

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. Lawson (Chairman), K. St Pier (Vice Chairman), B. Evans, P. Fulford, A. Hill, D. Howson, D. Lloyd and J. Sheridan

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Councillor M. McMullen and three members of the public.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from East Herts District Councillor L. Haysey

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr Connolly explained the details of his planning application for 42 Orchard Road and advised that the neighbours were happy with the proposal.

Mr D. Compton and Mr D. Compton advised that they were going to appeal on their planning application for 2 Hertford Road and asked the Parish Council to consider sending a letter to the Appeal Inspector.

83. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 7th November 2011 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

84. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr B. Evans declared an interest in a planning application as it was for his property.

85. NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

86. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £5199.71 from the Current Account was approved by the Parish Council.

Public Works Loan Board ("PWL") – The third repayment on the loan from the Public Works Loan Board is due on 7th December 2011 amounting to £2,916.50. The next repayment is due on 7th June 2012.

Football Club Deposits – Datchworth Veterans Football Club agreed to donate the £50 deposit paid in January 2008 for use of the Pavilion, to the Parish Council. Stevenage Youth Football Club acknowledged the letter and advised that they would discuss it at their next meeting.

Precept –The Council reviewed the precept options and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council they unanimously agreed that the precept should increase by £1,500 to £26,300 due to the loss of footpath funding from the Parish Paths Partnership.

Internal Audit – Cllrs B. Evans and D. Lloyd completed this on 29th November 2011 and everything was found to be in good order.

87. PLANNING

Planning Decisions

3/11/1536/PT - New BT Telecomm Cabinet – Opposite 2 Grass Warren, Tewin - TPC No objection – EHC Refused.

3/11/1668/LC - The Old Hay Barn, Back Lane, Tewin - Demolition of garage - TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/1720/FP - The Old Hay Barn, Back Lane, Tewin - Demolition of existing garage, construction of extension to form return wing in line with existing living room - TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/1571/FP - 9 Desborough Drive, Tewin Wood - First floor rear extension – TPC No Comment- EHC Granted

Planning Applications received

3/11/2041/FP - Seven Acres, 49 Upper Green Road And, 54 & 56, Upper Green Road, Tewin, Removal of Onerous Condition for Variation of condition 29 of planning reference number 3/07/2531/FP to agree a proposed minor material change to the buildings approved - variation to plots 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 - TPC No Comment

Cllr B. Evans declared a prejudicial interest and left the room for the next item as it is his property

3/11/1939/FP - Mimram, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Proposed first floor extension over pool/plant room – TPC No Comment

3/11/1981/FP - 37, Upper Green Road - Raise roof to create first floor accommodation – TPC No Comment

3/11/1998/FP - 42, Orchard Road - Raise roof ridge to create first floor with rooflight, 2no bay windows and open porch to front elevation, two storey rear extension with balcony – TPC No Comment

3/11/2047/FP - Tewin Bury Farm - Erection of agricultural storage barn which will house a straw/wood chip boiler for heat generation, with PV panels on the south facing roof slope; creation of a new landscaped edge to the north bank of the river Mimram and retention of existing hard standing for agricultural storage - TPC No Comment

Planning Appeal

APP/J1915/A/11/2163848 - 3/11/1037/FP/MC –Rear of 2 Hertford Road, Tewin - Erection of 2 no residential houses, new access drive, double garage for retained dwelling adjacent to site – The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of support for the planning application as originally agreed at the meeting held 5th September 2011.

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/11/1763/CL - Land to the west of Club Cottages, Burnham Green Road, Burnham Green – Stationing of static caravans as holiday lets for no more than 36 people – TPC No Comment

Enforcement Issues

A query about the use of the land behind Godfries Close and Harwood Close has been referred to Planning Enforcement at East Herts Council.

Parish Councillors LDF Briefing Session - Cllr K. Lawson, K St Pier and J. Sheridan attended the meeting on 30th November 2011. Topics raised were protection of the Green Belt, lack of infrastructure, Neighbourhood Plans and New Homes Bonus. Cllr M. McMullen agreed to make enquiries at EHC about Neighbourhood Plans and their funding and New Homes Bonus.

