

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Cllr M.McMullen and three parishioners.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr B.Evans, Cllr N.Moore and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey .

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Mr C Ruffle and Mrs J Styles of 17 Firs Walk outlined their planning application to demolish their three bed roomed bungalow and build a five bed roomed two storey house on a significantly reduced footprint and on an excavated ground level.

Mrs A Thorpe a neighbour to the above property outlined her objections to the excessive height in relation to her property, the impact on the light, view and privacy on her property and the detrimental effect of a 17m brick wall.

69. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 5th October 2015, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors. The Parish Council agreed to the proposed amendment below to the minutes and agreed the minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

"Pavilion Extension Proposal – Tewin Cricket Club provided some outline drawings for a proposed extension to the Pavilion. The Parish Council were receptive to the proposal but had some reservations about the roof design and asked if it was possible to make it more symmetrical with the kitchen extension. The Parish Council anticipated seeing some plans rather than just the exterior picture."

70. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

71. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/15/1959/HH - 3 Firs Walk, Tewin - Proposed single storey rear orangery - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/2003/FUL - 17 Firs Walk, Tewin - Demolition of the existing residential dwelling and construction of a replacement residential dwelling - *TPC agreed to ask East Herts Council to ensure that the planned height of the building in relation to the land and surrounding properties is exactly correct. They would also like confirmation that the planting along the side wall adjacent to 19 Firs Walk is imposed as a condition.*

3/15/2025/FUL - 57 Upper Green, Plume of Feathers, Tewin - Erection of timber fencing, single storey timber shed, single storey timber garden bar. Erection of pre-fabricated walk in freezer with compressor - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/2052/HH - 116 Bramfield Road, Tewin- Single storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/15/1072/CLE - Warrengate Farm, Money Hole Lane, Tewin - Confirmation of land use as garden/residential not agricultural - *EHC Refused.*

Planning Decisions

3/15/1832/ADV - Plume of Feathers, 57 Upper Green - 2 No free standing car park signs (non illuminated) - *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

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

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 objected as it is out of keeping with the surrounding area- EHC Refused.*

Appeals

3/15/0396/FUL - West of 64 Orchard Road, Tewin - Erection of a new agricultural building on agricultural land. - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused by reason of its site and siting in an isolated position which is unnecessarily intrusive and detrimental to the openness of the rural landscape and the appearance of the surrounding green belt.*

Other

Sevenacres - A parishioner raised a concern about the condition and safety of a tall 85 year old poplar tree and two Scots pines on the Sevenacres site both of which have tree preservation orders (TPO's) in place. Andrew Missenden of Broadlands Estate Management agreed to visit the site, speak to an expert and report back to the Parish Council.

Riversmead Development Update - The Parish Council agreed to report the unstable manhole cover, dandelions growing through the tarmac and the deteriorated state of the access road alongside 27 Grass Warren to Riversmead.

District Planning Executive Panel meeting - Cllr K St Pier attended the meeting on Thursday 22nd October 2015.

72. 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 6th October 2015 amounted to £5,208.22 of which £4,031 was for grass cutting in accordance with the grass cutting contract.

Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust - The Parish Council agreed to renew the annual subscription at a cost of £40.

Royal British Legion - The Parish Council agreed to make a £75 donation towards the Royal British Legion and Cllr K St Pier agreed to lay the wreath.

Tewin Magazine - The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £175 towards the Tewin Magazine.

Allotment Rental - The Parish Council noted the receipt of the rent of £189 from the Tewin Allotment Association.

VAT Reclaim - A VAT refund of £2,913.14 has been received from HMRC.

73. HIGHWAYS

Footpath Works - The majority of the footpath from Upper Green down to 43 Upper Green Road has been completed. Herts Highways will be back to complete the final part in due course.

Lower Green Kerbing - Two quotes have been received and the Parish Council agreed to ask whether granite instead of Marshall conservation kerbing could be used and to ascertain locations for Marshall conservation kerbing in situ for the Parish Council to view.

Tewin Hill Oak Tree - The potentially dangerous hollow oak tree on Tewin Hill was reported to Herts Highways on 16/10/15 reference 201007434393.

Queen Hoo Lane Common Land - Maps have been obtained outlining the boundary of the common land on Queen Hoo Lane.

74. NEW BUS SERVICE

A complaint concerning bus fare rises for school children has been forwarded to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton and Guy Brigden at Herts County Council.

Several incidences of the buses being very late or not running have been reported to HCC as well as the lack of 388 times at bus stops, the shortness of time in Hertford and the request for an additional bus stop in the Herts Lane vicinity.

The Parish Council agreed that a feedback form for bus users would be helpful and Cllr K Lawson agreed to look into this.

75. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Playground - No incidents to report.

Deed of variation of lease for Upper Green - The Parish Council agreed to Cllr K St Pier and Cllr A Hill to sign the final copy.

May Pond Green Replacement Bench - The bench has been ordered.

76. LOWER GREEN & SURROUNDING AREAS

Litter Bin in Grass Warren - Kirkham Contracting will be installing the new litter bin shortly.

Parking on Lower Green - Tewin Cowper School advised that all parents have been reminded about the travel plan and the perils of letting children out of the car onto the road.

77. CORRESPONDENCE

Hertfordshire Town and Parish Councils Conference is on 5th November 2015.

Parking on May Pond Green - A complaint has been received about an incident of parking adjacent to the new footpath. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation.

Use of Upper Green Car Park - A complaint has been received about a car cleaning company using Upper Green car park to clean cars. Cllr A Hill agreed to investigate.

Drivesafe - The speed camera was successfully used on 15th October at Upper Green and more than 20 drivers were clocked at above 34mph. All will receive letters from Herts police. A meeting has been arranged for 11th November 2015. Volunteers are still needed.

Herts Public Health Conference is on 2nd December 2015 from 9am until 4.30pm in Stevenage. It is free and open to anyone who lives, works, volunteers or cares in Hertfordshire.

78. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Allotments Association - There is a significant amount of neglected plots at the moment and the Allotment Association has sent letters to all the relevant allotment holders.

Police - Locality meeting on 3rd November at 7.30pm at Hertford Police Station.

Pavilion CIC :-

Path Lights - The Parish Council agreed that the Pavilion CIC could look into putting the path lights on a timer.

Defibrillator - The Parish Council agreed that the Pavilion CIC could put the defibrillator they have purchased in a security box on the outside of the Pavilion. The box will be heated and locked and the ambulance service would have the code.

Extension Proposal – Further drawings were provided by the Tewin Cricket Club and the Parish Council agreed that research into extending across the front of the Pavilion to join up with the kitchen extension would be possible.

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the at 7.45pm on Monday 7th December 2015 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS October 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

