

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016 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), East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

116. NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Mr C Minton enquired whether the thirty new houses in the village had any financial benefit on the precept received by the Parish Council. The Chairman advised that whilst the Parish Council dictates how much precept is requested the actual amount from each household is less as it is spread across more houses however the Parish Council does receive the New Homes Bonus which is a percentage of the council tax raised from the new houses built in the parish over a six year period.

Mr Minton also enquired whether any section 106 money had been obtained from the new houses and if so had it been spent in the parish. The Chairman advised that the recently installed footpath running from Godfries Close to Upper Green was financed by the section 106 money from Taylor Wimpey Seven acres site.

117. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 7th March 2016, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors. The Parish Council agreed the minutes as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

118. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

119. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/16/0586/FUL - Tewin Bury Farm, Tewin - Proposed Biomass boiler and associated infrastructure to provide renewable heat and hot water - *TPC No Comment*

3/15/2575/HH - 4 Churchfield Road, Tewin - Amended Drawings - Single storey rear porch extension to house. Detached outbuilding to rear garden - *East Herts County Councillor Linda Haysey agreed to ascertain from the Planning Officer why TPC were not informed. TPC agreed to re-iterate our previous comments where still applicable*

Planning Decisions

3/16/0164/HH - 10 Firs Walk, Tewin - Replacement of existing rear balcony - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

3/16/0413/PNHH - 32 Bishops Road, Tewin - Proposed single storey rear conservatory with pitched roof - Depth 4.1 m. Max height 3.5m. Eaves height 2.5m - *TPC No Comment - EHC Prior Approval not required.*

Appeals Submitted

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 - EHC Refused - TPC Submitted new comments to the Planning Inspectorate on 11/3/16.*

Seven Acres and Mimram Drive

The Parish Council agreed to enquire when Taylor Wimpey will be installing the footpath at the entrance to Mimram Drive.

120. 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 8th March 2016 amounted to £992.56.

Audit Form - The audit form for financial year end 31.3.2016 has been received.

121. HIGHWAYS

Footpath Works - Oak bollards have been installed on May Pond Green to deter parking on the footpath crossover. Taylor Wimpey are due to complete their section across the front of the garage site in the next 4-6 weeks although this seems to have been delayed

due to problems with the services on the site. Taylor Wimpey have been reminded by Herts Highways about the remedial work necessary on the gully at the entrance to Sevenacres.

Gully Dig Out Programme - James Vine, District Service Agent has confirmed that our priority gullies are on the CCTV audit to be done in the new financial year.

Upper Green Road Ditch - East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey agreed to liaise with Andrew Stevenson, East Herts Council Community Safety and Health about supporting the proposal to culvert the ditch.

122. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Playground - No incidents to report.

Tennis Court Fencing - The Parish Council agreed to chase the Tewin Tennis Club for a decision.

Pavilion Extension Proposal - The application has been started and should be submitted before the next Parish Council meeting.

P3 Grant - A meeting was held with Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer about the possibility of using the P3 grant to improve the surface of an 80m stretch of FP15 behind the new Sevenacres houses. Considering the problems with the access to the footpath for works to take place and the low usage of the path since the new footpath along Upper Green road it was agreed that it was not cost effective to do the works and the cost would exceed the amount of the grant.

Tom Goldsmith proposed that Footpath 30 which runs between from Tewin Close past the Caravan site be resurfaced as it is deep water logged mud. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

Footpath 26 - A proposal to improve the entrance to FP26 from Upper Green Road was discussed at a meeting between the landowner, the Parish Council and Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer. The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal.

Classic Car Show - In order to ensure that the village green's are protected and not damaged the Parish Council advised Friends of Tewin that they do not want any private fires or BBQ's at the car show and asked them to let attendees know.

123. LOWER GREEN & SURROUNDING AREAS

Lower Green Kerbing - The kerbing works have been delayed due to the granite kerbing not being in stock until May and permit requisition problems.

Christmas Tree - Majestic Trees assessed the condition of the tree and could find nothing obvious causing the lack of growth on one side. He advised that the new growth looks good and fed it with a slow release granular feed and asked that we review it in 6 months time.

Road Signage - East Herts Council have ordered new signage to show where Cannons Meadow ends and Grass Warren starts in order to avoid confusion.

Allotments - The Parish Council currently pays for two cuts per annum on the allotments and agreed to the £20 increase to £37 per cut so as to include all the pathways running north to south rather than just the one.

Churchfield Road Closure - Herts Highways will be shutting Churchfield Road from 18th April until 24th April for utility service works. The diversion will be via Hertford Road.

The Hazels - The parking notices to the householders in The Hazels were delivered on 29th March and illegal use of the highway reported to Herts Highways.

124. FOOTPATHS

Traffic on Public Rights of Way - Following a complaint about the speed of traffic on some public rights of way on 28th February 2016 the Countryside Access Officer spoke to the relevant parties who were not aware of any difficulties at the time and advised the need to be courteous and to give way to the public on rights of way.

Footpath 18 - The posts at the entrance to FP18 have disappeared and as a result there is parking at the entrance and joyriders are using it as access. Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer has agreed to replace them and incorporate one lockable bollard which can be removed if access is required.

Footpath 17 - The catch on the gate at the School Lane end of the footpath is broken and Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer has agreed to replace it.

125. CORRESPONDENCE

Flytipping - Flytipping on Hertford Road at the back entrance to Marden Hill and on the Bramfield corner at Hollybushes have been notified to the Clerk.

East Herts District Plan - The next EHAPTC meeting is on 5th May 2016 at 10am at Wallfields and is expected to be on the Village Hierarchy study. Site selection is expected to be in August or September followed by the six week consultation.

126. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Allotment Association - There are just 3 plots available.

Drivesafe - Tewin Pavilion CIC agreed to offer them the Pavilion for one hour for their meeting.

Traffic Management at Classic Car Show - The Parish Council agreed to look into this.

127. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm on Monday 9th May 2016 at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS March 2016

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

