

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Cllr M.McMullen, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey arrived at 8.20pm and 13 members of the public were present until 8.05pm.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllrs D. Lloyd, N.Moore and J. Sheridan.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Eleven parishioners came to object to the planning application for the new dwelling at 16 Harwood Close . Two parishioners came to support the planning application. Objections were raised about overdevelopment, the imposing side wall, the dwelling not being in keeping with the surrounding area and it being detrimental to the amenity of neighbours. Concerns were raised about the errors in the application, whether the boundary was correct, the effect on already inadequate parking, the loss of two off road car parking spaces and that emergency vehicles access would be severely limited.

43. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 6th July 2015, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors. The Parish Council confirmed the minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

44. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

45. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/15/1452/HH - 40 Orchard Road, Tewin - Proposed double garage - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/1386/FUL & 3/15/1387/LBC - 57 Upper Green (Plume of Feathers), Tewin - Erection of single storey dining and toilet extension. Alterations to the external patio area. Internal refurbishment - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/1391/FUL - 57 Upper Green (Plume of Feathers), Tewin - Erection of external children's play equipment - *TPC No Comment.*

3/15/1357/HH - 35 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Retrospective change of dormer location in rear two storey extension side elevation refer 3/12/1958/FP - *TPC No Comment.*

3/15/1517/HH - White Oaks, 5a Desborough Drive, Tewin - Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation, new upper terrace and erection of detached double garage - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/1767/HH - 17 Orchard Road, Tewin - Proposed single storey garage extension incorporating a covered link - *TPC No comment.*

3/15/1563/FUL - 16 Harwood Close, Tewin - New detached dwelling - *TPC Objects as the dwelling is not compatible with the surrounding area, does not complement the existing development pattern and does not respect the character or visual quality of the surrounding area. There are also numerous parking issues and implications. The proposal does not respect the amenity of neighbours and is detrimental to the amenities of neighbours particularly in relation to on-street car parking, being overlooked, loss of outlook and construction traffic. TPC would ask Planning to ensure that there is sufficient distance between the edge of the path and the flank wall of number 16 to accommodate the proposed development together with the required clearance on each side (which we notice is not specified on the plans). TPC note comments about the increased difficulty of access for emergency vehicles and the suggestion of obtaining the comments of a fire officer. TPC note the low quality of the application, with a number of mistakes, omissions and lack of detail.*

3/15/1548/HH - 1 West Riding, Tewin - Single story extension - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/1640/LBC - The Rose And Crown, Tewin - 1no set of painted letters, 4no flood lights - *TPC queries the need for yet more signing and lighting on the Rose & Crown which is in the Conservation Area. TPC are happy with the style of the proposed new sign however its position is not very accessible for future maintenance purposes. TPC are concerned that the four 30W LED floodlights on the front facade will be too bright, and that they will cause a nuisance to neighbours and passing cars if not adjusted properly as has already happened on their car park sign.*

It is not clear whether the floodlights are meant to be pointing downwards and inwards or outwards but if the latter then it would create an area of illumination that is out of keeping with the Conservation area. The front illumination of the building by the existing ground based floodlights seem adequate for a building in the Conservation Area and no indication is given as to whether these would be removed or retained if the new floodlights are permitted.TPC are concerned that if the resulting illumination is wrong for the Conservation Area, there will be no way to get it remedied. All the lettering and lighting on the outside of a pub is effectively an advert for the pub, and should therefore be covered by BH15 (b) "shall preferably be non-illuminated. Where illumination is proposed as necessary it should be discreet in size and of a minimum level".

3/15/1387/LBC - The Rose & Crown, Tewin - Erection of single storey dining and toilet extension. alterations to external patio. Internal refurbishment - *TPC No Comment.*

3/15/1651/HH - Woodbury 6 East Riding - Demolition of existing conservatory, utility room, garage and part kitchen. Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Erection of two storey side extension and replacement of existing roof. Alterations to fenestration - *TPC Objects as it is out of keeping with the surrounding area.*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/15/1462/CLP - 21 Cannons Meadow, Tewin - Replace the existing PVCu double glazed windows with PVCu double glazed windows with profiles and details to match existing.

Planning Decisions

3/15/0851/HH - 116 Bramfield Road, Tewin - First floor extension over existing front extension, bay window addition, removal rear gable end roof - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

3/15/0989/HH - 37 Grass Warren, Tewin - Two storey side extension, first floor rear extension, internal alterations and alterations to openings - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*.

3/15/1357/HH - 35 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Replacement single storey porch and front extension, first floor side and rear extensions, change of dormer location in rear two storey extension side elevation - amendment to lpa ref: 3/12/1958/FP - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

Appeals

3/15/0068/FP - Timbertops, 34 Firs Walk, Tewin - Demolition of existing front projection and erection of two storey extension with associated changes to the roof, walls and windows - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused*.

