

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K.St Pier (Chairman), Cllr A.Hill from 8.10pm (Vice Chairman), Cllr B.Evans, Cllr D.Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd, Cllr N.Moore and Cllr J.Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey and 16 parishioners.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

Four parishioners attended to outline the planning application for Four Winds, 18 Desborough Drive.

Two parishioners attended to outline their planning application for 11 Cowpers Way and another parishioner raised her concerns about ridge height, intrusiveness, overshadowing as well as layout and density of the building.

Several parishioners attended to outline their concerns about the planning application for Land North of Godfries Close, Tewin with access off Upper Green Road. Concerns were the same as for the previous application including: incursion of green belt, noise, access on a blind bend, parking in front gardens

56. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 4th September 2017, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

57. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

58. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/17/2184/HH - 25 Harwood Close, Tewin - Single storey side extension. Alterations to fenestration on the ground floor, side and rear elevations - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/2080/HH - Four Winds 18 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Demolition of existing entrance porch. Erection of two storey front and rear extensions. Construction of basement with floor light. Replacement of existing windows and doors, including alterations to openings. Replacement of existing roof tiles and incorporation of roof windows. Replacement of existing timber cladding and render finish to walls - *TPC Comment: Further to TPC's letter to Kevin Steptoe dated 18th May 2017, TPC supports the application 3/17/2080/HH as it is much improved over 3/17/1226/CLP and it protects the street scene and avoids building close to the side boundary.*

3/17/1991/FUL - 11 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Replacement dwelling - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/1964/LBC - Apartment 6, Tewin Water house, Tewin Water - Replace two polycarbonate topped skylight domes with glazed units. Insert two new skylights, one above hallway, one above family bathroom. Re-model the en-suite bathroom to include moving a section of modern stud wall. Reinstall a sash window. *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/1952/OUT - Land North of Godfries Close, Tewin access off Upper Green Road - Construction of 4no dwellings- 2no three bed and 2no two bed and new vehicular access - *TPC Comment: This application is basically the same as application 3/17/0722/OUT, with four dwellings instead of nine. The number of dwellings was not a factor in any objections to 3/17/0722/OUT, nor in the EHC decision to refuse that application. Therefore all objections to 3/17/0722/OUT can be taken as objections to 3/17/1952/OUT and TPC are confident that EHC will again refuse the application. If there are fewer public objections to the latest application, it is because*

(a) local residents have expressed confusion over whether this is the same application that they have already commented on

(b) no apparent display of the usual yellow planning notice adjacent to the site.

For the record TPC repeat our principle objections:

(a) the applicant has not justified building on Green Belt land

(b) the proposals are incompatible with the submitted District Plan, and are thus not a sustainable development

(c) it would create a precedent for other developers with land around the village

The futility of these applications re-enforces our view that they are part of a ploy to influence the Inspector at the District Plan Hearings, knowing full well that in order to get the application site taken out of the Green Belt, the whole of "site 8" would have to be declassified, and hence be open to further development.

3/17/1948/HH - White Oaks, 5a Desborough Drive, Tewin - Two storey rear extension plus kitchen extension - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/2235/LBC - 102 Orchard Road, Tewin - Proposed internal alterations including: removal of existing ground floor walls to create kitchen/dining room with new island; construction of new wall and doorway to create smaller ground floor wc ; addition of worktops/sink to existing ground floor study in order to create new utility room; addition of new doorway between proposed kitchen/diner and utility room; conversion of Bedroom 5 into family bathroom and en-suite to bedroom 4 involving the removal of existing walls, erection of new walls, creation of new opening and installation of new bathroom/shower suites; conversion of existing family bathroom into dressing room; installation of new shower suite into master en-suite; and enlarged opening and new door to master bedroom -*TPC No Comment.*

3/17/2191/NMA - Site Adj 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin - A non material amendment to 3/17/0836/VAR - addition of entrance porch to southern elevation - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/2190/NMA - Tewin Oaks, 42 Orchard Road, Tewin - A non material amendment to 3/17/1648/HH - add door to front elevations - *TPC - No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

3/17/1686/HH - Tewin Oaks, 42 Orchard Road, Tewin - Single storey side extension - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

3/17/1648/HH - Tewin Oaks, 42 Orchard Road, Tewin - New timber framed detached car port - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

3/17/1839/FUL - Land Adjacent To 57 Upper Green, Tewin (Plume of Feathers) - Extension to existing car park - *TPC No Comment other than a tarmac surface would be preferable rather than gravel as it would be less noisy for neighbours - EHC Granted with details of permeable hard surfacing to be submitted.*

3/17/1551/HH - 104 Orchard Road, Tewin - Erection of freestanding pergola on the terrace in back garden - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

3/17/1469/HH - 12 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Single storey side and rear extension and front porch infill - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused.*

Certificates of Lawfulness Applications

3/17/1987/CLP - Waldrons, 3 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Proposed detached outbuilding.

