



### Tongham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 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	

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

1. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr M. Murray, Cllr S Barker (GBC), Cllr M Furniss (SCC)
2. The minutes from the meeting on 15/12/2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr Lowdon, Seconded Cllr Gray Signed by Cllr L. Oakley.
3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: Cllr Buckley – Allotments agenda item.
4. Register of Interests: No change.
5. Matters arising from December meeting: Parking issue outside St Paul's Church, Poyle Road – awaiting update from Cllr Barker(GBC).  
Road markings on the Disabled parking bay outside shops – awaiting update from Cllr Furniss.
6. **County and Borough matters:** Cllr Barker (GBC) and Cllr Furniss (SCC) were unable to attend the meeting. The clerk will contact these councilors with any issues raised at this meeting.
7. **Public Adjournment:** the following points were raised by members of the public: Francis Sturt – Who owns the land where the proposed development will be built – [Taylor Wimpey purchased the land several years ago.](#)

Mike Moore – Can GBC extend the deadline for objections to the development given the difficulty in registering objections on their website – [As the deadline has now passed this is unlikely.](#)

Ben Waugh- Traffic congestion on The Street will greatly increase if the new development goes ahead – [Ben to send 2 videos of recent traffic congestion to the Chairman](#)

Steven Powell – the work carried out to cut back the hedgerows on The Street and Oxenden Road is terrible and management of the work by GBC or SCC is very poor – [Parish council to raise this item with the Borough and County Councilors.](#)

Doug Harding – requested that at the next Council meeting for an item to be added to the agenda to discuss the traffic congestion on The Street – [This item can be discussed at the next council meeting under the Public Adjournment section of the meeting.](#)

Mel Baldock - Asked when will the Taylor Wimpey planning application be heard by GBC Planning department – [No date has been provided yet.](#)

He also requested that the public noticeboard at Admiral Park be included when village information and events are posted - [Clerk to investigate this.](#)

He commented that the traffic speed of vehicles passing along the Hogs Back road at the Tongham Ridge was making it very dangerous to cross the road to access the Ridge SANG area and wanted to know if any traffic calming measures could be put in place - [Clerk to inquire with Cllr Furniss SCC Highways.](#)

Mrs Moore – reported that the white lines on the centre of Poyle Road need to be repainted after the installation of the new pavement / Lay By - [Clerk to inquire with Cllr Furniss SCC Highways.](#)

David Evans raised a question regarding the work that had been carried out at the Runfold Ridge but as Matt Furness was not in attendance it couldn't be answered. [Clerk to inquire with Cllr Furniss SCC Highways.](#)

Steve Fraser – He has received information that EV charging points were proposed to be installed in Blenheim Close and he has been unable to register an objection on the Surrey Highways website - [Clerk to inquire with Cllr Furniss SCC Highways.](#)

Ryan Jewell – Raised concerns over the flood risk to Poyle Road and has used facts about this risk in his objection to the development, these are available to the council.

Paul Bearman - Raised concerns about ecology, landscaping and diversity and, as a resident of Admiral Park, he stated that that development was a disaster regarding these points.

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

### **Finance and Administration:**

- a) Financial Statement for December 2025 and January 2026 presented, agreed and signed. Proposed Cllr Hall. Seconded Cllr Lowdon

- b) Allotments: It was agreed that the annual rents for the allotment plots will be increased to the following rates.  
Full Plot - new rate of £50 per year  
Subsidised plots - £30 per year.  
The water rates will continue to be paid by the Parish Council.  
Proposed Cllr Oakley. Seconded Cllr Gray.

**Planning:**

- a) Tongham Parish Council have submitted their objection to the proposed Taylor Wimpey Manor Farm Development to the Planning department of GBC.
- b) An objection will also be submitted to GBC Planning to the appeal by McDonalds Restaurants against the decision to refuse them permission for a new Restaurant & Drive Thru facility at the fuel station on Blackwater Valley Road. Planning Ref: 23/P/01831. Inspectorate's Ref: 6002913

**Lighting and General Purposes:**

- a) The pruning of trees at the Allotments on Spoil Lane has now been completed.
- b) The Pocket Park construction is now underway, the Parish Council have informed SCC Environment and Planning office that they are unable to undertake the future maintenance of the area and are awaiting a decision regarding future maintenance.
- c) The Chairman and Clerk will attend the Guildford Mayor's Reception on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**9. Any Other Business:**

The recent public meeting regarding the proposed Taylor Wimpey Manor Farm development was very well attended by village residents and residents of neighboring areas.

Jeremy Hunt MP, Cllr Furniss (SCC) and Cllr Barker (GBC) attended and fully supported the objections to the development. Over 300 objections have been registered with the Guildford Borough Council's Planning Department.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026".

Proposed: Cllr Buckley

Seconded: Cllr Habgood

Signed: .....

L P Oakley, Chair of meeting, Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