Other

Sevenacres - Remedial works on the new gulley installed by Taylor Wimpey which resulted in water flooding out onto the road have not been completed yet although the gulley has been cleared during the gulley cleansing schedule in May 2015. Highways are aware.

Riversmead Development Update - The weeds growing through the tarmac footpath have been reported to the developers.

Rivergate Homes - On 7th August the Parish Council raised concerns by email to Lisa Page, East Herts Council Planning about reinstating conservation grade kerbing instead of the concrete kerbing on the boundary of the property, lack of hedge and front fence and the gravel spilling onto the road. Planning agreed to do a site visit and follow it up in writing. The Parish Council agreed to raise these concerns again.

Village Hierarchy Study 2015 - The Parish Council agreed to ask for the Tewin only figures and ascertain exactly what has been included.

Tewin Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan - The proposed changes were approved and adopted by East Herts Council Executive Committee on 7th July 2015.

East Herts Council Executive meeting - This is on Thursday 9th September 2015 at 7pm.

EHAPTC Meeting - Cllr J Sheridan attended the meeting on 30th July and circulated a report. The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th September at 10am and Cllr K St Pier will attend if possible.

46. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council from the Current Account since 7th July 2015 amounted to £13,527 including £6,946.15 to Steelway FenceSecure for tennis court fencing, £2,227 to Earth Anchors benches and litter bins and £1,059 to Kirkham Contracting for Parish Council grass cutting.

In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments from the Pavilion Account since 7th July 2015 amounted to £67.50 and was approved by the Parish Council.

Internal Audit - This was completed on 14th July and everything was satisfactory

New Home Bonus - On 31st July 2015 New Homes Bonus of £12,073 was received.

47. HIGHWAYS

Footpath Works - These works have commenced.

Variation to the lease between Herts County Council and Tewin Parish Council - The Parish Council agreed to accept the changes to the lease to reflect the Parish Council's maintenance of the footpath which Herts County Council are in the process of upgrading.

Lower Green Kerbing - The Parish Council agreed to carry this over to the next meeting.

Churchfield Road Surface Dressing Road Signs - A request to remove these signs has been submitted to Herts Highways.

Village Shop Sign - East Herts Council has confirmed that planning permission is not required to put the sign up.

White Lining - A query has been sent to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton about the lack of white lining at the junction of Hertford Road with Lower Green (opposite the Rose & Crown pub).

Hertford Road Hedges - The hedges along the south side of Hertford Road have not been cut by the landowner. This has been reported to Herts Highways and Herts County Council.

48. BUS CONSULTATION

The Parish Council has put the details of the new bus services in the Tewin Magazine, on the Tewin Village website, on the notice boards and at the bus shelters. A query has been raised with Herts County Council about when the printed timetables will be put up, the errors on the timetables and incorrect electronic displays. The Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the service.

49. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Playground - No incidents to report.

Annual Playground Inspection - The inspection report has been received and the playground is categorised as Very Low/Low risk. A few minor points have been raised which the Parish Council agreed to repair and monitor accordingly. Cllr A Hill agreed to reinstate the surface under the gate nearest the road and remove the fixing pins from the matting under both swings, multi-play unit and hippo spring rocker. The fixings on the fencing have been secured by Steelway when they installed the tennis court fencing.

Tennis Court Fencing - This has been replaced and Steelway Fencesecure agreed to fix a few minor things in the next couple of weeks.

Pavilion - The electricity card meter has been bypassed as it is no longer needed and a defibrillator has been installed in the Pavilion. Six new keys have been ordered for the Pavilion CIC and an updated key holder list has been received.

50. LOWER GREEN & SURROUNDING AREAS

Litter Bin in Grass Warren - East Herts Council Operations Department have confirmed everything is in place to empty the new litter bin to be installed in Grass Warren. Kirkham Contracting has been advised and will install the new litter bin.

51. RISK ASSESSMENT

Nothing to report.

52. CORRESPONDENCE

Drivesafe - Drivesafe are currently looking for more volunteers.

Car Share - The Tewin Village website has a notice on the website for people to car share if they need to get to the station early in the morning for work.

Tewin Cowper School Parent's Association - The Parish Council has requested an update on parking arrangements for the circus event on school grounds in October.

Shire Park Bowls Club - The Parish Council agreed to advise the Bowls Club that they do not provide grants to local clubs.

East Herts Rural Parish Conference 2015 - This is on Friday 18th September at Braughing Church Hall from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Herts Urgent Care AGM - This is on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at Mill Green Golf Club from 1.30pm until 3pm. Cllr D Howson agreed to attend.

53. NO REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 5th October 2015 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS August 2015

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Reinstatement of Kerbing along northern edge of Lower Green	2013	Highways
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	Line Markings - Missing at junction opposite Rose & Crown	2015	Reported to Highways
5	Signs - Hollybushes - Directional Tewin sign missing - Lower Green - Directional finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website