



Tongham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: Monday 17th November 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 S Gray	Clerk K Brennan	Cllr S Barker (GBC)
Cllr M Furniss (SCC)			

28 members of the public attended and recorded as shown on appended note.

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr M. Murray
2. The minutes from the meeting on 20/10/2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Habgood. Signed by Cllr L. Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None.
4. Register of Interests: No change.
5. **Matters arising from October meeting:** No matters arising
6. **County and Borough matters:** Cllr Barker informed the meeting that the Government have now made the decision that Surrey will have 2 Unitary Councils. Elections for these councils will be held in May 2026 and a new Mayor will be elected in 2027.
Cllr Furniss notified the council that he has a £50k fund available for Community Improvements and encouraged the council to contact him with any worthy projects.
7. **Public Adjournment:** Mr. Boxall requested that the road markings for the disabled parking bay outside the village shops be reinstated as they are becoming very faded. Cllr Furniss (SCC) promised to follow this up.

Flooding has occurred at the Gardens and The Street due to a blocked ditch, Cllr Furniss also agreed to have this rectified.

Concerns were raised by several attendees regarding the potential new housing development, over excess water flooding and increased traffic in the village. These points would again be raised by the council with the developer.

Another question asked was, why has the VAS speeding signs been removed from the village roads. It was explained that the council had removed these due to maintenance costs & management. The clerk informed the meeting that Tongham had been allocated a grant of £5k, by GBC, towards new VAS signs and was waiting for confirmation of when this will be available.

8. Reports from Sub-Committees:

Finance and Administration:

Financial Statement for October 2025 presented, agreed and signed.

○ **Planning:**

- Planning Applications:
- 25/P/01374: 2 South Side, The Cardinals Tongham – No Objections
- 25/P/001420: 118 Poyle Road Tongham – No Objections

Taylor Wimpey Update: GBC has been set a Government target of building 1100 houses and are under pressure to grant new housing applications. Tongham village has taken more new homes than it can cope with and will strongly object to any new developments on several grounds including traffic increase and poor access roads.

Lighting and General Purposes:

The feedback received from the firework display and the new fire beacons has been positive.

2 quotes received for the pruning of trees at the Allotments on Spoil Lane and this is in hand.

The licence for the Festive Street Lighting in the village has been received, also the Christmas banner is ready and the tree is being supplied by the council and the White Hart pub, the tree and banner will be erected later this month.

9. Any Other Business:

Tongham Community Association has requested a grant of £300 towards presents for their Christmas Fayre and another grant of £500 for the redecoration of the Gents toilets at the community centre. Both requests were granted by the council.

It was decided to order several 'No More Homes in Tongham' banners to be put up in the village to show our opposition to any new housing developments. The clerk will order these banners.

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 17th November 2025".

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 15th December 2025.