

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st September 2014 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Cllr M. McMullen and one member of the public.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Mr Salisbury attended to outline his concerns regarding the Rural Protection Orders on affordable houses in Grass Warren.

40. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 7th July 2014, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D. Lloyd declared an interest in the planning application for 28 Grass Warren as she is neighbour.

42. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/14/1273/FP - Tewin Bury Farm Hotel - Creation of seven additional en suite guest bedrooms from conversion of existing buildings - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1303/FO - 2 Hertford Road, Tewin - Modification of condition 2 (approved plans) - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1353/FP - 2A Purcell Close, Tewin - Alterations to house incorporating new first floor - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1302/FP - 28 Grass Warren, Tewin - Single storey front extension - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1405/CL - 29 Orchard Road, Tewin - Construction of detached garage - *TPC No Comment*

Planning Decisions

3/14/0920/FP – 112 Bramfield Road, Tewin – Conversion of existing integral garage to an additional living room. – *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

3/14/0946/FP – 30 Lower Green, Tewin – Change of use of land to residential curtilage and extension to garage annex within new curtilage – *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

3/14/0971/AD – The Rose & Crown, Upper Green Road – New signage – *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

3/14/1137/FP – 25 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Single storey rear extension – *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

Enforcement Issues

X/13/0696/04 – Approved dwelling house on land adjacent to the Rose & Crown, Tewin – EHC Enforcement are liaising with the developer regarding replacement of close boarded fencing forward of the front wall of the house with post and rail fence and completion of landscaping works in particular hedge along the front boundary.

10 School Lane, Tewin – EHC Enforcement to look into the large shed erected in the rear garden.

Seven Acres Development Update

Flooding: – The residents of 37 Upper Green Road have obtained a quote for remedial work to rectify the flooding of their garden which has been forwarded to East Herts Council and it is hoped Taylor Wimpey will agree to cover.

Wall: - The East Herts Council building inspector has visited the site and agreed to monitor the cracks.

Trees: - East Herts Council has agreed that Taylor Wimpey can remove all the conifers adjacent to the tennis courts but they have to retain three hornbeams and an ash tree in their existing state. A replacement hornbeam hedge is to be planted.

Riversmead Development Update - Nothing to report

Tewin Conservation Area and Management Plan 2014 - Tewin Parish Council agreed to make a very strong objection to the proposal to change the Conservation Area boundary at the eastern end of Hertford Road. They also agreed to comment that the entire document contained many typos, errors and inaccuracies and they raised concerns that no mention has been made of the existing "Tewin Conservation Area Character Statement" published by East Hertfordshire District Council in 1995.

43. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £3699.71 from the Current Account and £129 from the Tewin Pavilion Account were approved by the Parish Council.

New Homes Bonus – The New Homes Bonus award of £9309 has been received.

Internal Audit – This was completed on Thursday 24th July 2014 by Cllr B. Evans and Cllr D. Lloyd and everything was found to be satisfactory.

Community Drive Safe Scheme- The Parish Council agreed to fund the cost of a meeting room at the Pavilion for the Drive Safe volunteers when required.

44. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpath Proposal From Godfries Close to Upper Green

On 18th August Cllr K St Pier, Cllr A. Hill and the Clerk met with Martin Wright and Ian Batcock from Herts County Council ("HCC") to discuss the latest version of the proposed footpath and various safety concerns.

The Parish Council raised concerns at :

- the hazardous location of the proposed crossing just north of 80 Upper Green Road over to the Tewin garage site driveway.
- the dropped kerb on the proposed footpath outside 76 and 78 Upper Green Road in order to allow vehicles to run over onto the footpath.
- the narrowness of the proposed footpath outside 76 and 78 Upper Green Road as it will be bordered by a hedge and a fence which will trap pedestrians if an oncoming southbound vehicle mounts the pavement.
- the existing pinch point of the road outside 76 & 78 Upper Green Road evidenced by the wearing of the grass on the edge of the road caused by vehicle overrun.

The HCC representatives agreed it would be safest to cross further south outside 37 Upper Green Road but the cost of culverting of the ditch would be prohibitive and not in line with current policy on flood prevention which prefers open ditches to pipes.

In view of the receipt of an acceptable outline quote for culverting a section of the ditch Tewin Parish Council agreed to discuss with HCC the option of self funding the culverting of the ditch which would enable the crossing to be moved further south.

