

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (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, .

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr A. Hill, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

29. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 3rd June 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Doreen Lloyd declared an interest in planning applications: 3/19/0869/FUL and 3/19/806/FUL Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road as she is joint owner of land.

NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

31. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/19/0869/FUL - Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road - Stationing of a mobile home during breeding period for agricultural worker for two years.

3/19/0806/FUL - Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road - Erection of an agricultural barn.

TPC Object to both applications as there is no proper justification for a new barn and a mobile home. Both are sited outside the existing "farmyard" which has planning permission for hedge screening in order to protect the rural views. The proposed mobile home is too large for the stated purpose, is intrusive on the rural landscape and the Parish Council have concerns that it will become a permanent residence. There is also a lack of landscaping/screening to protect rural views in open countryside.

Planning Decisions

3/19/0931/HH - 8 Tewin Hill, Tewin - Part two storey, part single storey side extension and insertion of roof light - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

Enforcement Issues

Club Cottage Caravan Site - Cllr M.McMullen agreed to provide an update.

Appeals

3/18/2211/FUL/3/18/2212/FUL - Fairholme Stables, Archers Green Lane, Tewin - Amended Plans incl visitors parking and bin collection area. Original plans: Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 or 7 no dwellings together with associated parking amenity space and access from Archers Green Lane - *TPC Object to the simplistic responses of putting grasscrete on the front lawns of houses to solve car parking problems, putting an area of hard standing for a collection point at the main entrance for waste and recycling problems and the unrealistic expectation that bins will be stored on the rear patios of some of the houses - EHC Refused Both - TPC Submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate - Appeals Dismissed on both applications.*

3/18/2100/HH - 7A Lower Green, Tewin - First floor front extension and insertion of window to flank elevation - *TPC No Obj - EHC Refused - Appeal Dismissed*

32. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council since 3rd June 2019 amounted to £36,383.34 from the Current Account comprising mainly: Matta Products £15,252.75, Kompan Ltd £11,132.62 and PWLB Loan repayment £2916.77

Donations: A donation of £5906.86 has been received from Friends of Tewin for the new equipment in the playground, fencing and installation. A donation of £90.60 was received from Tewin Pavilion CIC in lieu of the new keys cut.

Pavilion Insurance Valuation - Two quotes were obtained for the insurance valuation of the Pavilion and the Parish Council agreed to accept the quote of £400 from Tim Palmer BSc(Hons) MRICS (RICS Registered Valuer) McNeill Lowe & Palmer LLP.

Tewin Stores - The share prospectus is in the process of being published following authorisation from HMRC.

VAT Reclaim - This has been requested as at 30.6.19.

33. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Upper Green Road Closure 11.7.19~ 16.7.19 - The Parish Council noted the forthcoming works and agreed to forward

the details to the bus company.

Churchfield Road Bridge - Highways advised that they visited the bridge and examined the serious accident statistics and determined that there were none. They advise that no additional road signage was required but will send a team out to clean the signs and ensure the white lining is in good order. Cllr Evans advised of a death at the junction many years ago. The Parish Council agreed to ask for a site meeting with Rosemary Chatindo Assistant Highways Manager (Eastern Herts), Highways Operations and Strategy.

34. LOWER GREEN

Lower Green - A donation of £500 has been received from Netherdown in lieu of remedial works to repair the damage to the edge of Lower Green.

FP41 Hedge - The Bowls Club advised that they have asked Kirkham Contracting to trim the hedge.

35. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Playground Extension – The playground works have been completed and the Parish Council agreed to sign the completion certificate.

Playground Inspection - The Play Inspection Company have completed the annual and the post installation inspection. all items were deemed low risk or very low risk and the Parish Council agreed to get a quote for a new sign and adjust the gate closing mechanism. The spare rocker removed from the playground was offered to Tewin Under 5's and Tewin Cowper School and as not wanted by either the Parish Council agreed to give it to Ben Hill.

Bouncy Castles - The Parish Council agreed that private hires at the Pavilion would no longer be allowed to have bouncy castles. The Parish Council agreed to advise Tewin Pavilion CIC.

Upper Green Car Park - Julie Pomfrett, Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Officer at East Herts Council has provided a newsletter which the Parish Council agreed to distribute to surrounding residents, Tewin Pavilion CIC and main users of Tewin Pavilion.

Upper Green Car Park - The sign has been collected by Kirkham Contracting and will be installed in due course.

Pavilion Fire Alarm & Extinguishers - The fire alarm remedial works and extinguisher inspection have both been completed.

Pavilion Fridge & Lights - Some light bulbs have been changed and the fridge which was defrosting turned back up. The Parish Council agreed to advise the Tewin Pavilion CIC that the fridges should be defrosted and cleaned once a year.

Tewin Cricket Club Pitch Cover - TCC have asked permission to have "roll on" pitch covers (3 x 8m units) to preserve the wicket. During the summer they will be pushed beyond the sight screen at the back of Upper Green following re-configuration of the existing railway sleepers. During the winter the canvas covers will be removed leaving only the chassis. The Parish Council agreed providing that the covers purchased are plain green.

Tewin Cricket Club Bench - The Cricket Club have requested permission to place a memorial bench for Chris Pool at the back of Upper Green, to the left hand side of the sight screen behind the existing line of railway sleepers. The bench will be permanently fixed with a small concrete base and not placed under a tree. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal and to advise them they will be responsible for maintenance, teak is preferred and provide them with suppliers that the Parish Council use.

36. RISK ASSESSMENT 2019/20

Godfries Close Access Road Potholes - An email was sent to Jackie Trundell at Riversmead/Network Homes on 26th June and a response is awaited.

Tree Risk Assessment - A quote of £4500 was received from Rob Cooper Tree Surgery and the Parish Council agreed to accept the quote, conditional on double checking that all the trees involved are the responsibility of TPC. Both the large dead oak in Margery Lane and the Ash with canker on Tewin Hill nr Queen Hoo were both reported to the Highways Fault line on 11th May and chased on 1st July.

37. PPP/P3 GRANT

A quote of £1090 has been received from Smith & Tucker Farms Ltd for the resurfacing of a 45m stretch of FP 11 and lay 3 x 100m soil pipes under the footpath to alleviate the drainage issues. The Parish council agreed to accept this quote and apply to the Parish Paths Partnership for a grant.

38. CORRESPONDENCE

39. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Policing - Michael McMullen attended the Police Rural Forum raised the Parish Council's concerns about whether they still do patrols/drive by's and whether there is a better number to contact PCSO's on. The 101 number is still the best number unless there is an emergency. In the event of complaints Stuart Orton should be contacted.

Allotments - There are couple of vacant plots.

40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2nd September 2019** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.