

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 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) and East Herts Councillor M. McMullen

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from East Herts District Cllr L. Haysey.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Linda Adams attended to answer questions about the finger post sign proposed by Tewin Stores. The Parish Council advised her that Herts County Council would consider granting a licence for the erection of a sign on the land in front of 21 Back Lane in order to support the village shop but they would require a photograph of the sign or a design showing what it would look like and the dimensions. Tewin Stores would also need to ascertain whether planning permission was required from East Herts Council.

65. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 6th October 2014, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D. Lloyd declared an interest in the planning application for Land West of Orchard Road as she is related to owner.

67. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/14/1755/FP - 10A School Lane, Tewin - Timber shed in rear garden - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1792/FP - The Garden House, Tewin Water - New garage, parking area and gated entrance; Conversion of outbuilding including insertion of windows and doors. Construction of single storey link to dwelling. Double storey rear extension and raising of ridge following demolition of existing rear addition. Addition of external insulation and render to existing dwelling. - *TPC No objection but would like a planning condition on the garage whereby it cannot be used for residential accommodation.*

3/14/1813/FP - Land West of Orchard Road, Tewin - Erection of a new agricultural building on agricultural land - *TPC fully supportive of this agricultural initiative, but circumstances can change so is it possible to add planning conditions which restrict the permitted development rights that allow change of use of agricultural buildings particularly into residential.*

3/14/1843/FP - 31 Orchard Road, Tewin - Single storey rear extension with dummy pitched roof design - *TPC No Comment.*

3/14/1793/FP - 1 The Stable Block, Tewin Water - New orangery - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1795/FP - 9 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Provision of new first floor bedrooms with ensuite shower room constructed over the existing ground floor lounge/study - *TPC No Comment*

3/14/1819/FP - Robins, Tewin Close - Erection of detached Garage - *TPC No Comment*

Prior Notification - Householder (Only neighbours can comment)

3/14/1840/PH - 17 Firs Walk, Tewin - Single storey rear extension depth 8m max, height 3.7m and eaves 2.713m

Planning Decisions

3/14/1687/FP - Land Rear of 27-28 Grass Warren, Tewin - The amendment of the roof profile to 4 No semi detached houses - *TPC No Comment.*

3/14/1647/FP - St Peter's Church, Tewin - Extension of existing church yard into land already owned by the church - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

Seven Acres Development Update

Seven Acres Boundary Wall:- Herts County Council Rural Estates department agreed with Tewin Parish Council to accept the proposed Sevenacres boundary line on May Pond Green alongside the sales building.

Tewin Garage Site: - Work on this site is due to start shortly

Riversmead Development Update - Cllr Haysey has been asked to query the developer's proposal to tarmac only half the access road between 26 and 27 Grass Warren. She has also been notified of the need for replacement kerbing at the entrance of Grass Warren and the reinstatement of the grass by the new road before the developer leaves the site.

Tewin Conservation Area Appraisal - The report to the East Herts Council Executive Committee has been deferred so that Cllr K St Pier and East Herts District Cllr Linda Haysey can meet the authors to discuss various issues.

68. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £4826.84 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

Royal British Legion - A donation of £75 to the Royal British Legion was agreed by the Parish Council . The Parish Council thanked Cllr K St Pier for agreeing to lay the wreath.

Internal Audit – This is to be completed on 11th November 2014 by Cllr B.Evans and D.Lloyd.

Estimate to the Year End - In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Parish Council reviewed and agreed the Estimate for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2014.

69. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpath Proposal From Godfries Close to Upper Green - Nothing further to report as the scheme has been progressed into Stage 3 detailed design works.

Hertford Road - The Parish Council agreed to thank Herts Highways for an excellent job on Hertford Road. The Parish Council agreed to inspect the culvert at Lousehole Bottom on the west side of Hertford Road at the next risk assessment.

Lower Green Point Cobbling - Two quotes have been received and a further quote is awaited. The Council agreed to measure the area of granite setts required.