HCC confirmed that:

- they will extend the proposed path from 56 Upper Green Road behind the earth bund up to the Upper Green car park entrance and the two trees marked for removal could stay as they would adjust the line of the path to go round the trees and that none of the earth bund needed to be removed.
- the multi stemmed ash tree on May Pond Green will be removed but replacement trees will be provided.

Drainage Works

The initial inspection of the drainage systems has been completed and quotes received for further works in Orchard Road, Upper Green Road and Tewin Hill. These works have unblocked drains on Orchard Road and Tewin Hill.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the quote for installing two sets of kerbing around two existing gully's in Upper Green Road to stop erosion of the verge and prevent future blockage.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to install a new drainage run from the ditch outside 49 Upper Green across the village green connecting into an existing gully adjacent to the Plume of Feathers green to stop surface water runoff flooding across the road and creating a hazard.

The Parish Council agreed to wait until works had been completed on Hertford Road by Herts Highways before considering accepting any further quotes.

Lower Green – The camera inspection of the gulleys along Lower Green has not been completed yet. Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton and District Service Agent Raj Goutham are both fully aware of the issue. Cllr A. Hill agreed to look into putting a temporary cover over the hole.

HCC Bus Consultation - Herts County Council need to save at least £700k from their £3.8m budget for bus services and in order to protect the majority of services they support they are proposing to withdraw funding to services that run after 6.30pm from Monday to Saturday and also withdraw funding for services that run on a Sunday.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the proposal as it would affect the 388 bus in particular the last bus which comes from Hertford at just after 6pm on Mon-Fri and turns round at Welwyn North at around 6.40pm to go back after coinciding with the fast train from London. They were also concerned at the lack of information and notice for users about the consultation.

45. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Renewal of Pavilion CIC Licence to Occupy - On 19th August 2014 a meeting was held with Cllr K. St. Pier, A. Hill, D. Lloyd, B. Evans, S. Stott, J. Sheridan and the Clerk. It was agreed that maintaining the CIC structure was the best way forward and that help and advertising was needed locating replacements for retiring Directors. Since the meeting several parishioners have shown interest in helping with the Tewin Pavilion CIC and a meeting has been arranged. The Parish Council agreed to review the situation at the next Parish Council meeting.

Annual ROSPA Playground Inspection

The ROSPA inspection report for the playground on Upper Green has been received. The playground is categorised as Very Low/Low risk and a few minor points have been raised which the Parish Council agreed to monitor and repair if necessary.

Upper Green Pond - The Parish Council agreed that the Pond Committee could remove a branch overhanging the pond.

46. RISK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding Issues - The replacement well cover roof tiles and posts on the Church green are to be done in due course by Kirkham Contracting.

Church Green Bench – Cllr J. Sheridan has removed the bench.

47. PARISH PATHS

Back Lane – The grant of £1000 for resurfacing works on Back Lane has been received.

BR4 Lousehole Bottom - Works on the bridleway have been completed.

B1000 Flytipping - This has been reported and removed.

FP18 - One of the posts has broken and the Clerk was asked to ascertain who is responsible for them.

Path between Harwood and Godfries Close - The hedge is overgrown and need cutting and Kirkham Contracting will be asked to prune it.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

Classic Car Show - The Parish Council agreed to give Friends of Tewin permission to use Upper Green for the Classic Car Show on Sunday 23rd August 2015.

Bouncy Castle on Upper Green - The Parish Council gave permission for a bouncy castle on Upper Green on 14th September 2014 subject to the usual stipulations.

East Herts Rural Parish Conference 2014 - This will take place on Friday 12th September 2014 at Benington Village Hall from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Lower Green Bunting - The Parish Council agreed to pass on a suggestion that the bunting for the fete in June stays up for no more than four weeks each year.

EHAPTC – The next meeting is on 10th September 2014 at East Herts Council Wallfields.

49. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES - Nothing to report

50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 6th October 2014 at Tewin Memorial Hall.
As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS August 2014

Fault line: 0300 1234047

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. Hole on Lower Green caused by broken pipe (Highways gulley pipe) awaiting Highways to arrange camera inspection. Safety barriers put up. Cllr Ken Crofton and District Service Agent aware.	2013	Reported on Highway fault website
5	Hertford Road – Lousehole Bottom gulley blocked <i>Work scheduled for October 2014</i>	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 - Lower Green – Directions on finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website

