

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

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

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr B.Evans, Cllr D.Howson and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

16. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 14th May 2018, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr John Sheridan declared an interest in planning application 3/18/0873/FUL Tewin Cowper JMI School as he is a neighbour.

18. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/18/0873/FUL - Tewin Cowper J M I School Cannons Meadow - New Layout Plan for reception block, new car park, new games area and alterations to existing play area - *TPC objects to the new layout plan and supports the objections made by the immediate neighbours as removal of a tall mature hedge and replanting of the hedge will make matters worse for the neighbours. There is no guarantee that it will be allowed to regrow to its present height. Lack of consultation between the school and the local community. No alternative designs which would be compatible with the style of the existing school, complimentary with the street scene, and not obtrusive to the neighbours have been considered. Hox Design Architects should have made the applicants aware of their obligations under NPPF 66 and 72. Tewin Parish Council has made the following suggestions to Tewin Cowper School : withdraw the car park from the application and repositioning the classroom.*

Planning Decisions

3/18/0779/HH - Four Winds, 18 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Demolition of single storey entrance. Erection of two storey front extension and first floor rear extension. Replacement of windows and doors, including alterations to openings. Replacement of roof tiles and incorporation of roof windows. *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

3/18/0675/HH - Gilpins 1 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Proposed two storey infill extension, to cover existing open internal courtyard and create first floor bedroom. Two new ground floor window openings - *TPC Object as out of keeping with street scene and surrounding area - EHC Granted.*

Enforcement Issues - Nothing to report

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/18/1132/CLP - 37 Bishops Road, Tewin - Proposed two storey rear extension and roof conversion

3/18/1159/PNHH - 37 Bishops Road, Tewin - Proposed single storey rear extension: Depth 6.0 metres, Eaves height 3.0 metres, Maximum height 3.85 metres

19. 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 14th May 2018 amounted to £18,881.77.

Pavilion Works - The Parish Council agreed to pay the N&A Veasey's invoice for £12,000 plus vat for the works to date including excavations, foundations, slab, landscaping patio, wooden frame and support steels.

Tewin Memorial Hall - The Parish Council agreed to pay the quarterly invoice of £76.50.

Lower Green Electricity Meter - The Parish Council agreed to pay the quarterly invoice for £24.95.

GDPR - The Tewin Parish Council Information Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy is now on the website.

Newsletter - The Parish Council noted photocopying costs of £60 and delivery donation to the Over 50's of £50.

Insurance - There was no additional cost to add the defibrillator at Tewin Memorial Hall onto the insurance. Datchworth Parish Council agreed to check that the defibrillator at Burnham Green Village Hall is covered by their insurance.

20. RISK ASSESSMENT

2017 Risk Assessment - The Parish Council signed off on the previous year's risk assessment and confirmed that all works had been completed.

2018 Risk Assessment - The Parish Council signed the declaration of inspection and reviewed the issues raised.

21. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Hertford Road Surface Dressing - This has now been completed and the damage to one car reported to Herts Highways.

Cannons Meadow Dying Ash Tree - A query has been raised with Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton whether HCC would contribute anything to the cost of removal, in view of historic maintenance being completed by Herts Highways.

22. LOWER GREEN

Godfries Close Access Road - Riversmead have advised that they do not own the access road. The Parish Council has written back asking what has happened to Riversmead's proposal to write to the private house owners asking them to contribute to the proper repair of the access road.

23. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

May Pond Green Electricity Cabinet - Taylor Wimpey are in the process of arranging UKPN to remove the electricity supply and cables after which the contractor will return to remove the cabinet itself.

Pavilion Extension Works - The patio, wooden frame and support steels are completed and the roof is in progress.

The following additions as requested by the Building Control Officer, unforeseen at tender stage were agreed by the Parish Council :

- a. Increased depth of foundations for pad stones and trench foundation due to proximity of tree at one end and bush at the other end. The associated additional excavations, muck away and concrete 3 x M3. Cost is £705.00 (works carried out). *TPC agreed.*
- b. To install Acco drains in front of doors to new extension level and connect to rainwater outlets £120.00 if no connections required. *TPC to agreed to put the drains the full length of the building and connect to rainwater outlets.*
- c. To rout cladding on site to match existing at additional cost of £200. *TPC agreed.*
- d. Ted Kavanagh agreed not to re-install the picket fence as it is rotten in some areas and to review landscaping etc at a future date.

Extras for Consideration

- a. Heaters - another quote is to be obtained to replace approx 7 heaters (4 in lounge, 1 in corridor, 1 in each changing room) with Dimplex heaters that blow warm air down and out) at a cost £130 excl vat each.
- b. Double Glazed Doors - Agreed to renew brushes on base of both double doors to prevent drafts.
- c. Drainage - The Parish Council agreed to monitor the drainage around the Pavilion following the exceptional rain last week where the patio in front of the Pavilion flooded and potentially the soakaway is no longer functioning and needs relocating.
- d. Men's Toilets - A tap needs replacing - Not part of building works - Clerk to arrange

24. CORRESPONDENCE

Upper Green Car Park - A complaint has been received about Pavilion users putting rubbish in the bin and foxes getting the rubbish and leaving a mess. The Pavilion CIC have been advised and the Parish Council agreed to research alternative litter bins with lids.

Carols on the Green - Tewin Parish Council agreed that this could take place on Lower Green on 20th December 2018.

Speeding Traffic - A parishioner requested advise on speeding cars in Upper Green Road and they were referred to Herts Highways re a mirror on a telegraph pole and the Tewin Drivesafe team.

Dog Fouling Signs - A replacement dog fouling sign has been requested from East Herts Council for Grass Warren.

Plotlands Spraying - Following a complaint from a parishioner about weed spraying on plotlands Cllr A Hill spoke to the contractor and was advised that by law they have to spray to keep the ragwort under control and prevent it spreading to agricultural land, particularly grazing areas or land used to produce forage, like silage and hay.

Donation - A donation in memoriam of Mr Alan Lawson will be used to plant bulbs such as small daffodils around the base of the new Liquid Amber tree being planted in memoriam of Margaret and Richard Knight.

Flytipping - Clerk to report flytipping on B1000 lay-by by Tewin turn off.

Sewers - The shared sewer of 39 and 39a Upper Green Road keeps blocking and seems to have other services using it. Taylor Wimpey and Thames Water to look into it.

25. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport - A report was made to Centrebus on 4th June 2018 following the no show of the 388 to Hertford at 11.35am outside the Rose & Crown Pub.

Allotments - Tewin Cowper School have taken an allotment.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2nd Jul y 2018** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.13pm.