



Tongham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: Monday 16th March 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 M Murray	Cllr S Gray	Clerk K Brennan	Cllr S Barker (GBC)
Cllr M Furniss (SCC)			

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

1. Chairman’s announcements and apologies for absence: Cllr L. Lowdon

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Minutes of the 16th February 2026 meeting were approved and signed.
- Proposed by Ed Hall, seconded by Sue Gray.

3. Code of conduct: disclosure of interest: None

4. Register of interests: None

5. Matters Arising from February Meeting:

- Poyle Road Parking Consultation (due in April–May) – ongoing.
- Disabled Parking Bay outside shops – signage present so road markings do not require repainting.
- Hatching markings at traffic restriction on The Street need repainting – Cllr Furniss advised this should be registered on Contact Us at GBC and it will then be considered for improvement.
- Objections to Taylor Wimpey Development – still possible to register objections.

- Traffic videos of The Street provided by Ben Waugh have been sent to SCC Transport & Highways
- Hedgerow management on The Street – Cllr Furniss to ask SCC team to visit.
- Traffic speed restriction request on the Hogs Back road at the Tongham Ridge– considered by SCC to be too expensive.
- Road markings on Poyle Road at the area of the new pavement – Cllr Furniss stated that there were no plans to improve these.
- EV charging points – council and residents can put forward suggestions for alternative sites to SCC.

6. County & Borough Council Updates:

- Cllr Barker reported that the Government announced the decision on 10th March 2026 on forming 2 unitary councils for Surrey. East Surrey & West Surrey.
- Pocket Park nearly completed; new planting (due to theft) and benches planned for April.
- Cllr Furniss reported that, regarding the Taylor Wimpey development, updates on transport, policing and education reviews were taking place.

7. Public Adjournment:

Residents raised several issues:

- Traffic congestion on The Street, Mr Doug Harding read out a prepared statement raising the issues of how to improve the problem. Cllr Furniss explained that in the past there had been several attempts to improve the traffic flow but these had been rejected by residents. It was decided to hold this issue over until the decision is made regarding the proposed development at the Manor Farm site. Residents would need to support a new traffic proposal and an action group may be required.
- Concerns about flooding at the recreation ground; request for additional drainage and a larger drainage pipe. Cllr Furniss replied that the drains and ditches were regularly cleaned. Responsibility for management of the ditches and drains and boundary areas needs to be clarified with GBC. Parish Council to challenge GBC and check Lease for land ownership.
- Village Entrances: Both entrances to the village described as untidy; improvement needed but funding is an issue and may require voluntary work to assist with the upkeep of the areas.

‘Next Door App’ was mentioned as a tool residents can use to report issues.

8. Sub-Committee Reports;

Finance & Administration:

- Financial statement for month ending 28th February 2026, approved.

Proposed by Cllr S. Habgood

Seconded by Cllr P Buckley

- External auditor appointment: It was agreed to appoint our current auditors, Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd on a 3-year contract.

- Section 137 request: £500 requested by Tongham Cricket Club towards new equipment – agreed by all councillors.

Planning:

- No objection to application at 9 Poyle Road.
- No objection to application at Grange Farm Tongham.

Lighting & General Purposes:

Tongham Pocket Park nearing completion and future maintenance of the area is still to be decided.

9. Any Other Business:

- The Defibrillator in the village has been sent away for repair; there is another defibrillator at the Community Centre, Ben Waugh offered to put a notice up to direct people to this until the faulty unit is replaced.

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 16th March 2026".

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

S. Habgood, Chair of meeting, Date: 20th April 2026.