Common Land CL149 – The maps are in the process of being corrected by EHC and a copy of the original application has been obtained.

FP30 – The permissive path and the original footpath have now been signposted. Historical evidence for the width of the path is being sought.

88. HIGHWAYS

Various Highways Issues – Potholes, leaning trees and flooding in Hertford Road have been reported to Highways.

B1000/Churchfield Rd Junction Visibility – Herts Highways advised that the Area Engineer will carry out an assessment this week and provide an update.

Salt Bins – This has been chased numerous times and the Parish Council agreed to refer it to Herts County Councillor B. Hammond.

89. PAVILION, PLAYGROUND & UPPER GREEN

Tennis Club and Valuation Office – Nothing to report.

Pavilion CIC and Valuation Office – The CIC confirmed that they have received a 40% lower valuation and will be considering it at their next meeting.

Fire Risk Assessment – Further works on the assessment have still to be completed.

Pavilion Heating – The brackets supporting the heaters have been removed and the heaters are now working properly again. Cllr B. Evans and K St Pier are in the process of researching an option to activate the heating via mobile phone.

Pavilion Guttering – Onna Construction have agreed to look at the guttering this week.

Pavilion Shower – This is still dripping and the Clerk is awaiting a copy of the invoice from Onna

Construction in order to ring the manufacturer.

Playground Netting – A quote for new harder wearing 50mm sq black knotted UV-protected polypropylene netting which should last at least ten years has been obtained. The Parish Council agreed to ask Friends of Tewin whether they would make a donation towards the nets and also agreed to order the netting.

Upper Green Rental For Electricity Cable – A copy of the agreement has been received.

Hedgerow Planting – Cllr J. Sheridan has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Woodland Trust for a hedgerow pack comprising of 105 plants to celebrate the Jubilee year. Friends of Tewin have agreed to provide the protectors. The Parish Council agreed to wait for further details on the plants before deciding on where they will be planted.

Playground – Nothing to report on the inspections. Cllr K. St Pier inspected the fencing and the other posts seem to be correctly installed. Cllr A. Hill agreed to research rubber flooring to put in front of the bench and around the gate.

90. LOWER GREEN

Rose & Crown – The Parish Council agreed to advise Greene King that if a response from them has not been received by 9th January the sign will be reported to Planning Enforcement and the Conservation Officer at East Herts Council.

Christmas Tree - The Christmas tree has been put up and a donation of £150 received from Friends of Tewin towards the cost. The PAT test has been completed by Mill Green Electrical. The Carols on Lower Green will be on Monday 19th December 2011 at 6pm.

91. RISK ASSESSMENT

Annual Risk Assessment – This has now been completed.

92. CORRESPONDENCE

Panshanger Aerodrome – They advised that all pilots have been reminded to abide by their noise abatement procedure designed in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority. They have also agreed not to do circuits on a Sunday morning. The Parish Council agreed to put this in the Parish News.

East Herts Council Planning Dept – The Parish Council agreed to send a letter asking them not to email the planning application notification letters until the plans are available on the website.

BT Telecommunications Cabinet – As the original application was refused by EHC, the Parish Council agreed to enquire where and when BT would be applying again.

93. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Transport – Nothing to report.

Tewin Website – Nothing to Report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report.

Policing – Awaiting minutes from the last meeting.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr K. St Pier and the Clerk are meeting with Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer on 9.12.2011.

94. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th February 2012 in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.34pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS December 2011

Fault line: 0300 123 40 47

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Eralp Yucelt

Area Engineer: Vicki Leggett

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

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Surface Dressing of Main Road through Tewin	2009	H/W Locality Budget ??
3	Salt Bin – Needs replacing and filling	28.4.2011	Chased 5.9.11 Chased 3.10.11 Chased 7.11.11 Chased 5.12.11
4	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2009	
5	Line Markings – Missing on School Lane	2009	

