

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st April 2019 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr A. Hill, Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd and Cllr N. Moore (left at 8.30pm).

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

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr J. Sheridan, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

112. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 4th March 2019 and 25th March 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

113. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

A neighbour of 14 Hertford Road attended to raise concerns over both planning applications.

Re application 3/19/0573/HH concerns were raised with overshadowing, overlooking, proximity, oppressiveness and excessive ridge height.

Re application 3/19/0572/HH concerns were raised about the high impact of the front facade which is not in keeping with the protected street scene or conservation area, no heritage statement, no tree survey, lack of evidence to justify application.

Applicant for 9a Desborough Drive, Tewin attended to answer queries on their planning application.

114. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/19/0573/HH - 14 Hertford Road, Tewin - Proposed rebuild of existing garage and new home study above - *TPC agreed to support the concerns of the neighbour concerning the height of the garage, the overlooking windows and its place in the conservation area.*

3/19/0572/HH - 14 Hertford Road, Tewin - Two storey side extension with changes to fenestration - *TPC agreed to support the parishioner in objections and would like to see replies of the following consultees : Conservation Officer and Tree Warden.*

3/19/0517/HH - 9A Desborough Drive, Tewin - Demolition of garage and utility room. Single storey front extension, two storey rear and single storey side extension, to include insertion of 4 new roof lights and changes to fenestration - *TPC No Comment.*

3/19/0463/HH - Dapple Lights Tewin Close, Tewin - Conversion of a garage to habitable accommodation to include new fenestration and bricking up an existing opening - *TPC No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

3/19/0269/HH - 4 The Walled Garden, Tewin Water - Replace existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension inc replacement of all casement windows to front side and rear elevation of existing building with Upvc or similar windows - *TPC Needs clarification as no details showing the before and after effect of changing the windows and no front elevation plan - EHC Granted.*

3/19/0053/HH - 44 Orchard Road, Tewin - Retrospective - Erection of climbing frame in front garden - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

Appeals Lodged

3/18/1777/FUL - Tewin Water Farm, Churchfield Road, Tewin Water - Construction of a new farmyard including 3 new agricultural buildings, associated yard area, cattle handling pens and silage storage area, landscaping and drainage - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused.*

Enforcement Issues - Cllr M McMullen agreed to provide an update on the enforcement notice on the Club Cottage Caravan site.

115. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council since 4th March 2019 amounted to £2303.89 from the Current Account.

VAT Reclaim - The VAT reclaim for £719.57 has been received.

Newsletter and associated costs - The Parish Council agreed to send a newsletter to the parish comprising the Chairman's Annual report and Tewin Stores Share issue and agreed to the associated photocopying and delivery costs.

116. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Upper Green Road Ditches Blockages - Highways have agreed to inspect the ditches and the pipes under the drives but expects it to be a capacity issue due to the type of rainfall over the last few weeks and it taking time for the system to catch up with itself.

They do not have any issue with surface water run-off being held in this ditch unless any pollutants e.g. a foul water leak or an oil spillage found its way into the system.

Police & Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Fund Bid - This bid has been approved for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in addition to the requested socket. The final site location of this will be recommended by Highways Officer but the request for School Lane, Tewin is noted. The fund has also agreed to provide a commuted sum to cover repairs and maintenance over the next five years until summer 2024 after which if it is not working, it is likely to be removed and not replaced. Two SID relocations will also be covered by the Fund.

Grass Warren Potholes - These have been reported several times and Herts Highways advise that the carriageway is considered safe but have added Grass Warren to their upcoming jet patcher programme for completion in the 2019/20 financial year. They have also passed this site onto HCC for consideration of adding to a wider resurfacing programme.

117. LOWER GREEN

Grass Warren/Upper Green Car Park - The car sales and repair works complaints have been forwarded to East Herts Council Enforcement who are visiting on a regular basis.

Lower Green - The Clerk was asked to remind Netherdown about the agreement to shape and seed the edge of Lower Green again. The hole in Hertford road outside the site has been repaired by UK Power Networks.

Tewin Cowper & St John's Schools Annual Fun Run Sunday 19th May at 3pm - The Parish Council agreed to this subject to the usual stipulations especially consideration towards neighbours and parking.

Hertford Road - Since the verge has been banked up on the corner of Hertford Road just outside the village, cars are now parking on the verge further along. The Parish Council agreed to monitor it.

118. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Playground Quotes – Quotes from SMP/HAGs, Sutcliffe Play and Kompan have been received and passed to Friends of Tewin.

A quote for resurfacing the playground incl the extension has been received from the matting manufacturer Matta for £15,253 plus vat.

Cllr M.McMullen was advised by East Herts Council that planning permission for the extension would not be necessary.

The Parish Council agreed to see if any grants for the extension/resurfacing were available.

Pavilion Opening- The opening took place on 13th March 2019 with East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen, Claire Pullen, Housing and Health Projects Officer, East Herts Council, Tim Hayward-Smith, CDA for Herts and the Village Hall network consortium.

Pavilion Leak - The Parish Council agreed to contact a plumber to fix the leak on the water heater in the changing room.

Upper Green Car Park - The quote of £147.95 for the sign saying "no access to commercial vehicles" was agreed by the Parish Council.

119. RISK ASSESSMENT

A date for the annual risk assessment will be agreed by email.

120. P3 GRANT

The Parish Council noted the completion of resurfacing on FP17 and installation of new three new posts at Lousehole Bottom by Kirkham Contracting. Proposals for the P3 grant for 2019 are being considered.

121. PARISH ELECTION

All Councillors have submitted their nomination papers to East Herts Council and are standing for election. As a result there are no vacancies.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

Dog Fouling Query - A query was received about the Parish Council's dog fouling policy. The main point is that it has long been Parish Council policy "*not to install "doggie" bins, as they are not in keeping with the rural environment, and litter bins can be used instead*". The Parish Council agreed to put this in the Tewin Magazine.

123. NO REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

124. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting at **7.45pm on Monday 13th May 2019** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.