

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K.St Pier (Chairman), , Cllr A.Hill (Vice Chairman), Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D.Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd, Cllr N.Moore (left at 8.45pm) and Cllr J.Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

125. NO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Adrian Hill declared an interest in planning application 3/17/0664FUL 49 Upper Green as he is a neighbour.

127. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 6th March 2017, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

128. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/17/0748/FUL - Land South Of Churchfield Road, Tewin - Agricultural barn - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/0743/FUL - Land At Marden Hill, Hertford - Change of use of grazing land at Marden Hill to educational/therapeutic use (retrospective) - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/0684/HH - 31 Firs Walk, Tewin Wood - Single storey front extension - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/0666/HH - 120 Bramfield Road, Bulls Green - Single storey side extension. Replace existing first floor side window with double doors opening out on to new flat roof and railings to proposed extension - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/0664/FUL - 49 Upper Green, Tewin - Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 6no. dwellings - *TPC request that neighbouring parishioner's comments are taken into account. TPC object to the proposal as the overall design of the houses is not in keeping with the vernacular, the site is overdeveloped and will spoil the character of the village leading it to look like an estate, the elevations are not in keeping and result in overshadowing and overlooking of the neighbouring property, no consideration has been given to the severe surface water runoff problem on the site. The existing hedgerow must be retained and protected. TPC would like the tenure of the affordable housing set prior to commencement of building works and priority given to Tewin residents.*

Planning Decisions

3/17/0105/FUL - Tewin Bury Farm, Hertford Road, Tewin - Erection of Spa/leisure building with associated Recuperation Centre- Alterations to leisure barn previously approved under 3/14/2013/FP - addition of a single storey rear extension and part single/part full height extension and raising ridge of the western end of the roof - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused.*

3/17/0158/HH - Woodberry, 28 Firs Walk, Tewin - Replacement of existing garage flat roof with pitched roof - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

3/17/0279/HH & 0280/LBC - Cowper Hall, 10a Lower Green, Tewin - Alteration to existing frontage and new single storey extension - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

Certificates of Lawfulness Decisions

3/17/0404/PNHH - Catbells, 40 Firs Walk, Tewin - Single storey rear extension - *EHC Prior Approval is required and Refused.*

3/17/0386/PNHH - Four Winds 18 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Single storey rear extension - *EHC Prior Approval is Required and Granted.*

Appeals Submitted

3/16/2602/HH - 20 Bishops Road, Tewin - Remove existing bay and roof structure to the rear of the house, replaced with new bay windows and flat roof balcony area. Removal of existing conservatory, replaced by rear single story orangery with glass roof lantern. Existing front door, porch area and window removed and replaced with proposed front door and pitched roof porch area. Removal of existing ground floor windows to the left elevation and replaced by proposed window - *TPC No Comment- EHC Refused.*

3/16/2305/HH - South Lodge, Hertford Road, Tewin - Proposed single and two storey side extensions and rendering - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused.*

3/16/2367/HH - 5 East Riding, Tewin - Single storey front extension and alterations to ground floor fenestration - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused.*

Appeal Decisions

3/16/1783/FUL - Land Between 39a Upper Green Road and Mimram Drive, Tewin - Erection of one new dwelling - *TPC objected on the basis of poor quality of the plans and lack of confidence in their accuracy, dispute over boundary lines, dangerous proposed access, overlooking and overshadowing of neighbouring properties and lack of front garden which is out of keeping with its neighbours, with their enclosed frontages - EHC Refused- Appeal Dismissed.*

129. 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 March 2017 amounted to £962.48.

Tennis Courts Insurance – Tewin Tennis Club advised that they do not have premises insurance. The Council agreed to review this when the insurance policy renewal is due.

P3 Grant Application - A quote of £35 has been received to replace a post on the bridge on FP23. The Parish Council agreed to obtain a further quote for two posts and a hand rail on the other side of the bridge and to also research options to deal with surface water on BR4 at Lousehole Bottom.

Automatic Enrollment - A pension scheme has been set up with NEST which will replace the council's obligation to pay a gratuity. The Clerk's accumulated gratuity to date will be transferred over in due course. The declaration of compliance has been completed.

Information Commissioner's Office - The Parish Council agreed to renew their registration as a data controller under the Data Protection act at a cost of £35pa.

Grass Cutting Contract 2017~2020 - Herts County Council. East Herts Council, Riversmead Housing Association and Tewin Allotment Association accepted the new three year grass cutting quote supplied by Kirkham Contracting.

Internal Audit - This was completed on 29th March 2017 by Cllr B.Evans and Cllr D.Lloyd and everything was found to be satisfactory.

Audit Form - The audit form for financial year end 31.3.2017 has been received.

130. Highways Matters

Drivesafe - The Herts Police and Crime Commissioner grant application for a fixed flashing solar powered speed indication device is currently with Herts Highways for assessment.

Sevenacres Gully - Highways confirmed that their video footage is unclear so they are planning to excavate the gully and repair the break themselves and pass the cost on to Taylor Wimpey if they have sufficient evidence.

Potholes on Lower Green and Grass Warren - These have been repaired but some potholes in Grass Warren have been missed and need to be reported again.

131. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Green Shed Roof - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Extension - The full building regulations application has been submitted to East Herts Council and a response will be received within six weeks after which the Parish Council agreed to go out to tender.

132. LOWER GREEN

Godfries Close Access Road - The road surface at the entrance to the access road is deteriorating again and the Parish Council agreed to advise Riversmead Housing Association who completed the remedial work in 2014.

Christmas Tree - Cllr B Evans is awaiting confirmation from Majestic Trees about the watering regime for the tree.

133. PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT

This will take place on Tuesday 25th April at 10am from Upper Green car park.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

Tewin Community Bus - An update on Saturday minibus pilot was received from the Tewin Community Bus Steering Group and circulated to the Parish Council. The Tewin Parish Council agreed that now the project is up and running smoothly they no longer need written or verbal updates.

East Herts Community Transport Conference - This is on 19th May at 14.00 at Datchworth Village Hall.

135. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport - The timetable for the 204 has been changed but no new timetables have been put up at the bus stops and the Parish Council has not been notified. The Parish Council agreed to advise Herts County Council.

136. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm on Monday 8th May 2017 at Tewin Memorial Hall .
As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS March 2017

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2012	Reported on highway fault website
2	Line Markings – Missing on School Lane	2012	Reported on Highway fault website
3	Signs - Hollybushes - Directional Tewin sign missing and Hertford sign broken - Lower Green - Directional finger post missing	2013	Reported on Highway fault website