TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2006 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs K St Pier (Vice Chairman), B. Evans, A.Hill, M.Howe, D.Howson, D.Lloyd and S.Stott.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), Cllr M.McMullen and six parishioners.

PARISHIONER COMMENTS

All parishioners were present to raise concerns about the proposed playground:-

- The potential youth problems that may arise.
- The potential vandalism problems
- They hope adequate security has been included in the proposals
- They wish to see the appearance of Upper Green preserved and that the equipment will be in keeping with the surroundings
- They feel they were not adequately informed.

The Parish Council showed the proposed plans and advised that if planning permission was sought a newsletter informing the entire Parish about the playground proposal would be distributed explaining why the locations was chosen, where they can see the plans and to whom they can make their comments.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from Cllr K Lawson due to recent family bereavement.

68. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 2nd October 2006 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

69. MATTERS ARISING

70. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1883.66 was approved by the Council.

Big Lottery Grant – The Parish Council has received the £10,000 lottery grant for the playground.

Donation to Royal British Legion – The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £25 towards the Remembrance wreath.

71.PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/06/1852/FP/SD – 13 Hertford Road, Tewin – Detached Garage – TPC No Obj 3/06/2012/FP/JS – 29 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Single Storey side and rear extensions- TPC No Obj 3/06/2009/FP/JS – 6 Upper Green, Tewin – Single storey garden shed – TPC No Obj

Planning Decisions Received from EHC

3/06/1678/FP- 6 Lower Green, Tewin - TPC No Obj - EHC Granted

Enforcement Issues – Nothing to report.

Dawley Woods – The owners of Dawley Woods have advised the Parish Council that they have a licence for felling trees from the Forestry Commission. They have used a professional company to do the felling and taken out a lot of old wood as well.

The stipulation with this licence is that it has to be replanted within 5 years and they are currently putting together a plan for replanting, which has to be approved by the Forestry Commission.

They are keeping a buffer zone around the edge which is mainly beech trees and are hoping to lay some of the branches into a hedgerow. They continue to keep pigs etc.

EHC Enforcement will be visiting the site.

72. PLAYGROUND

The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People has awarded Friends of Tewin £7000 grant towards the playground. With this grant, the Big Lottery money and funds from the Parish Council there will be enough funds to pay for the entire playground.

Cllr K St Pier and B.Evans have met with Mr Hollingsworth several times in order to outline the proposal and consider his objections. The Parish Council agreed to reply to his letter to all Councillors.

Cllr S.Stott proposed that the Parish Council should apply for planning permission for a playground on Upper Green and pay the associated fees. Cllr A.Hill seconded the proposal.

The vote was carried with 6 votes for and 1 against (Cllr M.Howe objects to a playground anywhere in the parish). The Parish Council agreed to ask Friends of Tewin to distribute a newsletter informing the entire Parish about the playground proposals and explaining where they can see the plans and to whom they can make their comments. The Parish Council agreed to thank Friends of Tewin for their support and Ben Roberts for all his time and effort.

73 HIGHWAYS

Flooding at Churchfield Rd/Margery Lane –Highways are hoping to raise an order to clear the grid at the top of Margery Lane.

Flooding at School Lane – All lines, gullies and manholes have been cleared and investigations are ongoing. The Bowls Club has been asked to clear the grid at the bottom of their drive.

Ditches along Upper Green – Highways are hoping to raise an order for ditch clearances these were overflowing during the last downpour.

Ditches along Queen Hoo – A Highways engineer will be ringing Cllr B Evans concerning these ditches, which are hazardous for cars and pedestrians.

Heavy Vehicle Signs on Hertford Road – Highways advised that this would be looked into although there are budget constraints. Cllr S Stott asked that as this request has been on the list for over 2 years it be referred to the District Councillor. Cllr M.McMullen agreed to look into it.

Clibbons Post - Cllr A.Hill reviewed the options and has kindly offered to arrange for the repair of the post and set it back on the original foundations.

74. PAVILION AND RISK ASSESSMENT WORKS

Pavilion Refurbishment Committee – Architect drawings have been drawn up and a planning application put together. They have asked the Parish Council if they would fund the planning application fees. The Parish Council agreed to put this on the next meetings agenda.

The Clerk was also asked to supply the Committee with a certificate of ownership, a letter of authority/support and a site plan if available.

Risk Assessment – This has been completed apart from the School Lane bench and the waste pipe replacement which will be done in due course weather and parts allowing. The Clerk was asked to look into the fire risk assessment requirements.

75. LOWER GREEN

Electricity on Lower Green – The Friends of Tewin expect to make a donation towards this project but cannot confirm amounts until their next meeting on 14th November.

Nuisance Vehicle on Lower Green – EHC Legal Dept will be corresponding with the owner of the nuisance vehicle. The vehicle continues to be illegally stored on the village green and is also untaxed, uninsured and has no MOT.

76. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP Nothing to report

77. CORRESPONDENCE

Death of Mr A Lawson (past Parish Council Chairman) – agreed to send condolences
Mr Hamilton about gates – to consider protecting the character of the area perhaps lower the gates.
Mr Holden re nuisance vehicle – not considering dedicating rights of way at present
EHC re Distribution Lists – agreed to use web information instead
Charles Arnold Baker 7th edition – agreed to order
Tewin Cowper School – apology for lack of written communication.
Reinstating football posts – Cllrs A.Hill and D.Howson to investigate.

78. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin School – Nothing to report

Tewin Charities Trustees – Meeting on 7/11/06.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Seeking a donation towards Friends of Tewin Senior Citizens lunch.

Tewin Website - Friends of Tewin will be getting their own page on the website.

Locality Policing - Spy tip cameras may be available to the Parish soon

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December 2006 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

APPENDIX 1 - HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS Oct 06

Fault line: 01438 737321

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Raj Goutham

Assistant Engineer: Ian Bishop (last meeting 15.4.05, 23.2.06)

Three Valleys Water 0845-7823333 (fault/leak reporting)

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Ref:	WORK IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING TO BE DONE AND REPORTED TO THE PARISH ENGINEER.	ACTION
1	Flooding at junction of Margery Lane with Churchfield Rd. Drainage ditch and grips along Margery Lane to be cleared. Kerb on Churchfield Rd removed and soakaway dug onto adj field.	
2	Flooding - School Lane – Flooding across road up 2 driveways on 8.5.06	Investigations ongoing.
3	Flooding - Upper Green Road ditches blocked	Highways arranging clearing of ditches
4	Grass Warren – Broken post and rail fence – reported to EHC Broken cover on Stopcock Valve outside No 31 – reported to Highways Ref 1239969 Stopcock Box removed outside No 7 – reported to Highways Ref 1240190	Report Again Mended Mended
5	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	IB Noted
6	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on drive opposite Tewin Stores	IB noted
7	Signs Heavy Vehicles signs on Hertford Rd	Referred to District Cllr
8	Line Markings – Most done some missed such as School Lane	
9	Flooding - outside 12/14 Hertford Road.	

Please be aware that Highways have a very limited budget and have to prioritise all work.