

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (Chairman), A Hill (Vice Chairman), B. Evans, D. Howson, K. Lawson and D. Lloyd.

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk) and East Herts District Cllr M. McMullen.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr N. Moore, Cllr J. Sheridan and East Herts District Cllr L. Haysey

NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

101. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 2nd February 2015, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

102. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WERE RECEIVED.

103. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/15/0068/FP - Timbertops 34 Firs Walk, Tewin Wood - Demolition of existing front projection and erection of two storey extension with associated changes to the roof, walls and windows - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/0158/FP - 37 Orchard Road, Tewin - Single storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment*

Planning Decisions

3/15/0026/FP - 47 Orchard Road, Tewin - Demolition and replacement of existing garden room. New rear door and window - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

Green Belt Review - A response was prepared by Cllr K St Pier, circulated by email and has been submitted.

Tewin Garage Site - The porta cabin has now been moved to inside the site. The Site Manager has advised that road cleansing is taking place daily.

Riversmead Development Update - Riversmead have arranged a meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 10.30am at the entrance to Grass Warren about they can do to improve the area. Cllr K St Pier and D Lloyd agreed to attend.

104. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £2551.58 were approved by the Parish Council.

Grass Cutting Reimbursements - Both HCC and Riversmead reimbursements should have been paid. These payments will be confirmed upon receipt of the monthly bank statements.

Effectiveness of Internal Audit review – This is due to take place before the next meeting.

Clerks Pay Award - In November 2014 the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) agreed new pay scales to be implemented on 1st January 2015 and a one off non consolidated payment to be made in December 2014 and a further payment in April 2015. The overall increase in expenses (salary and national insurance contributions) resulting from this pay award for this financial year will be £106.49 and next year will be £242.66 and it will be financed by the New Homes Bonus . This will be incorporated into the budget next year as normal.

Allotment Rental - The invoice for the rental amount of £189 for the six months from 29th September 2014 until 6th April 2015 has been sent to the Tewin Allotment Association .

Income versus expenditure - Total income is substantially over budget due to the receipt of £9309 New Homes Bonus, £1000 PPP grant towards restoration works on Back Lane, £1000 repayment of a loan from Tewin Pavilion CIC and £477.63 from EHC in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme.

Grass cutting income & expenses are expected to be in line with the budget.

Total expenditure is substantially over budget due to the £4430 cost of drainage works on Upper Green, £1325 cost of a new storage cupboard at the Pavilion, £1100 tree works around the parish and £555 cost of a new computer for the Clerk. Expenditure has been met by New Homes Bonus, Pavilion refurbishment account and the Contingency Fund.

105. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Sewage Leaks - A sewer collapse has occurred on May Pond Green and Thames Water are in the process of repairing it. Thames Water are also planning to clean the system from Queen Hoo Lane across to Tewin Hill.

Manhole Cover outside 39a Upper Green Road - This is scheduled for future works by Thames Water which comprise lowering the manhole to ground level.

Ditch Outside 39a Upper Green Road - The pipe covered by concrete and earth, together with a quantity of shingle laid into the top end of the ditch by the Tewin Garage site without permission have now been removed, and the ditch made good.

HCC Bus Consultation

Amendment :- Since the last meeting on 2nd February 2015 it has been clarified that the new proposals will not include any bus service through Tewin on Saturdays.

Parish Meeting on 23rd February 2015 - The meeting was attended by five Parish Councillors, Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton, Tom Hennessey, Business Manager for HCC Transport Access and Safety, Guy Brigden, Team Leader, Transport Network Planning Team Leader (HCC Transport Access & Safety) and 47 parishioners.

There was a strong level of objection to the proposed changes to the 388 bus services and parishioner Pat Badger proposed the following motion, seconded by Anne Hall :

The Tewin Parish Assembly, at its meeting on Monday 23rd February 2015, calls upon the Hertfordshire County Council to maintain the present 388 bus service from Hertford to Welwyn Garden City for the benefit and convenience of parishioners and others (for shopping, medical appointments and inter-connections).

The resolution was passed unanimously by Tewin parishioners and also unanimously by everyone attending.

Notice of a motion

Tewin Parish Council unanimously agreed to formally respond to Herts County Council concerning the proposed changes to the bus services. The following motion was proposed by Cllr A.Hill and seconded by Cllr K .Lawson and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the motion:

Tewin Parish Council deplores the proposed changes to the 388 Hertford to Welwyn Garden City bus service and in the interests of parishioners calls upon the Hertfordshire County Council to maintain the present 388 bus service from Hertford to Welwyn Garden City for the benefit and convenience of parishioners and others (for shopping, medical appointments and inter-connections).

