

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk).

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

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

**148. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held 5<sup>th</sup> October 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**

#### **149. PLANNING**

##### **Planning applications**

**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 objected*.

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.

**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.

**3/20/1940/NMA - 29 Firs Walk, Tewin** – Retrospective - A non-material amendment of Condition 2 - to reflect the property as-built.

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

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

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

**8 Cowpers Way, Tewin** - Demolition of conservatory. Single Storey rear extension. EHC Landscape asked for more information about effect on trees. *Applicant Withdrawn*

**20/1628/HH - 4 School Lane, Tewin** - Double storey side and rear extension. Single storey rear extension. Porch to front elevation – *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. EHC have researched the planning history and will be arranging a site visit.

**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. The owner provided images of the works in the rear garden. Case is recommended for closure as comparing owners images with images taken during a previous enforcement case show that the patio area has been extended with associated sleepers which create an enclosure around the patio. This does not cause any significant harm or warrant further action. The comparison of images also showed no evidence of mature trees being removed from the site.

**E/20/0304/ENF – 22 Lower Green, Tewin** – Shed on side of house within Conservation Area potentially needing planning permission. The owner provided images and the outbuilding has new timber cladding similar to main house and a footprint which is slightly smaller than the previous outbuilding. Given the decay of the previous building and other assessments, the Council do not considered it expedient to take action on the replacement outbuilding.

**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. EHC has a meeting with occupiers scheduled and an update will be requested.

**Appeals** - Nothing to report

## **150. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £2901.54 from the Current Account comprising: Kirkham Contracting Grass Cutting £8024, Pavilion Hand dryers £1792, Clerks salary £775, Rob Cooper Trees £550, PKF Littlejohn Audit £360, Royal British Legion Donation £75, HMWT Subscription £40, EON Lower Green £25, Memorial Hall Rent £25.

**Audit** – The external audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP has been completed and there have been no qualifications or notes. The Parish Council agreed to pay the invoice of £300 plus vat.

## **151. 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 Parish Council agreed to the quote of £995 from Herts Highways for 2 signs either side of the bridge. Herts Highways advised that the signs will be going on the existing posts.

**Speed Indication Device** – Herts Highways advised that the contractor will be carrying out the works within the period from 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct to 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## **152. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN**

**Weekly Playground Inspections** - Nothing to report

**Broken Branches** – Rob Cooper carried out the tree works by the pond on Upper Green.

**Pavilion Hand dryers** - The Parish Council agreed to purchase three Dyson Airblade hand dryers and two splashbacks at a cost of £1792.50 plus vat.

## **153. LOWER GREEN**

**Christmas Tree** – The tree will be planted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

**Water Supply on Lower Green** – The Parish Council agreed to submit an application to Affinity Water for a water supply on Lower Green at a cost of £157 plus vat providing it resulted in a quote and meeting on site.

## **Rights of Way Works Update**

The various works below have not been done and the Parish Council agreed to offer to arrange to do the works and for ROW to reimburse.

**FP13** Fallen Way marker Post on junction of Churchfield Road & FP13 – *ROW will investigate*

**FP 17** Broken gate (Bowls Club end) - The gate is ok but the main post that the gate was hung on has rotted at the base and broken off - *ROW will arrange for a contractor will do the works.*

**FP 18** Broken Gate (Archers Green Lane to St Peters Church) – The gate is OK but the main post that the gate was hung on has rotted at the base and broken off - *ROW to investigate.*

## **154. DOG FOULING POLICY**

The Parish Council reviewed the current dog fouling policy and agreed that no change was necessary and parishioners may still use the existing litterbins for dog mess bags. There have been many incidents of fox and badger mess in the village, which may be confusing the issue. The Parish Council agreed to put an article in the Tewin Magazine.

## **155. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**2020/21** – Following the risk assessment during the course of August a list of potential works has been compiled and the Parish Council reviewed it. The following was agreed:

### **Quotes**

Lower Green Cottages footpath – Quote to resurface from Kirkham Contracting £470 – TPC Agreed

Lower Branches in Parish – Quote to lift from Kirkham Contracting £240 - TPC Agreed

Margery Wood on Margery Lane Cut ins – Quote to clear from Kirkham Contracting £40 – TPC Agreed.

Pavilion Patio – Quotes for patio re-laying and re pointing the footpath are in the region of £2750 and £2900 – TPC Declined.

Pavilion Drain Cover – Clerk to get a quote to replace cover £120 – TPC Agreed and to ask for pointing to be done.

Lower Green Footpaths Resurfacing – Two quotes of £4538 and £4850 have been received. The Parish Council agreed that these were reasonable and the final agreement could be done by email when the third quote has been received.

Upper Green Notice Board – Replacement notice board - TPC agreed to buy the notice board from Earth Anchors for £890.

### **Other**

Hedge Overgrowing Footpath on Upper Green Road – Reported to Herts Highways faultline

Plume of Feathers Green – The Clerk is still trying to contact Greene King manager re sleepers.

Millennium Orchard – The Parish Council agreed to remove this from the risk assessment.  
Pavilion Water Softener – Clerk to get replacement salt.  
Pavilion Light – Light bulb has been replaced.  
Pavilion Shed – Rubbish has been removed and Paul Shankster advised about the side door.  
Grass Warren Posts – The Council agreed to remove these as they fall down.  
May Pond Green – The Parish Council agreed to look at the green re the rubbish and lifting lower branches.

## **156. CORRESPONDENCE**

**East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey Ward Walk** – The Parish Council agreed to suggest the Tewin Shop and Tewin Bury Farm.

**Dog Fouling** – The Parish Council agreed to reply in line with their policy.

**Cycle Rack** – The Parish Council had no objections to the replacement of the cycle rack on Hertford Road outside the shop.

**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.

**New Footpath on Hertford Rd to shop** – Two quotes have been received and a third is awaited. The Parish Council agreed that further research was necessary before this was agreed.

**Luton Airport Consultation** – To establish a new holding pattern for arrivals rather than sharing one with Stansted. The Parish Council agreed that this proposal would not affect Tewin directly as the main flight paths have not been changed and Tewin is mostly affected by departures.

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

**Policing** – Speeding on Grass Warren has been reported and the Clerk will chase for a response.

**Allotments** – There are currently 9 people on the waiting list.

## **158. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020** at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed 9.00 pm.