

# TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

April 2018

Looking back on my 2017 report, I get a sense of déjà vu, as I start to write this year's report. This illustrates the patience needed with Parish Council work.

Having protected the north side of Lower Green last year with a new kerb, this year we have had to use kerbstones to protect the south west corner. Most lorries are diligent about manoeuvring around this corner, but somebody just decided to cut the corner and others followed.

Work is about to start on extending the Pavilion on Upper Green. This will provide larger changing rooms and a larger main function area. Three grants have been obtained to fund the bulk of the work.

The new District Plan has now had its Hearing Sessions with the Planning Inspector, and there has recently been a consultation on the changes needed to the plan. It is now reaching its final stages and will hopefully be adopted later this year. The officers at East Herts Council have done a very professional job in getting to this point. Tewin is still scheduled to be a Group 2 village, which only allows infilling development within the existing Village Development Boundary around the Lower Green area.

We did eventually get Herts Highways to repair the broken gully pipe that was causing flooding at the entrance to Sevenacres. We are now engaged on the long slow task of getting the redundant electricity cabinet on Maypond Green removed.

The Parish Council continues to support the Tewin Community Bus project, which now runs Saturday buses to Stevenage as well as Hertford and Welwyn Garden City.

The Drivesafe Team succeeded in getting a Speed Indicator Device installed by Upper Green. They are now monitoring results from this, as well as periodically using a portable speed indicator elsewhere in the village. They still welcome new volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, we must mention Tewin Stores, which has just celebrated its tenth anniversary. This is a community run shop, and it depends on volunteers to run it. You can support the shop by being a volunteer, which is a bit like being a member of a social club. Or you can make the effort to see if there is some part of your normal grocery shopping that you can do locally.

In addition to the defibrillator previously installed at the Pavilion, Upper Green, the Parish Council has also installed a defibrillator behind the Memorial Hall and contributed to installing another on the village hall at Burnham Green. In case of emergency, dial 999 and they will advise you of your nearest defibrillator and also the code required to open its storage cabinet.

The Parish Council has objected to the recent planning application for a new runway at Panshanger. Given that there has been an existing campaign to bring back the airfield, it was to be expected that there would be support for the application. What has been surprising, is that the planning application has galvanised widespread opposition.

Thank you for the help and support from the other members of the Parish Council, our two District Councillors, our County Councillor, our hard working clerk, and the parishioner who raises the flag on Lower Green for us.

The Parish Precept for 2018-19 is £30,000.

All councillors are unpaid volunteers and all Council business is decided by a majority vote.

Keith St Pier  
Chairman  
Tewin Parish Council

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## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

**The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 4th July 2018 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.**

**Agenda:** Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

*All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.*

**Minutes:** These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall and on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

**Meeting Dates and Newsletters:** These are published on the website [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk)

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**Herts County Councillor:** Cllr Ken Crofton      Tel: 01438 869650

**Police Community Team:**      **01707-354192** - For non-emergency purposes

**Herts Highways Fault Line:** **0300 1234047** or [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) - For fault reporting.

**East Herts District Council:** **01279-655261** or [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk) - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.