

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk) and East Herts Councillor B.Deering.

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr N.Moore and Herts County Cllr K.Crofton.

107. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 3rd February 2025, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

108. NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

109. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

110. PLANNING

Planning Applications

3/25/0189/HH – 29 Bishops Road, Tewin - Double storey side extension and storm porch.

Planning Decisions

3/25/0085/PNHH - 26 Firs Walk, Tewin - Single storey extensions: Depth 8.00 metres, Maximum height 3.93 metres, Eaves height 3.93 – *EHC Prior Approval not Required*

X/24/0596/CND - The Rose And Crown, Upper Green Road, Tewin – Discharge condition 4 (materials for the floor of the barn) attached to 3/24/1075/LBC- *EHC Refused*

X/24/0519/CND - 6 Firs Walk, Tewin - Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Planting Compensation) of planning approval 2/24/1262/HH – *EHC Discharge in Full*

Loss of Trees in Firs Walk – A Tree Inspector attended the site and found no evidence of any tree works within number 19 and as they were unable to obtain access to number 21 an inspection will take place to verify this. In terms of the alleged unauthorised development works, the case has been allocated to John Dove who will assess the site when he is back from sick leave.

Enforcement Issues

E/24/0256/ENF – Structure at Plotlands, B1000, Tewin Plotlands – Enforcement advise that they are in conversation with the landowner who is reluctant to sell or leave the land as he was sold it on the basis it was agricultural land, which it is. They are providing him with options such as a moveable pig shelters / sties and other similar low visibility field shelter type things that would usually not require planning permission. This is quite a low impact breach and may take some time to be entirely cleared.

E/23/0218/ENF - Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Hertford Road, Tewin – Lake huts - A planning application is being prepared for change of use of the land and siting of four Shepherd hut buildings for the diversification of the hotel business.

Appeals

3/24/1130/CLPO - 2 Churchfield Road, Tewin – Appeal Ref 3351343 In Progress - Not Yet Decided
Single storey outbuilding to form ancillary gym to the host dwelling – *TPC No comment – EHC Refused*

East Herts Call for Sites list – This is now available for viewing on the East Herts Council website. The Parish Council agreed to compose a response on the sites in Tewin.

111. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council comprised: Herts County Council Boundary signs £2,800.00, C McFarlane £974.11, M J McQuaid £357.50, East Herts Council election costs 2023 £108.30, NEST £98.33, CPRE Annual membership £60.00.

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Boundary Signs – The Parish Council agreed to pay the invoice for the new boundary signs. Friends of Tewin have advised that they are arranging a donation.

Grass & Hedge Cutting Reimbursements – These have all now been received.

Financial Risk Assessment & Effectiveness of internal audit – This took place on 12th February 2025 and everything was satisfactory.

112. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Godfries Close Footpath Patching Works – This will be completed in March 2025.

Boundary Signs – These are scheduled to be replaced in March 2025 and the invoice has been received.

Hertford Road – Herts Highways advised that they have assessed the reported breaking up of the road surface outside the village shop and that it does not need attention right now as it doesn't yet meet their criteria for repair.

Quiet Lane – A suggestion has been received about designating Hertford Road as a Quiet Lane. Quiet Lanes have to be agreed with Herts County Council Highways, who after conducting some trials, have concluded that they are of limited success, and there will be no further installations.

Churchfield Road – The Clerk to report the potholes on Churchfield Road passing place.

B1000 – The Clerk to report the sinking trench across the B1000 in particular on the lane of travel from Digswell to Hertford.

Flood Signs – The Clerk to report the various flood signs for collection to Herts Highways.

113. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

ROSPA Inspection – Matting Trip Hazard – Cllr K St Pier proposed to dig a wider gap to eliminate the trip hazard.

Broken Gate on FP10 – The Parish Council agreed to ask the landowner if he would remove the gate.

Fallen Waymark FP11 – A fallen waymark post at the southern end of FP11 where it meets Dead Lane has been reported to Rights of Way.

Bramfield Rd Tree – Rob Cooper assessed a leaning tree on Bramfield road and advised that the root plate is not moving and the tree is just growing towards the light but not touching anything else around it.

Pavilion – A stock take of the Pavilion contents was completed on 20th February by Cllr B Evans and the Clerk.

A crack above the bar in the main room was noted and appears to be a shrinkage crack and not a concern.

114. LOWER GREEN

Grass Warren Fence – The Allotment landowners have repaired the fence bordering the field.

Telegraph Pole – The damaged telegraph pole on Upper Green Road near its junction with Godfries Close has been reported to Openreach and they advised that they are aware of it and it is safe.

Flag Officer – Steve Jones has kindly agreed to be the new Flag Officer.

Rose & Crown Parking – A third party company has taken over the car park so that from 28.2.25 anyone using the car park will have to enter their vehicle registration number plate in the pub or get a £100 charge. The Parish Council has an appointment with East Herts Council on 5.3.25 concerning permission required for the signage and cameras etc within the curtilage of a Grade 2 listed building.

Defibrillator – The defibrillator was removed from the cabinet but has been returned and all pads were present and unused.

Grass Warren New Sewer – These essential works will be taking place from 10.3.25 until 16.5.25.

115. CORRESPONDENCE

Hertfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy Webinar was attended by Cllr Kristina Lawson who advised that there will be a publicly available mapping tool showing all the sites. The designations will hold weight with planning.

A consultation will take place in the summer and Cllr K Lawson will circulate the slides.

BEAM, Hertford Theatre Research Project – The Parish Council agreed to encourage the opportunity of bringing professional live arts such as theatre, dance, music and comedy into Tewin village. BEAM are going to arrange a free fun arts based workshop one evening in March with refreshments.

Tewin Village website Bus timetable – Cllr K St Pier has requested that the bus times are put back on the website.

Mobile Phone Masts – A request for a mobile phone mast has been received

116. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Tewin Allotment Association – The AGM has now taken place and a new Treasurer has started. The cost of a plot is now £22.

Transport – CDA for Herts is currently in negotiation with Herts County Council about the possibility of two weekly trips as there is an issue with drivers. Cllr Bob Deering suggested Cllr Ken Crofton would be able to assist.

117. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.45pm** at Tewin Memorial Hall and will start with the Annual Parish meeting and then be followed by the Parish Council meeting.