

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th October 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 and J. Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk) and East Herts District Cllr L. Haysey.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr N. Moore, East Herts Councillor M. McMullen and Herts County Councillor K. Crofton.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS - None.

52. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 1st September 2014, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

54. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

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.*

3/14/1598/PH - 17 Firs Walk, Tewin - Single storey rear extension - *EHC Refused.*

Planning Decisions

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

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

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

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

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

3/14/1006/FP - 21a Lower Green, Tewin - Garage conversion and front porch - *TPC No Comment- EHC Approved.*

3/14/1136/FP - 32 Bishops Road, Tewin - Proposed decking - *TPC supports neighbours concerns at the raised nature of the decking and the resulting loss of privacy and overlooking - EHC Approved.*

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.

The Parish Council agreed to contact the Rose & Crown about the hole in the hedge.

10 School Lane, Tewin - The land owner has been asked to apply for planning permission as the shed is within 1 meter of the boundary.

Seven Acres Development Update

Flooding: – Nothing further to report.

Seven Acres Boundary Wall:- Taylor Wimpey have pegged out the new boundary line on May Pond Green alongside the sales building. John Hunt, Rural Estates Manager and his replacement Matt Roberts were notified on 18th September and it was agreed to chase them for their opinion.

Garage Site Boundary Wall: - Taylor Wimpey have now advised that they will be replacing the northern boundary wall adjacent to 43 Upper Green Road with a fence.

Trees: - Several written complaints have been received from parishioners about the tree removal. Cllr K. St Pier and Cllr D. Howson agreed to liaise with the Tewin Tennis Club about proposing to plant new trees or put up screening.

Riversmead Development Update - Cllr Haysey advised that she reported the query about the height of the new houses behind 27-28 Grass Warren and East Herts Council advised that they were in accordance with the planning permission.

East Herts Rural Conference - Cllr D Lloyd attended this and will circulate the slides when she receives them.

55. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £6653.20 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

Precept – The second and final instalment of the precept totalling £14,000 has been received.

Income versus expenditure - Total income is substantially over budget due to the receipt of £9309 New Homes Bonus, £1000 PPP grant towards restoration works on Back Lane, £1000 repayment of a loan from Tewin Pavilion CIC and £477.63 from EHC in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme

Grass cutting income & expenses are expected to be in line with the budget.

Total expenditure is substantially over budget due to the £4430 cost of drainage works on Upper Green, £1325 cost of a new storage cupboard at the Pavilion, £1100 tree works around the parish and £555 cost of a new computer for the Clerk. Expenditure has been met by New Homes Bonus, Pavilion refurbishment account and the Contingency Fund.

St Peter's Church – The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £175 towards the annual cost of producing the Tewin Magazine. There were six votes for this proposal and one abstention.

Senior Citizen's Lunch - The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £100 to Friends of Tewin towards the Senior Citizen's Lunch.

56. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

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

Cllr K St Pier and Cllr A. Hill met with Herts County Council ("HCC") on 6th October to see the final version of the footpath proposal following consideration of the public consultation responses, the Parish Council's concerns and independent safety advice. Herts Highways recommend the proposal.

Highways advised that the ditch cannot be culverted as it is not in line with drainage policy, the gradient of the drives are not safe to walk on and any alteration of them would be prohibitively expensive.

Highways have made various alterations including: wooden posts to be installed to replace the granite blocks outside 54 and 56 Upper Green, the footpath will join up with the existing footpath at Godfries Close consequently no trees will need to be removed in the vicinity. The footpath will carry on from 56 Upper Green to the entrance to the car park and wind around the trees.

The Parish Council reviewed the plans and agreed that the scheme should be progressed into Stage 3 detailed design works on that basis.

Drainage Works - Kerbing has been installed around two existing gulley's in Upper Green Road to stop erosion of the verge and prevent future blockage.

A new drainage run has been completed from the ditch outside 49 Upper Green across the village green connecting into an existing gulley adjacent to the Plume of Feathers green to stop surface water runoff flooding across the road and creating a hazard.

A budgetary quote of £15,000 for piping the ditch of has been received.

Hertford Road - Extensive patching has been completed. The gulleys have been cleared in Hertford Road.

Lower Green - The camera inspection of the gulleys along Lower Green has not been completed yet so the Parish Council agreed to remind Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton and District Service Agent Raj Goutham about the hazardous nature of the hole.

HCC Bus Consultation - Cllr K Lawson attended a meeting with Tom Hennessy and Guy Brigden about the proposed changes and the Parish Council agreed to send in some further comments on the consultation.

57. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Tewin Apple Day - The Parish Council agreed to give permission for this event to take place on Upper Green providing the neighbours are kept informed, appropriate signage for parking is used.

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.

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.

Upper Green Shed Roof - Cllr A. Hill has repaired the damaged roof.

58. LOWER GREEN

Telephone Box - The Parish Council has agreed to accept an offer from Mr Roberts to paint the telephone box. Cllr M McMullen very kindly supplied the paint.

Christmas Carols on Lower Green - The Parish Council agreed to hold the Carols on the Green on 18th December 2014 and agreed to accept Friends of Tewin assistance.

Path between Harwood and Godfries Close - The householder has agreed to arrange for Kirkham Contracting to prune the hedge

59. RISK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding Issues - The Parish Council agreed to ascertain when Kirkham Contracting would be completing the following works: replacing the well cover roof tiles, installing posts on the Church green and completing resurfacing works on Back Lane.

60. PARISH PATHS

Flytipping - The Clerk was asked to report a fly tipped sofa between the entrances to Marden Hill and fly tipped silver piping at the entrance to BR4.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

Drinks - East Herts Cllr L.Haysey has invited the Parish Council to drinks with Oliver Heald MP on 19th October 2014.

Bonfires in Tewin Wood - A complaint has been received about constant bonfires in Tewin Wood and the Parish Council agreed to put a note in the Tewin Magazine about being considerate to your neighbours.

Dog Fouling on Upper Green - A complaint has been received about dog fouling being left on Upper Green. The Parish Council has put a note in the Tewin Magazine asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs and advising that they can put bagged dog mess in the litter bins.

Cattle & Gates on Footpaths - The Parish Council has been made aware of a complaint about cattle on the footpath and gates that are inaccessible for buggies which Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer is looking into.

Cycling Event - This will take place in Tewin on Sunday 12th October from 8.30m until 11am with approx 70 riders. The event's headquarters will be based at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Trees adjacent to the Upper Green tennis courts - Two letters of complaint have been received about the removal the fir trees adjacent to the tennis courts. Taylor Wimpey had received permission from East Herts Council and a replacement hornbeam hedge is being planted.

Tewin Garage New Development Road Naming - The road name will be Mimram Drive.

Upper Green Trees- A complaint has been received about Mr Loughrey pruning trees bordering his access track. The Parish Council agreed to look into this.

62. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Website : The new look website has been well received.

Community Drive Safe Scheme- The volunteers have met and expect to be trained up and using the equipment by January.

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 3rd November 2014 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS September 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