3/17/2196/CLP - 120 Bramfield Road, Bulls Green - Proposed loft conversion with roof lights to side and rear elevation.

Certificates of Lawfulness Decisions

3/17/1702/CLP - 9 Bishops Road, Tewin - Two storey rear extension - *EHC Granted.*

3/17/1512/CLP - 11 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Proposed single storey side extension and rear extensions to dwelling - *EHC Granted.*

3/17/1568/CLP - South Lodge Tewin - To build a new garage to the side of house for storage and garden equipment - *EHC Granted.*

Enforcement Issues - Nothing to report.

District Plan Hearing - This starts on 3rd October 2017 and is available to watch via Live webcast on the East Herts Council website.

59. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council from the Current Account since 4th September 2017 amounted to £1,417.22.

Precept - On 22nd September 2016 East Herts Council paid the second half of the precept amounting to £14,500.

Allotment Rental - Tewin Allotment Association have paid the invoice for the rental amount of £189 for the six months from 6.4.17 until 29.9.17.

VAT Reclaim - A VAT reclaim for £897.80 has been submitted to HMRC.

Internal Audit - A date is due to be set for this.

60. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Sevenacres and Orchard Road Gully - Nothing to report on the gulleys.

May Pond Green Trees - Herts Highways have decided to carry out soil sampling to ascertain why two trees have died subject to the availability of the resource and funds at this stage. The Parish Council agreed to consider purchasing a Wild Service tree on the next agenda.

Grass Warren Gully and Potholes - The Clerk will report the loss of gully cover and worsening potholes despite repeated filling.

Speed Indication Device - This is due to be installed on 25th October 2017.

Road Resurfacing - The current works on Lower Green are preparatory for the carriageway surface dressing due to take place sometime during the next six months.

61. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Shed Roof Repair - The Parish Council agreed to accept Ted Kavanagh's quote for the repair.

Pavilion Extension Quotes - The Parish Council resolved to accept the quote from A Veasey of £38,750 for extension works to the Pavilion. A quote of £10,350 plus vat has been received for under floor heating at the Pavilion.

Funding - The Parish Council resolved to contribute £10,000 towards the Pavilion extension works from the New Homes Bonus.

Loan to Tewin Pavilion CIC - The Parish Council resolved to make an interest free loan of £10,000 to the Tewin Pavilion CIC towards the pavilion extension works from the New Homes Bonus if necessary.

Grants - A grant application has been made to Awards for All for £10,000 and a decision is expected by mid December. A decision on the Lafarge/Tarmac Landfill Community Fund grant application for £20,000 is expected in mid November and on the East Herts Council Community Grant application for £8,000 at the end of November.

Burnham Green Village Hall Defibrillator - The Burnham Green Village Hall Committee have agreed in principle to a defibrillator outside Burnham Green Village Hall and to contribute £500. Tewin Parish Council agreed to donate £1000 from the New Homes Bonus on the basis that the hall is the most convenient location to mount a defibrillator within easy reach of the Tewin Parish population in Tewin Wood.

May Pond Green Electricity Cabinet - The Parish Council agreed to chase Broadlands Management Company and Sevenacres Residents Association about the ownership and function of the cabinet.

62. LOWER GREEN

Carols on the Green - The Parish Council agreed to allow the Carols on the Green on 14th December 2017.

Parking on Verges outside the Hazels - A note has been delivered to each household in The Hazels advising them of the hazards of parking on the verges.

Grass - The Parish Council agreed to obtain a quote for seeding the north side of Lower Green.

63. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3) GRANT

A quote of £80 has been received for the levelling of the footpath alongside Muspatts farm and further guidance is being sought from Tom Goldsmith about the tree roots in the section by the road.

64. PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT 2017

Cut ins - Clear cut ins at Lousehole Bottom, Hertford Road - Obtain Quote .

Pavilion Shed Roof Repair - Ted Kavanagh repaired and invoice paid.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Survey - The Parish Council agreed to enquire why a cross section was being done instead of every household. They would also like to see the information from Ray Pahl's 1960 study and would be interested in the summary of the survey to show the parish.

Tewin Hill Farm Noise Complaint - Cllr A Hill has been made aware.

66. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport - It was agreed to continue to chase Herts County Council for a response to complaints raised about the bus service. There is a Community Transport meeting soon and Cllr K Lawson hopes to attend.

Tewin Allotment Association - The hedge trimming is due to start next week.

67. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 6th November 2017 at Tewin Memorial Hall .

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.27pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS September 2017

| Ref: | PROBLEM. | DATE RAISED | COMMENTS |
|-------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge | 2012 | Reported on highway fault website |
| 2 | Line Markings – Missing on School Lane | 2012 | Reported on Highway fault website |
| 3 | Signs - Hollybushes - Directional Tewin sign missing and Hertford sign broken - Lower Green - Directional finger post missing | 2013 | Reported on Highway fault website |