

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 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) and East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen.

NO PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS

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

125. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 13th July 2020 copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

126. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Planning applications received

3/20/1668/HH – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Demolition of conservatory. Single Storey rear extension – *TPC No*

Comment

3/20/1628/HH – 4 School Lane, Tewin - Double storey side and rear extension. Single storey rear extension. Porch to front elevation – *TPC No comment.*

3/20/1520/HH – 40 Orchard Road, Tewin - Proposed 1.8 metre height fence – *TPC Object as detrimental to openness of green belt.*

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 to be agreed by email before 28.9.20.*

EHC Planning Decisions

3/20/1185/HH – 2 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Construction of single storey front, side & rear extensions, following demolition of outbuilding – *TPC raised various issues incl-working hours - EHC Granted*

3/20/0960/HH – 1 Churchfield Road, Tewin – Replacement single storey rear extension – *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

3/20/0783/HH – 2 Hertford Road, Tewin – Single storey side extension – *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

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.

E/20/309/ENF - 32 Bishops Road, Tewin - Extensive building & major earth works, major tree removal, works ongoing at all hours incl weekends, no consideration of neighbours.

E/20/0304/ENF – 22 Lower Green, Tewin – Shed on side of house within Conservation Area needing planning permission.

E/20/0065/ENF - Dawley Woods – 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.

Appeals

3/19/2226/FUL – Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road, Tewin – Siting of mobile home for a temporary period of up to 2 years in connection with the husbandry of cattle herd – *TPC Object - EHC Refuse - The Planning Inspectorate have not started the appeal process yet.*

Sale of land at Plotlands, Warrengate and Tewin Hill

The land on the corner of Tewin Hill and Upper Green has been sold to a developer however this land is unlikely to get planning permission under the current District Plan. and for the second one just leave out "for grazing horses

A double plot on Plotlands, Warrengate has been sold to a local person.

Planning for the Future White Paper Consultation closing 29th October 2020 - The Parish Council agreed to finalise a response by email.

127. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £2366.62 from the Current Account comprising: Clerks salary, HMRC quarterly NI & PAYE payment, T.J Fire & Security expenses and materials for phone box repairs.

New Homes Bonus – On 31st July 2020 New Homes Bonus of £4738 was received.

Income versus expenditure and the budget – A report was circulated for the year to date and there was nothing untoward to report.

Internal audit – This has been arranged for 16th September at 2.30pm.

Annual Salary Award – The Council agreed to implement the 2020 salary award in line with NJC Local Government agreement.

128. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Leaking gully on Orchard Road – Highways are waiting for a date for investigation and will update when known.

Tree outside 10 Godfries Close – Highways have arranged for an inspection of the tree and will update once undertaken.

Bridge on Churchfield Road – The Clerk was asked to obtain an update on the progress of the design of signs warning of the bridge.

129. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report

Playground ROSPA Inspection – Cllr K St Pier has pruned the overhanging tree branches, tightened a loose fixing on the multi play unit and adjusted the gate mechanism.

Incident – There was a report of a lady being attacked behind Upper Green on the morning of 24.8.20

Pavilion – The fire alarm and fire extinguishers have passed the testing. Thirteen devices have passed the PAT testing.

Tewin Apple Day – Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust have cancelled Tewin Apple Day this year due to Covid.

Broken Branches – A quote for removal of the fallen branches at Upper Green pond has been requested.

130. LOWER GREEN

Tree Works – These were completed on Lower Green, Tewin Hill and FP 8 by the side of Piggott's.

Tewin Stores – The Parish Council agreed to Tewin Stores holding a BBQ on Lower Green on 19th Sept 2020 providing Covid precautions are adhered to.

Phone Box – This was vandalised on 8th August and the police have investigated and spoken to the vandal. The Parish Council agreed by email to the quote for paint and replacement windows. The repairs have been completed.

Xmas Tree – The Parish Council agreed to Friends of Tewin's proposal of a new Christmas tree as the last two dry summers have taken their toll. The proposal is to plant it with better soil and Friends of Tewin offered a donation towards the cost.

131. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The resurfacing works on FP11 are still to be done and contractor is aware and scheduled it for the winter.

132. RISK ASSESSMENT

2019/20 - The Parish council signed off on last year's risk assessment.

2020/21 - The risk assessment took place during the course of August by Councillors individually. A list of works is being compiled and will be circulated.

Tree Survey - The Parish Council agreed to consider having a proper survey completed for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the trees in the parish in the future during the first quarter of 2021.

Rights of Way Works – The Parish Council raised concerns over the number of repairs accumulating in the parish and the lack of feedback from the Rights of Way Unit. The Clerk was asked to chase.

133. NO CORRESPONDENCE

134. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport – There is no Saturday bus service at present.

Allotments – There are currently 7 people on the waiting list.

135. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 5th October 2020** at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.08pm.