Finance and administration. Chair Cllr Gray

FNST for July and August 2025 were presented, agreed and signed

Section 106 A number of projects have been identified including a disabled bench for The Rec, additional water supply at The Allotments and beacons for Firework celebrations.

Section 137 The following requests have been agreed: Surrey Air Ambulance, Tongham Bowls Club, Tongham Woods Improvement Group and St. Paul's School. £500 each.

Risk Assessment and Fixed Assets list was approved

A request for overhanging trees at the allotments has been received. These have been identified as standing in a small pocket of land which is the responsibility of Guildford Borough Council. Permission will be sought to have them trimmed. **KB**

A new person has been employed for litter picking in The Rec. They are now in post.

There will be a lit Christmas tree erected outside the White Hart this year (end Nov) And a greetings sign produced. Sponsorship to be sought. **KB**

Planning Chair Cllr Murray

One application has been received for nine new houses at The Vicarage Poyle Road. An objection has been sent by the Parish Council on the grounds of flooding and traffic increase.

Lighting and General Purpose. Chair Cllr Buckley

Due to increasing costs and primarily for ecological reasons it was explained that there would no longer be a bonfire built for the firework celebrations. There will, however, be a number of beacons which will be lit by members of 4th Farnham Scout group as usual. The benefit of security staff presence has been recognised and the provision will be repeated this year. Further planning will go ahead in October.

Two new standpipes have been installed at the Allotments providing easier access for some of the plots.

A Liaison Committee will be formed to discuss future development plans by Taylor Wimpey. **ALL**

Advice given on trees to the rear of Tongham Meadows shows no immediate problem. Resident to be advised by email. **SH**

The village phone box requires a repaint and quotes are to be obtained **KB**

The defibrillator has been service and battery renewed.

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 September 2025
Proposed: Cllr Gray Seconded: Cllr Hall

Signed:

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting 20th October 2025