

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th October 2013 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Cllr L. Haysey and two members of the public.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr B. Evans, Cllr N. Moore and East Herts District Cllr M. McMullen.

68. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 2nd September 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.

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

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Jubilee Stone - Mr Canton requested permission to place the Jubilee Stone on Lower Green. The Parish Council agreed in principle to a site in the vicinity of the Village sign and Mr Canton agreed to provide a sketch of the stone and an exact location for the next meeting.

70. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/13/1609/PC – Land to the Rear of Sevenacres – Change of use from agriculture to C1 Bed and Breakfast – *TPC is sympathetic to the concerns expressed by a number of parishioners and would support anything East Herts Council can do to oppose this application.*

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

3/13/1616/LB – 104 Orchard Road, Tewin - Removal and reinstatement of existing roof to annexe extension and change to obscured glass for proposed bathroom window approved under Listed Building Consent 3/13/1018/LB – *TPC No Comment*

3/13/1664/FP – 54 Orchard Road, Tewin - Single storey rear extension – *TPC No Comment*

Planning Decisions

3/13/1456/FP – 24 Hertford Road, Tewin – Detached double garage – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

3/13/1244/FP & 1245/LB – 10a Lower Green, Tewin – Replace rear patio doors and hall doors. Install new glass awning/veranda to rear garden patio – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

3/13/1239/FP - 1 Desborough Drive, Tewin – Single storey front extension – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

3/13/1465/FP - 11, Bishops Road, Tewin - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, with associated demolition. *TPC no objection to the proposal but wished to support the neighbour in her concerns about water being illegally piped onto her land – EHC Granted and the applicant is reminded that appropriate measures should be undertaken to dispose with surface water runoff arising from the development site.*

3/13/1229/FP – 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin – New dwelling with new vehicular access (amendment to scheme approved under planning reference 3/10/1647/FP) – *TPC Object as it will result in too many driveways entering onto the road in a small space, on a very difficult corner i.e.: new garage site with four detached dwellings (LPA Ref 3/10/1785/FP), existing access 74 Upper Green Road and the new access. The original application (3/08/1848/FP) was determined and approved based on plans which specified shared access of the existing driveway.*

It is unclear how vehicular access is maintained to the field to the south of the application site. The only reference in the application appears to be the three gates shown on Drawing 606. This implies that the existing access will be maintained. However it will now track across the landscaped grass area at the front

of the site and cross the pavers of the new drive. We are concerned that this is not a sustainable situation and that an application for a further vehicular access onto the highway will result. If this application is approved it will cut through an existing very well used pedestrian pathway along the roadside bank and it would be useful to have a planning condition detailing how the landscaping will maintain this pathway. Integrated Transport Planning, Hertfordshire Highways are in the process of designing an upgrade to this pathway, and it would be useful to see them consulted in order to co-ordinate developments- EHC Granted

3/13/1275/FP – Tewin Sports Community Pavilion, Upper Green, Tewin – Single storey extension – TPC
No Comment – EHC Granted

Certificates of Lawfulness – Nothing to report

Enforcement Issues - Nothing to report

Seven Acres Development Update

In response to the Parish Council's request Mr P. Bigg, Senior Design and Planning Executive, Taylor Wimpey advised the following:

Flooding Issue – Engineers are currently working on a solution which should provide additional surface water storage on site to overcome the problem.

Wall Issue – Taylor Wimpey is currently looking at options to stabilise the wall and will inform the Council when a satisfactory solution has been found.

Dead Tree Issue – Due to loss of staff Taylor Wimpey are having difficulty tracking down the report from the arboriculturalist and will advise Tewin Parish Council as soon as possible.

The Parish Council agreed to write to Mr B. Beyzade, Land & Planning Director, Taylor Wimpey about all the above issues and contact Environmental Health and Building Regulations departments about the wall.

Gates – The new gates that have been installed have been reported to East Herts Council who advised that they have not had the necessary approval. Cllr L. Haysey agreed to look into this.

Riversmead Development

Riversmead has advised that they are in the process of negotiating with the developer and the Parish Council will be kept in formed with progress with regard to the new road being built through the grass area first. They also noted the Parish Council's request that construction traffic should enter the village from the B1000 up past the church on Churchfield Road.

Riversmead contractors have been measuring up to replace the southern boundary brick wall that was removed recently as it was unsafe.

Tewin Grove/B1000 - A map has been received of this new site 40/022 which appeared on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment ("SLAA") Round 3 Interim list of sites.

East Herts Rural Parish Conference – This took place on Friday 13th September 2013 and Cllrs D. Lloyd, D. Howson and K. St Pier attended. Documents from the talk have been circulated.

EHAPTC - The next EHAPTC meeting is on Thursday 12th December at 13.30pm at East Herts Council, Wallfields with Mike Carver and Claire Sime, Team Leader, Planning Policy.

71. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £4,263.50 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

The 2013 New Homes Bonus of £2,944 was transferred to the Business Premium Account.

Precept – The second and final instalment of the precept totalling £13,500 has been received.

Royal British Legion – The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £75 towards the cost of the Remembrance wreath and Cllr K. Lawson agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.

Allotments – The Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay the rent for the allotments for a further 6 months in accordance with the agreement which expires in April 2014.

St Peter's Church – The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £150 towards the cost of producing the Tewin Magazine.

72. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Blocked Ditches – The Upper Green Road ditches were cleared by Herts Highways on 4th September but the spoil was left on the verge adjacent to the ditch therefore impeding pedestrians. Herts Highways have refused to remove the spoil and Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton advised that he had no spare funds in his Locality budget to clear the path. A quote has been received from Kirkham Contracting to clear the spoil and Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer has agreed to finance the works.

Blocked Gulleys – The Parish Council agreed to write to Herts Highways to advise them that the blocked gulleys in Upper Green Road, Hertford Road and at Lousehole Bottom are dangerous and Tewin Parish Council will be arranging for a private contractor to complete the works.

Highway Signs – Cllr Ken Crofton advised Tewin Parish Council that they will have to be patient as there is a massive backlog leftover from the previous contractors.

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpaths – First Phase: Godfries Close to Upper Green

Herts Highways hope to get approval for the next stage of the footpath proposal and will then arrange a meeting with Tewin Parish Council to discuss the finalised proposal.

73. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Pavilion Storage Proposal - The planning application has been granted permission by East Herts Council and the Parish Council agreed to obtain quotes for the works.

Water Supply – The Parish Council agreed to switch off the water supply to the showers for the winter.

Bouncy Castle – The Parish Council agreed to the use of a bouncy castle and slide on Upper Green on 13th October 2013 providing the organisers were made aware in writing that it is “at their own risk” and not covered by the Parish Council’s insurance.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

74. LOWER GREEN

Christmas tree – The tree planting date is 25th October 2013. Friends of Tewin have agreed to donate £932 towards the purchase and planting of the Christmas tree from Majestic Trees and the Parish Council agreed to thank Friends of Tewin for their generous donation and put an article in the Parish News.

Union Jack – The Parish Council agreed to purchase a Union Jack to replace the missing flag at a maximum cost of £125 plus vat once the size has been confirmed.

75. ALLOTMENTS

Land Tenancy Agreement - A final draft of the Land Tenancy agreement has been received from the landowner’s solicitor incorporating many of the variations suggested. The Parish Council agreed to accept the final draft for 7yrs commencing 6th April 2014 at £630 pa with 12 months notice served on March or September rent days.

Land Rental Agreement - The Parish Council agreed to draft a revised Land Rental agreement between the Allotment Association and the Parish Council ready for the next meeting.

76. RISK ASSESSMENT

The following works have been completed or actioned:

Tennis Club Bench – The Parish agreed to cordon off the damaged bench and remind the Tewin Tennis Club that the bench needs repairing.

Tree Works – The Parish Council has been advised that they will be done soon.

77. CORRESPONDENCE

FP 30 - Complaints have been received about more fencing which has been installed along FP30 beside Ladywalk. This has been reported to Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer at HCC and discussions have taken place with the landowner about an official diversion order.

Hedgerow Damage – A complaint has been received about damage to the hedgerow opposite 8 Godfries Close and the Parish Council agreed that it was not their land.

White Van Parking – The PCSO has been advised and will be looking into the issue of dangerous parking in Cannons Meadow at the T junction over the weekends and weekday evenings.

Hedge on North boundary of the Bowls Club – Both the Bowls Club and Kirkham Contracting have confirmed that the overgrown hedge in question will be cut in due course.

Charitable Trusts Talk – Cllr D. Howson agreed to attend the talk on 11th November 2013 at 7pm at East Herts Council, Wallfields, Hertford.

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

Herts County Council Consultation on “Setting Local Speed Limits” – This opened on 27th September and runs for 8 weeks until 22nd November and can be viewed online. Cllr D. Howson agreed to look into it.

78. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 4th November 2013 at Tewin Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55pm

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS September 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	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	Upper Green Road – Cleared but spoil now blocking footpath	2012	Reported on highway fault website
5	Hertford Road – Standing water near the shop as gullies blocked	2013	Reported on highway fault website
6	Hertford Road – Lousehole Bottom culvert under the road is not working and gulley blocked	2013	Reported on highway fault website
7	Upper Green/Upper Green Road/Orchard Road – Gullies blocked	2013	Reported on highway fault website
8	Signs - Hollybushes - Directional Tewin sign missing - Hertford Road - 30mph Repeater missing - Lower Green – Directions on finger post missing	2013	Reported on highway fault website