Petition - The petition "Stop the 388 bus service cuts" has had 169 signatures online and similar number from the paper petitions in the shop, on the bus and in the Memorial Hall. Herts County Council has advised that on 12th May 2015 at 10am, at the meeting of the Highways and Waste Management Panel, Tewin Parish Council will be able to present their petition and address the panel for three minutes on the matter.

Progress on a response to the bus consultation - The Parish Council agreed to compose a press article and a new poster and if necessary produce a further newsletter for parishioners. They agreed to request Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton to arrange a meeting with relevant members of the Herts County Council and also agreed to obtain an appointment with Sir Oliver Heald QC MP at his Tewin surgery later in March. The Parish Council continues to investigate the real level of funding per passenger journey particularly in view certain discrepancies in the passenger numbers.

Position of 30mph speed sign in Hertford Road - The replacement post was installed opposite the original post and is obscured by the hedge and parishioners would like it to be put back in its original position. The Parish Council agreed to write to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

106. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Renewal of Pavilion CIC Licence to Occupy - The Licence to Occupy has been accepted and signed by Tewin Pavilion CIC and signed and witnessed by Tewin Parish Council. A copy was given to Tewin Pavilion CIC for their records.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

Hedge Planting Behind the Upper Green Tennis Courts - The trees and hedge plants have been planted. The Tennis Club are now consulting their court contractors about whether strengthening the court fencing is necessary.

Repair Works to Upper Green car park - Works are expected to take place over the next couple of weeks.

Overnight Parking at Upper Green - Tewin Parish Council is aware of an increase in overnight parking at the Upper Green car park and is looking at resolving the issue.

107. LOWER GREEN

Cllrs K St Pier and A.Hill met with the John Bosworth , East Herts Council Conservation Assistant on 13th February 2015 to raise the Parish Council's many concerns about the Tewin Conservation Area appraisal. All their comments were taken on board and John Bosworth agreed to complete a full review of the document and give Tewin Parish Council the opportunity to review the final document. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all Councillors.

108. RISK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding Issues - Kirkham Contracting advised that he would be replacing the well cover roof tiles within the next few weeks.

Margery Lane Grips - Cllr D Howson advised that they do not need clearing at the moment and do not represent a trip hazard.

109. CORRESPONDENCE

Speeding - A parishioner has complained about the level of speeding in the village after his child was nearly run over going to school. The Community Drive Safe volunteers from Tewin are awaiting training on the camera and hope to be in action soon.

Geocaching Request - Permission has been sought to place a geo cache in Tewin as part of a series dedicated to village signs. The Parish Council requested more information about what it would look like, how big it is and where exactly it will go.

Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust ("HMWT") - Tewin Parish Council agreed to provide HMWT with a letter of support for their application to East Herts Council for a grant of £500 to support the community Apple Day at Tewin Orchard.

Welwyn Lacrosse Club - Tewin Parish Council agreed to advise the Club that the pitch was not available.

East Herts Highways Liaison Meeting - This takes place on 9th April 2015 at 7pm at Wallfields. Cllr K.Lawson and/or Cllr K St Pier agreed to attend.

Neighbourhood Planning Training event - This will take place on 12th March 2015 at 7.30pm at Wallfields.

Parish Paths Partnership scheme (P3) is now open for applications for 2015 until the end of February. The Parish Council agreed to get quotes for resurfacing works on BR8 where it starts from Upper Green past Piggott's and FP26 where it leaves Upper Green Road.

110. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report.

111. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 13th April 2015 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

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Fault line: 0300 1234047 Affinity Water 0845-7823333 (fault/leak reporting) hames Water Sewage Leaks - 0845 9200 800

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Reinstatement of Kerbing along northern edge of Lower Green	2013	Highways/Section 106
2	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2012	Reported on highway fault website
3	Line Markings – Missing on School Lane	2012	Reported on Highway fault website
4	Hertford Road – Standing water near the shop as gullies blocked. Hole on Lower Green caused by broken pipe (Highways gulley pipe) .	2013	H/W Camera Inspection completed - Broken pipe detected. Works due in next financial year 2015~2016.
5	Signs - Hollybushes - Directional Tewn sign missing - Lower Green - Directions on finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website