

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (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 and five parishioners.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr A. Hill, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

73. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 12th November 2018, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were amended and confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr K. Lawson declared an interest in planning application 3/18/2516/HH 14 Upper Green Road, Tewin as she is a neighbour.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS.

Two members of the Tewin Drivesafe team attended to request support from Tewin Parish Council to purchase 5 large "slow down" signs to use throughout Tewin on existing posts.

One parishioner came to ask about how the Parish Council has dealt with tree felling by Herts County Council on Upper Green and whether the tree stump on the north east corner of Upper Green could be removed.

Two parishioners attended about planning application 3/18/2516/HH 14 Upper Green Road, Tewin and to advise that there are trees within the falling distance of the extension and their concerns about the surface water runoff and drainage arrangements for the new extension.

75. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/18/2211/FUL/3/18/2212/FUL - Fairholme Stables, Archers Green Lane, Tewin - Amended Plans incl visitors parking and bin collection area. Original plans: Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 or 7 no dwellings together with associated parking amenity space and access from Archers Green Lane - *TPC Object to the simplistic responses of putting grasscrete on the front lawns of houses to solve car parking problems, putting an area of hard standing for a collection point at the main entrance for waste and recycling problems and the unrealistic expectation that bins will be stored on the rear patios of some of the houses.*

3/18/2516/HH - 14 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Proposed single storey side and rear extensions, alterations to first floor rear windows - *TPC agree with parishioners concerns over nearby trees and drainage.*

3/18/2513/HH - 33 Bishops Road, Tewin - Proposed two storey rear extension, extension to the front porch and front gable, a garage conversion, the removal of existing chimneys and conservatory, new first floor side window opening and alterations to fenestration - *TPC No Comment.*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/18/2515/CLP - 14 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Proposed conversion of loft including hip to gable roof conversion with new second floor side window, rear dormer and 2No. roof lights to front roof slope.

3/18/2495/CLP - Bracken Hill, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Demolition of existing detached garage. Construction of detached garage.

3/18/2474/CLP - Bracken Hill, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Proposed incidental outbuilding to include home gym & art studio/hobbies room.

Planning Decisions

3/18/2166/HH - 11 Sevenacres, Tewin - Single storey rear extension, elevation alterations together with moving of existing garden wall between existing detached garage and the main house - *TPC No Obj - EHC Granted.*

3/18/2100/HH - 7A Lower Green, Tewin - First floor front extension and insertion of window to flank elevation - *TPC No Obj - EHC Refused.*

Appeal Decision

3/18/1245/HH - 5 East Riding, Tewin - Creation of basement with adjoining lower terrace. Alterations to front entrance, erections of canopies and single storey extensions - *TPC No Comment - EHC Refused - Appeal Allowed.*

Enforcement

High Hedges - Information from East Herts Council about investigating high hedges has been forwarded to interested parties.

Chicken Field - This has been reported to East Herts Council Planning Enforcement as an untidy site in the Green Belt.

Other Matters

Cllr M McMullen advised that he is liaising with East Herts Council, Datchworth Parish Council, local MP's and affected residents of Tewin Wood about the development at the Caravan site.

76. 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 12th November 2018 amounted to £4508.69.

Estimate to the Year End - In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Parish Council reviewed and unanimously agreed the Estimate for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2019.

Precept - The Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2020 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council Cllr D.Howson proposed that the precept be increased by 1.67% from £30,000 to £30,500 in line with inflation, Cllr J Sheridan seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

Subscriptions - The Parish Council agreed to continue with the existing subscriptions: CPRA, CDA for Herts, Open Spaces Society, Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust and Society for Local Council Clerks.

Reserves - The Parish Council agreed to put the £10,000 allocated for the Pavilion extension back to unallocated reserves. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that reserves were sufficient in view of potential future projects such as the playground resurfacing and extension, Upper Green drainage and landscaping, Lousehole Bottom drainage and bollard re siting.

Grass Cutting Invoices - Invoices have been submitted to Herts County Council, East Herts Council and Riversmead Housing Association for reimbursement.

77. RISK ASSESSMENT

FP13 Levelling - This has now been completed.

Godfries Close Access Resurfacing - The Clerk will contact East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

Maypond Green Tree Pruning - Kirkham Contracting has advised that it will be completed shortly.

Lousehole Bottom Drainage & Bollards - The Clerk will liaise with Tom Goldsmith about this.

Plume of Feathers Sleepers - The Clerk will contact Greene King.

78. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Blocked Gully Outside 106 Orchard Road - Herts Highways have advised that they are aiming to dig out the gully within the next 4 weeks.

Grass Warren Car Repair Works - No further complaints have been received.

No HGV Sign - The Parish Council agreed to ask Highways to repair the post of the No HGV sign at the Churchfield Road/B1000 junction and replace the No HGV sign that was at Hollybushes junction of Hertford Road/B1000.

79. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Rateable Value Revision - Written confirmation of the rateable value revision following the extension at the Pavilion has been received and noted by Cllr J Sheridan.

Playground Quotes - A quote for resurfacing the playground and extending it to accommodate some additional pieces of equipment has been received and forwarded to Friends of Tewin.

Pavilion Extension Publicity - The CDA Village Network event will be on 13th March 2019 at Tewin Pavilion at 2pm.

Pavilion - A quote of £420 has been received for supplying and installing 2 frostat tube heaters and installing 3 replacement hand dryers in the toilets. Councillors agreed to get a quote for installing a key switch for the frostat heater outside the disabled toilet.

Tree Works - Herts County Council, Rural Estates Department have supplied a copy of their tree works in Tewin database which was circulated to all Councillors and agreed that a copy of the actual tree survey should be requested.

"No Unauthorised Vehicles" Sign, Upper Green - The sign is ready for collection.

FP15 Waymarker - Tom Goldsmith, Senior Access Officer has arranged for Kirkham Contracting to repair the fallen way marker post in the corner of Upper Green car park.

80. DRIVESAFE

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to finance 5 large "Slow Down Community Speed Watch Operates Here 30mph" signs at £53.10 plus vat each to be used in the parish on existing posts to promote speed awareness.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

A414 Corridor Strategy Consultation - This will be circulated to the Councillors.

82. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Allotment Association - There are 7/8 small allotments currently available for rent.

83. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 4th February 2019** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.03pm.