

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr A.Hill, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr N.Moore & Cllr J. Sheridan.

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk).

### **NO PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS**

**159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Lloyd, East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey & Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

**160. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **161. PLANNING**

##### **Planning applications**

**3/20/2162/FUL & 3/20/2363/LBC - The Plume Of Feathers, Upper Green** - Erection of single storey external bar and kitchen in the rear beer garden and erection of a new shed – *TPC No Comment.*

**3/20/2248/VAR - 29 Firs Walk, Tewin** - Variation of condition No2 (approved plans ) Ref 3/13/2236/FP (Demolition of an existing residential dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling):- to update drawings to reflect what has been built (retrospectively). Condition Number(s): 2 Conditions(s) Removal: Amendment to condition no.2 (approved plans) to reflect the property as-built (retrospective). See enclosed covering letter for further information. To update conditioned drawing numbers to reflect the property as-built. See enclosed covering letter for further information – *TPC Object*

**3/20/2091/HH - 7 Upper Green Road** - Replacement windows and doors and installation of rear bi-fold doors. Replacement render – *TPC No comment.*

**3/20/0810/FUL – Fairholme Stables, Archers Green Lane** - Demolition of buildings and redevelopment of site to erect 3 detached dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping – *TPC object.*

A third set of plans online rectify EHC Conservation objections to the previous because there were too many velux windows in the rear roof and because the brick plinth under the weatherboarding was too high. *No decision by East Herts Council yet.*

##### **Certificates of Lawfulness**

**3/20/1800/CLPO - 4 Desborough Drive, Tewin** – Erection of detached building incorporating pool at rear of property – *EHC Granted.*

**3/20/2367/CLPO – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin** - Ground floor rear extension

##### **EHC Planning Decisions**

**3/20/2061/ASDPN - Catbells, Firs Walk, Tewin** - Construction of an additional storey on top of the principal part of the bungalow to create first floor accommodation taking advantage of new permitted development. – *EHC Granted*

**3/20/1940/NMA - 29 Firs Walk, Tewin** – Retrospective - A non-material amendment of Condition 2 - to reflect the property as-built – *To be re submitted as a Variation as per above.*

##### **Enforcement issues**

**E/20/0206/ENF - 37 Bishops Road, Tewin** – Extensive building works & major earth works, major tree removal without permission, works ongoing at all hours incl weekends, no consideration of neighbours. EHC

have researched the planning history and will be arranging a site visit.

**E/20/0065/ENF - Dawley Woods, Tewin** – Concerns about a mobile home with no planning permission, concerns a puppy farm being run, dogs bark through the night and are on the loose on the site. EHC has a meeting with occupiers scheduled and an update will be requested.

**E/20/0424/ENF – 2 Bishops Road, Tewin** – Concerns raised over ground levels being raised at the front of the property more than 30 cm, impact on trees and whether planning permission is necessary. Tree removal concerns.

## **Appeals**

**APP/J1915/W/20/3248614 RE: 3/19/2226/FUL - Agricultural Land West Of Orchard Road Tewin -**

Siting of a mobile home for a temporary period of up to 2 years in connection with the husbandry of cattle herd. This appeal is now active, but the applicant's statement giving the reasons for the appeal has not been received.

## **162. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £5244.20 from the Current Account comprising:

Public Works Loan Board £2916.77, Earth Anchors £1149.60, Clerk £845.32, Aden Associates £180.00, SLCC £144.00, EON £8.51.

Clerk's salary includes printer replacement reimbursement and increase in monthly allowance for additional costs from working from home in line with HMRC increase.

**Grass Cutting Reimbursements** – All reimbursements have been received apart from Network Homes.

**Estimate to the Year End** - In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Parish Council reviewed and agreed the Estimate for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2021.

**Precept** –The Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2022 and agreed to add in a contingency for tree works of £500. In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 1.61% from £31,000 to £31,500.

**Subscriptions** - The Parish Council agreed to continue with the existing subscriptions: CPRE, CDA for Herts, Open Spaces Society, Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust and Society for Local Council Clerks.

**Reserves** - The Parish Council agreed that current level of reserves were sufficient.

**Standing Orders** – The Parish Council noted that these are due to be reviewed.

## **163. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Leaking gully on Orchard Road** – Highways have advised that they will be investigating on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Gulleys outside the shop and 25/27 Upper Green Road have also been reported to Highways as they are blocked.

**Speed Indication Device** – The device has now been moved to the correct location.

## **164. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN**

**Weekly Playground Inspections** - Nothing to report

**Pavilion Hand dryers** - The three hand dryers have been installed at the Pavilion. The Pavilion CIC made a donation towards the hand dryers.

**Water System Risk Assessment** – The Parish Council agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

## **165. LOWER GREEN**

### **Rights of Way Works Update**

On behalf of ROW Kirkham Contracting will be completing the gate repairs on FP17 and FP18 and fallen way marker post on junction of Churchfield Road & FP13.

**Lower Green Footpaths Resurfacing** – Two quotes for tarmac resurfacing of £4,538 and £4,850 and a third quote for resin bound surfacing of £11,980 have been received. The Parish Council agreed to use tarmac instead of resin bound. It was agreed to accept the quote from John McGuckin provided he was given the opportunity to confirm it.

**New Footpath on Hertford Rd to shop** – Two quotes for tarmac resurfacing of £9,600 and £13,129 and a third quote for resin bound surface of £13,470 have been received. The Parish Council agreed to talk to residents, look into grants and would have to get approval from Herts County Council before this could be agreed and taken further.

**Allotment Lease Renewal** – The landowners have advised that they have started this process with their solicitors.

**Plotlands Hedges** – The Parish Council have been advised that the hedges around this site will no longer be cut. The Parish Council received a quote of £350 to cut the outside and top of the hedges around Plotlands that front the roads: B1000, Hertford Road and Archers Green Lane. The Council agreed to advise Herts Highways of the situation.

**Parking Complaint on Lower Green** – This has been referred to the Headmistress of Tewin Cowper School.

**Speeding in Grass Warren** – This has been referred to Network Homes and PCSO Sally Brookes.

**Christmas Tree** – The tree was planted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. The Carols on the Green have been cancelled and Santa will be driven around the Parish instead on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **166. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**Water Supply on Lower Green** – An application has been submitted for a water supply on Lower Green at a cost of £157 plus vat and a site visit by the surveyor is on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec following which a quote will be received.

## **167. CORRESPONDENCE**

**East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey Ward Walk** – This has been postponed.

**Proposed 20mph Speed Limit on Hertford Road** – The Parish Council has written to Herts County Councillor concerning the proposed 20mph speed limit on Hertford Road for his view on possible ways forward in view of the prohibitive cost. No reply yet.

## **168. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Allotments** – The Christmas tree growing on the allotments has been donated to a charity.

## **169. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed 9.11 pm.