

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

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

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Howson and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Mr Marshall attended to ascertain the details of the planning application for conversion for the agricultural building on land to the rear of Upper Green.

16. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 12th May 2014, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

17. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/14/0810/PR – Agricultural building & land rear of Upper Green, Tewin – Conversion of building into 1 no 5 bed roomed dwelling – *The Parish Council agreed to strongly support all parishioners comments and whatever East Herts Council can do to oppose the approval of the application*

In the Supporting Document paragraph 1.1 there are two sentences referring to Upper Green:

- It is situated in open land to the west of Upper Green from which access will be gained.*
- Pedestrian and vehicular access way will be via the new residential road from Upper Green commencing to the east of the Applicant's dwelling.*

Since there is a village green called Upper Green and a highway called Upper Green, this can cause confusion. If EHC is mindful to approve this application, the Parish Council would like the approval notice to clearly state that vehicular access to the applicant's site must only be via the new road named Sevenacres adjacent to 56 Upper Green.

3/14/0896/CL – Tewin Bury Farm – Construction of hardcore track and hard standing for use as access, storage of building and maintenance materials, recyclable waste and other general materials associated with the operation of Tewin Bury Farm Hotel – *TPC No Comment*.

Planning Decisions

3/14/0592/MA - Land adj to 30, Lower Green - Non-material amendments to 3/13/0951/FP: revisions to plans, elevations & access – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*.

3/14/0560/FP - Muspatts Farm, Churchfield Road - Construction of new agricultural building within the existing farm yard – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*.

Enforcement Issues – Nothing to report.

Seven Acres Development Update

Flooding: – Andrew Stevenson, East Herts Council advised that he has met with residents of 37 Upper Green Road about their flooding and visited Taylor Wimpey as a result.

Wall: - Lisa Page, Planning Officer, East Herts Council and the Enforcement Officer have an onsite meeting on 2nd June 2014 on various issues.

Trees: - Lisa Page, Planning Officer, East Herts Council has received a proposal and will be looking at this with the Landscape Officer as the current soft landscape bears no relationship with the approved drawings. They will also investigate the accuracy of the drawings with the existing planting detailed on it.

Riversmead Development Update

The Parish Council agreed to obtain an update from Linda Haysey, East Herts District Councillor about the height of the new houses behind 27 and 28 Grass Warren and the resultant requirement for a higher boundary wall/fence.

District Plan 2014 Response – The Parish Council has submitted its response in support of Tewin being a Group 2 village.

District Plan 2014 Objections - The Parish Council agreed to outline these in the next Tewin Magazine issue.

19. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1521.77 from the Current Account and payments amounting to £180.00 from the Pavilion Account were approved by the Parish Council.

Annual Internal Audit – This has been completed by McCash and Hay Accountants and everything was found to be satisfactory and Section 4 of the BDO Audit Form was completed and signed.

BDO Audit Form – This is now complete and will be sent to BDO for external audit.

20. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpaths

a. From Godfries Close to Upper Green – Some key changes have been made to the proposals including re siting of the pedestrian crossing, culverting some of the ditch, adjustments to the proposed path alignment and a reduction in the number of trees to be removed. Revised budget estimates are currently being prepared as a result of the alterations prior to obtaining internal approvals and progressing to the detailed design stage. The scheme remains on track for implementation in the next financial year.

b. New kerbing and a footpath along the northern edge of Lower Green – Nothing to report.

Gulleys – The Parish Council met with Andrew Stevenson, East Herts Council to discuss various solutions to the road flooding and he provided the Parish Council with details of contractors who can do drainage connections and gully maintenance works. The Parish Council agreed to obtain a quote. East Herts Councillor M.McMullen agreed to raise gully cleansing and the camera investigation of hole on Lower Green in Tewin with Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton.

21. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Pavilion Storage Cupboard – The new light has been installed and the socket moved and a new fuse spur put in.

Renewal of Pavilion CIC licence to Occupy - The Parish Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting as the Tewin Pavilion CIC have not had a meeting yet.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

Hundred Year Wood – The Council agreed to accept an offer to renew the commemorative plaque in the wood and to remove a couple of branch overhanging the pond at the back of Upper Green. Cllr J.Sheridan also advised that he still has some trees available for planting.

Bouncy Castle – The Parish Council agreed to allow a bouncy castle on Upper Green on 10th August and agreed the usual stipulations be sent in writing.

22. RISK ASSESSMENT

Church Green Bench – The Parish Council agreed to enquire whether the Church Committee had any objections to the removal of the bench.

Trees - Ashley Trees has agreed to complete the works on 9th June until 11th June 2014.

The dead tree outside 29 Grass Warren has been reported to Riversmead and the dead tree on the verge in School Lane has been reported to Herts Highways.

Kirkham Contracting advised that there was no immediate problem with the lower branches on the tree outside 19 Lower Green.

Dead Lane – The Parish Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting as Cllr D. Howson was absent from the meeting.

23. PARISH PATHS

Back Lane – A grant of £1000 has been awarded to the Parish Council towards resurfacing works on Back Lane.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

Lower Green – Tewin Tots has requested use of Lower Green for their Sport Days and the Parish Council agreed subject to the usual stipulations being sent in writing.

Panshanger aerodrome – A complaint has been received about the aerodrome's Sports Day for pilots on 18th May and the continuous flying over the village until 9pm and the potential other similar events during over the summer. The Parish Council agreed that there was little they could do.

Rural Sounding Board – Cllr K Lawson agreed to look into this.

Street Naming – Tewin Parish Council has been invited to suggest names for the new development on the old garage site. The Parish Council agreed to ask Elizabeth Wilson for suggestions.

Community Drive Safe – Two lead volunteers have come forward and a further 9 people have signed the petition which they hope to send off to the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner shortly.

25. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 7th July 2014 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

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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 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

