

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd July 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 and Cllr J.Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen, Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton and no parishioners.

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

30. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 5th June 2017, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

31. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

32. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/17/1382/HH - 33 Bishops Road, Tewin - Re-build retaining wall - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/1352/HH - 20 Bishops Road, Tewin - Erection of single storey rear 'Orangery' extension, replacement bay windows and flat roof, balcony to rear, replacement front door with pitched roof porch, replacement new window to north elevation (amended scheme) - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/1292/FUL - Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Tewin - Erection of Spa/Leisure building with associated Recuperations Centre - Alterations to building approved in 3/14/2013/FP by means of a single storey addition to part of the north elevation and single storey addition to part of the south elevation - *TPC No Comment.*

3/17/1279/HH - 32 Bishops Road, Tewin - Single storey rear extension (revised scheme) and render to rear elevation - *TPC No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

3/17/0914/HH & 3/170915/LBC - Cowper Hall 10a Lower Green - Alterations to existing frontage and erection of single storey side extension (amendment to previous approval 3/17/0279/HH) - *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted.*

3/17/1155/PNHH - 11 Cowpers Way, Tewin - 2 single storey rear extensions: Depth 8.0 metres, Maximum height 4.0 metres, Eaves height 2.4 metres - *TPC agreed to refer to concerns raised in letter to Kevin Steptoe, Head of Development Control , EHC dated 18th May 2017- EHC Prior Approval Not Required.*

3/17/0992/HH - 30 Lower Green, Tewin - Change of use of land to residential curtilage and extension to garage annex within new curtilage (resubmission of App Ref: 3/14/0946/FP) - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted.*

3/17/0836/VAR - 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 6 (landscaping) of planning application 3/15/1018/VAR - Erection of 1no dwelling - Amendment to design reducing overall scale and to achieve Passivhaus energy and comfort standard. Rewording of condition 2 to show drawings 3353.10 Rev C and 3353.11 Rev A. Rewording of condition 6 to show drawing 3353.11 Rev A - *TPC No Comment- TPC Agreed to forward request for application to go to Committee - EHC Granted.*

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

3/17/0127/VAR - Woodbury, 6 East Riding, Tewin - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of LPA approval 3/15/1651/HH- 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 replacment of existing roof. Alterations to fenestration- condition 2 to be amended to read - The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 001,002,005,007A,008,016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022. *TPC object as a variation application should list what the actual changes are. This application gives no indication at all of what the changes involve. It simply seeks to keep four of the original ten plans and introduce eight new plans which leaves the reader to work out what the changes are. This is not acceptable on a complex application especially where the original conditions were imposed as part of an appeal - EHC Granted.*

3/17/1079/HH - 29 Orchard Road, Tewin - Proposed two storey rear extension - amendment to previous approval 3/17/0484/CLP - Infilling of 100mm gap between approved extension and existing building - *TPC agreed to refer to concerns raised in letter to Kevin Steptoe, Head of Development control EHC dated 18th May 2017 - Application Withdrawn..*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/17/1234/CLP - Timbertops 34 Firs Walk, Tewin - Two storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment.*

Enforcement - A query has been raised with EHC Planning Enforcement about entrance gates in Tewin Close and conversion of a garage to living accommodation in Orchard Road.

Planning: Alison Young, Development Manager , EHC replied to Tewin Parish Council's letter dated 18th May and further email on 6th June about the current extended permitted development rights which are resulting in multiple un aesthetic single storey extensions rather than aesthetic extensions which compliment the property and are in keeping with the surrounding area. She has asked Planning Officers

to carefully consider whether there are very special circumstances that outweigh the harm to the Green Belt and to look very carefully at applications that rely on using permitted development as a fallback position to justify inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

33. 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 5th June 2017 amounted to £8125.15.

Budget Report - The budget report was circulated income and expenditure is currently below budget as expected

Audit Form - This has been sent to BDO LLP.

34. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Gully outside Tewin Cowper School - Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton advised that Herts Highways are meeting Tewin Cowper School this week about the gully and lighting. The Council agreed to remind James Vine about the Churchfield Road gully and flooding as well as the Sevenacres gully.

May Pond Green Trees - Herts Highways will be conducting soil tests to ascertain why two trees have died. A query has been raised with Highways and East Herts Council Operations Dept about the species of the replacement tree planted earlier in the year which should have been a Wild Service Tree not a Service tree. *Malcolm Amey has now left EHC and there is no replacement at present, an email has been sent to EHC Operations Department asking for clarification. EHC have no information. Nothing further to report.*

35. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Dead Tree Adj to Upper Green - The Parish Council has written to the landowner.

Tender - The tender invites for the Pavilion extension have been sent to four building contractors with a deadline for responses of 31st July.

Benches - The two new benches with anchors to be located on Upper Green overlooking the tennis courts have been received.

Parking at Upper Green - Greene King are still in consultation with the Planners about improving parking facilities. The Parish Council agreed to write to the owner of the white van using the Upper Green car park overnight advising that it is not a public car park, nor is it for overnight parking as it is for the users of Upper Green and the Pavilion.

Pavilion - Young teenagers have been seen to be climbing onto the roof of the Pavilion and all Parish Councillors agreed that if they saw them to advise them of the dangers and to stop.

36. LOWER GREEN

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

Litter Bins - The two new litter bins for Lower Green have been received and will be installed by Kirkham contracting in due course.

Godfries Close Access Road Repairs - Riversmead Housing Association advised that they have written to all private owners of the houses that use the access road outlining costings for the repair and asking for contributions. *Nothing further to report.*

Tewin Allotment Hedge Cutting - The Parish Council agreed to accept a quote of approx £200 to cut back the hawthorn hedge between allotments and Tewin Cowper School. Tewin Allotments Association agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the cost.

37. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3) GRANT

A P3 grant of £1000 has been granted towards the full replacement of the footbridge and tidying of the ditch underneath on FP23.

38. PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT 2017

Dandelions in tarmac and fencing on ground - Riversmead /Housing Association have requested weed spraying and going to inspect to decide on a long term solution.

Bus Stop Tiles - Cllr K St Pier has replaced all those that can be except those under the roof ridge capping .

Clear Cut ins at Lousehole Bottom, Hertford Road - Obtain Quote .

Pavilion Shed Roof Repair - Ted Kavanagh aware and spare roof sheet received.

Dead Tree Behind Upper Green - Landowner has been advised.

Maypond Green Electricity Meter Cupboard - Broadlands Management Company with assistance from Sevenacres Residents Association are investigating the function of the cupboard and whether it is still necessary.

Handrail Repair Opp 11 Upper Green Road - This has been reported to Riversmead.

39. CORRESPONDENCE

School parking around Lower Green - A complaint has been received from a parishioner about parents parking across the drive and abusive when asked to move. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Head teacher asking for the Travel Plan to be displayed clearly on the website, parents to be reminded of no parking on the north edge of Lower Green and to respect residents and the surrounding community.

Defibrillator - The Parish Council agreed to ask the Memorial Hall if they would be consider having a defibrillator and cabinet installed outside and also ask Datchworth Parish Council if Burnham Green Village Hall would consider a defibrillator.

Unauthorised gypsy development at Dane End - The Parish Council agreed to supporting the Friends of Rowney Lane by writing to EHC objecting as the site is unsustainable and in an inappropriate location.

Surgery for Riversmead residents - This will be held on 18th July 2017 on Lower Green from 4pm until 6pm.

Luton airport re increased flight activity - Luton Airport advised that :

- the aircraft causing disturbance in Tewin is likely to be when the easterly departure route is used which is on average about 30% of the time due to prevailing wind direction in the area.
- there are noise measures in place and fines are levied on aircraft if limits are exceeded. Fines are placed in a Community Trust Fund operating to help local communities.
- Residents may like to view online flight tracking system showing tracks and altitudes.

40. NO REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 4th September 2017 at Tewin Memorial Hall .

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS June 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