

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (Chairman), A. Hill (Vice Chairman), D. Howson, K. Lawson, D. Lloyd, N. Moore and J. Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk) and East Herts District Cllr M. McMullen.

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr B. Evans and East Herts District Councillor L. Haysey.

94. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 4th November 2013, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were agreed as a true record by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

95. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

96. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/13/1917/FP – 49 Upper Green, Tewin – Erection of detached two storey dwelling and detached garage – *TPC No Comment*

3/13/1955/FP - Perry Tree House, 16 Upper Green, Tewin- Demolition of car port and erection of 3 car garages with gym and storage above– *TPC No Comment*

3/13/1992/FP – 2 East Riding, Tewin – Provision of entrance gates and posts – *TPC No Comment*

3/13/1942/FP – Coombe House, 9 Firs Walk – Erection of two storey rear extension. New entrance, alterations to windows, application of render to first floor, along with associated demolition – *TPC No Comment*

3/13/2056/FO – Tewin Bury Farm – Removal of Onerous Condition – Variation of Condition 1 of planning approval ref 3/11/1225/FP to extend the period of time allowed for use of a former cattle barn as a temporary function room worth associated toilets provided in the adjacent pole barn, including a replacement roof covering the main barn and installation of photo voltaic panels on the south facing slope – *TPC No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

3/13/0042/FP and 3/13/0043/LB - Warrengate Farm, Money Hole Farm, Tewin – Conversion of stable and store to living accommodation, insertion of 3no roof lights and cast iron flue. Alterations to form 2no dormers in garage building – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

3/13/1650/FP – Bulls Green Nursery, 102 Bramfield Road, Datchworth – Two storey side extension – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

Enforcement Issues - Nothing to report

Seven Acres Development Update

No response has been received from Mr B. Beyzade, Land and Planning Director and Mr P. Bigg, Senior Design and Planning Executive Taylor Wimpey about their plans for the dead fir trees, the boundary wall and the flooding of the garden at 43 Upper Green Road during the heavy rainfall.

The Site Manager advised that engineers are working on installing a soak away and are awaiting the results from the soil samples which were collected. They are also pricing up works on both the restoration and replacement of the boundary wall.

The Parish Council agreed to write to them both again and to Peter Gurr, Managing Director of North Thames Taylor Wimpey.

Riversmead Development – The developer has issued a newsletter to households in Grass Warren advising that they are undertaking vegetation clearance on 9th December 2013.

97. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £2068.89 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

Internal Audit – This is scheduled for Tuesday 10th December 2013.

Precept –The Council reviewed the precept options for the financial year ending 31.3.2015 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Council unanimously agreed that the precept be increased by £1,000 to £28,000 to allow for a potential pay rise for the clerk and a Contingency fund in the accounts.

98. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpaths – First Phase (New footpath from Godfries Close up to Upper Green) – An onsite meeting was held between Highways, Malcolm Amey, EHC Arboricultural Officer and the Parish Council on 18th November 2013 to discuss the footpath proposal. Final plans will be drawn up by Highways and they will carry out a consultation with the Parish Council and local residents.

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpath - Second Phase (New kerbing and a footpath along the northern edge of Lower Green) – There has been no update from Highways on this proposal.

Replacement Tree for May Pond Green – The Parish Council agreed to wait for the footpath consultation before considering replacing the dead horse chestnut on May Pond Green.

Blocked Gully & Ditches – A few gulleys in School Lane have been cleared but not the ones in Upper Green Road or Hertford Road.

Traditional Style Finger Post – The life expectancy of an oak post is approximately 50 years if it is well maintained and installed into a metal box. The Parish Council agreed not to go ahead.

Herts Highways Liaison Meeting - Cllr K.Lawson attended this meeting on 27th November 2013 and was advised that the fault reporting system is being revised and is expected to be live in mid December. Gulleys are on an 18 month cycle and if they are causing a hazard they can go on a vulnerable gully list which will be on a six month cycle. Damian Higgins and Robert Payne from Ringway are willing to respond to issues raised and the Parish Council agreed to email them.

99. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Pavilion Quotes – Two quotes have been received to date and Cllr D Howson agreed to obtain a third quote.

Path Light – A new bulb has been fitted. The Parish Council agreed to look into alternative switches.

Leaking Tap – The Parish Council agreed to get this fixed. Cllr N.Moore recommended a plumber.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

100. LOWER GREEN

Christmas Tree – The cabling works have been completed by Cllr J.Sheridan and the PAT test is organised for 2pm on 3rd December 2013.

Lower Green Electrical Cupboard – A replacement double socket has been fitted.

Carols on The Green - These will take place on 18th December 2013 from 6pm until 8pm. If it is wet it will take place in the school.

Hole on Lower Green – A small hole opened up on the south side of Lower Green due to a broken drain underneath. It has been filled in and made safe and the Parish Council agreed to cordon it off and to notify Highways if it happens again.

101. RISK ASSESSMENT

Tree Works – These have not been completed yet and the Parish Council agreed to advise the contractor that a deadline for completion of the works will be set.

102. CORRESPONDENCE

388 bus – Cllr Lawson has written to the Passenger Transport Unit about overcrowding on the school bus and the lack of pocket timetables for the last year but is still waiting for a response.

Planning Application Request – The Website committee has asked whether the Parish Council would consider listing current planning applications open for consultation on the Tewin Village website. The Parish Council agreed that they are readily available on the East Herts Council website. An article has been put in the December issue of the Tewin Magazine about how to view planning applications submitted to East Herts Council.

Charitable Trusts Talk – Cllr D. Howson attended the talk on 11th November at 7pm at Wallfields East Herts Council.

CDA for Herts Village Halls & Community Buildings Conference – Cllr D. Lloyd agreed to attend the conference on 4th December 2013 at Woolmer Green Village Hall from 9.30am until 3.30pm.

Stopping of Prescription Service at Tewin Stores – The Prescription service ceased on 8th November 2013.

Broadband Speed – The Parish Council has publicised in the December issue of the Tewin Magazine how to registering an interest in Superfast Broadband with the Connecting Counties website and also the www.BT.com/btinfinity.

103. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

PPP- Cllr K St Pier has reported the muddy state of Back Lane at the Rose & Crown end to Mr T. Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer.

104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 3rd February 2013 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS November 2013

Fault line: 0300 123 40 47

Affinity Water 0845-7823333 (fault/leak reporting)

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Reinstatement of Kerbing along northern edge of Lower Green	2013	Highways/Section 106
2	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2012	Reported on highway fault website
3	Line Markings – Missing on School Lane	2012	Reported on Highway fault website
4	Hertford Road – Standing water near the shop as gullies blocked	2013	Reported on Highway fault website
5	Hertford Road – Lousehole Bottom culvert under the road is not working and gulley blocked	2013	Reported on Highway fault website
6	Upper Green/Upper Green Road/Orchard Road – Gullies blocked	2013	Reported on Highway fault website
7	Signs - Hollybushes- Directional Tewin sign missing - Hertford Road - 30mph Repeater missing - Lower Green – Directions on finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website

