

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th July 2014 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

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

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr D. Howson and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Mr & Mrs O'Connell attended to outline the details of their planning application for 112 Bramfield Road. Mr, Mrs & Master Herrington-Symes attended to outline their concerns relating to the planning application for 32 Bishops Road, Tewin.

28. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 2nd June 2014, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

29. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

30. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

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

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*

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

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

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.*

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

Planning Decisions

3/14/0810/PR – Agricultural building & land rear of Upper Green, Tewin – Conversion of building into 1no 5 bedroomed 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

EHC Granted with a condition that the brick walls to the south and west be demolished and permitted development rights have been removed for creation of walls, fences and gates.

3/14/0683/FP – 4 Desborough Drive, Tewin – Single storey rear extension – *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

3/14/0652/FP – 9 Firs Walk, Tewin - Removal of existing gate and erection of new automated entrance gates – *TPC Agreed to support parishioner's comments- EHC Refused as size, siting, height and design are unduly prominent and out of keeping with the character of Firs Walk.*

Appeal Decisions

3/13/2156 – 31 Bishops Road, Tewin – Demolition of existing garage, study & utility room and erection of a two storey side and rear extension. Extension to porch, and replacement of existing windows – *EHC Refused - Appeal Allowed*

Enforcement Issues

X/13/0696/04 – Approved dwelling house on land adjacent to the Rose & Crown, Tewin – EHC Enforcement to contact developer regarding replacement of close boarded fencing forward of the front wall of the house with post and rail fence. Completion of landscaping works is expected upon first occupation of the house.

17 Grass Warren, Tewin – EHC Enforcement to look into the large shed erected in the rear garden.

Seven Acres Development Update

Flooding: – An additional drawing has been provided to EHC with the new soakaway shown. EHC has been advised of the flooding of 37 Upper Green Road and Taylor Wimpey is in the process of agreeing a solution.

Wall: - Lisa Page, Planning Officer, East Herts Council and the East Herts Council Enforcement Officer met Taylor Wimpey onsite on 2nd June 2014. The boundary wall has had sheet piling erected to the roadside and is to be stitched back together and re-pointed.

Trees: - A further site visit has been arranged with regard to outstanding landscaping matters including the trees.

Garage Site: - Taylor Wimpey invited the Parish Council to suggest some suitable road names. Ambrose Drive, Place or Walk and Mimram Drive, Place or Walk were submitted as Mr George Ambrose originally built the garage site up in the 1930's to what it is now and the River Mimram is an important river in the parish.

Riversmead Development Update

No further update has been received regarding the height of the new houses behind 27 and 28 Grass Warren and the resultant requirement for a higher boundary wall/fence.

Rivergate Homes at Land Adj 30 Lower Green – The build is expected to start in three to four weeks time.

31. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £7307.55 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

New Homes Bonus – East Herts Council has advised that our expected New Homes Bonus award this year will be £9309.

Clerks Salary Review – The Parish Council agreed to adopt the £0.10p increase in the hourly rate for the Clerk in accordance with the National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks as at 1.4.2013 and backdated the increase to 1.4.2013.

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

External Audit – BDO LLP has completed the audit of Tewin Parish Council accounts and has issued an unqualified audit opinion as they consider the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The audit form will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board for the statutory 14 days.

Budget Report - Income and expenditure is mainly in line with the budget apart from the £1100 expenditure on tree works in the parish which was scheduled last year but not completed until June 2014.

Public Works Loan Board ("PWLB") – A repayment of £2916.50 on the loan from the PWLB was paid on 7th June 2014 and the next repayment is due on 7th December 2014.

Tewin Pavilion CIC – The Parish Council acknowledged receipt of £1000 loan repayment.

32. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Highways Section 106 Funded Footpaths

a. From Godfries Close to Upper Green – Herts County Council are in the process of revisiting feasibility designs to accommodate some comments from the consultation. Budget estimates have been prepared for the revised proposals and internal approvals are awaited before the detailed designs stage is started. The scheme is still scheduled for implementation in the next financial year.

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

Gulleys – A quote of £400 plus vat to complete an initial inspection of the drainage systems and to try and clear some problems and to put together a quote for further works required in Orchard Road, Upper Green, Upper Green Road and Tewin Hill has been received. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote.

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.

33. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Renewal of Pavilion CIC licence to Occupy - Tewin Pavilion CIC advised that Cllr John Sheridan has tendered his resignation as of November 2014 and the rest of the Directors are unable to undertake the day to day management of the Pavilion. As a result they could not agree to sign the licence. Various solutions are being researched and the Parish Council agreed to review the issue at the next Parish Council meeting.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report.

34. RISK ASSESSMENT

Trees - Ashley Trees has completed the works on various trees located on VG70, CL148, CL149 and CL129 as identified in the annual risk assessment. These works were funded using the remains of the Taylor Wimpey donation.

Church Green Bench – The Church Committee advised that they had no objections to the removal of the bench. Cllr John Sheridan agreed to remove the bench.

35. PARISH PATHS

Back Lane – Tewin Parish Council is awaiting receipt of the grant of £1000 for resurfacing works on Back Lane.

36. CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Sounding Board – Cllr K Lawson agreed to be a contact for this.

Picnic Bench on Lower Green Outside Tewin Stores -The Parish Council agreed to ask Tewin Stores for a response on various issues.

Draft Tewin Conservation Area Appraisal has been published and a public exhibition will take place on 14th July from 6pm until 8pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Superfast Broadband Progress - Surveys are currently due to start in January 2015 and BT Openreach are aiming to complete the work by the end of September 2015 after which Bulls Green residents will be able to ask their internet providers (ISPs) for fibre broadband service. These dates are not definite.

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

Hertfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centre public consultation until 3rd August 2014 - The Parish Council agreed to reply that they didn't like the idea of reduced availability as they are of the view that flytipping will increase.

Draft consultation on Countrywide Parish and Town Council Charter closes on 15th August.

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.

Oliver Heald MP Surgery - This will take place in Bayford Hall on 12th July 2014 at 9.30am.

Empowering Parish Councils to Sell Electricity - The Parish Council agreed that they would not submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking the government to give all parish and town councils the right to sell electricity that they generate from local schemes.

37. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport – A reply to enquiries about the lack of information on the new timetable has not been received yet.

Police – There has been a spate of burglaries from sheds across the parish and in neighbouring parishes

Allotments- There is currently a waiting list of 5 people.

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 1st September 2014 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS June 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	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