Lower Green - District Service Agent Raj Goutam advised that the camera inspection of the gulleys along Lower Green was completed by Herts Highways on 29th October 2014. He is now awaiting a formal report on the findings before any remedial works can be considered. Their works programme is currently full until the end of January 2015 however if an opportunity arises earlier they will consider carrying out the works.

Flytipping - The Clerk was asked to report fly tipping on Churchfield Road opposite Muspatts Farm.

Margery Wood Grips - Cllr D Howson agreed to inspect these to see if they need clearing out.

70. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Pavilion Showers - Cllr A Hill agreed to turn off the water to the showers

Renewal of Pavilion CIC Licence to Occupy - The CIC are currently working on some modifications to the Licence and will submit them to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

Trees - A report had been circulated from David Room, Chairman of Tewin Tennis Club:

a) Pleached Hornbeams -

A proposal to plant a row of pleached hornbeams on the footpath side of Taylor Wimpey's fence, was supported by Tewin Tennis Club.

The Parish Council agreed to obtain two more quotes, a special dispensation to plant in the footpath from Herts County Council Rights of Way Unit, more information on support for the trees and to talk to the Seven acres management company with regard to annual access for pruning. The Councillors also agreed to visit the site and give more thought as to where exactly would be the best place to plant the trees.

b) Hedge along the new wall - . The Parish Council agreed to give permission to Tewin Tennis Club to plant a mixed deciduous native hedge in front of the new wall to the south of the tennis courts along with 4 or 5 larger hornbeams (say 150cm), which would be allowed to develop into trees. Tewin Tennis Club has offered to arrange a working party to plant the hedge .

The Parish Council agreed to accept a quote of £300 incl vat from Hopes Grove Nurseries for 85-90 hedge plants plus 5 tree saplings, height 90/120cm, spiral tree guards, canes, mulch fabric, root grow and preparatory weed killer. Cllr J. Sheridan has offered 15 mixed saplings towards this project.

c) Screening: Green privacy net has been supplied to the Tewin Tennis Club by Taylor Wimpey and the Parish Council agreed with the Tewin Tennis Club's proposal to hang the netting and monitor the situation. They also agreed to reserve the right to request the net's removal if it causes damage or nuisance.

Bench - The Parish Council agreed to inspect the bench located on Upper Green closest to the car park.

71. LOWER GREEN

Telephone Box - The Parish Council has agreed to thank Mr Roberts for painting the telephone box and Cllr M McMullen for supplying the paint.

Rose & Crown Pub- The Estate Manager from Greene King has advised that their surveyors will arrange a repair in order to close the gap in the hedge between the road and their car park although he did not know what type or how soon it would be completed.

72. RISK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding Issues - Kirkham Contracting advised that he would be completing the following works within the next few weeks: replacing the well cover roof tiles, installing posts on the Church green and completing resurfacing works on Back Lane.

73. CORRESPONDENCE

Post Office Consultation - The Parish Council agreed to reply advising that the proposed new service from Tewin Stores was suitable.

Type2Together - Publicity request for the formation of volunteer Diabetes Support Groups - The information was passed onto the Tewin Magazine.

Community Transport Conference - The Parish Council noted this conference hosted by Mike Carver on Friday 14th November 2014 from 10 am until 12.45 pm at the Nigel Copping Community Building, Stanstead Abbots.

Shed Burglaries in Tewin - An article has been put on the website and in the Tewin Magazine about shed burglaries.

Tewin Garage Site - The Parish Council noted correspondence with Mr. Manners regarding the start date for the development of the Tewin garage site and keeping the forecourt clear for pedestrians.

Parish & Town Conference - To note receipt of slides from this Conference on Thursday 16th October 2014

74. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport - The Clerk was asked to chase Tom Hennessy and Guy Brigden from the HCC Passenger Transport Unit for further passenger number details, for clearer printed timetables for the bus and verification that fares had increased.

Memorial Hall - The Parish Council agreed to consider taking over the upkeep of the Millennium Sign on Lower Green if requested.

75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 1st December 2014 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS October 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) .	2013	Camera Inspection completed - awaiting report
5	Signs - Hollybushes- Directional Tewin sign missing - Lower Green – Directions on finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website