

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson and Cllr D. Lloyd.

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

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr A.Hill, Cllr N.Moore, Cllr J.Sheridan, East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

48. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held 1st July and 12th August 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were amended and confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

49. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

50. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/19/1779/HH - 10 School Lane, Tewin - Demolition of two outbuildings and erection of building in garden for use as a home office - *TPC No Comment.*

3/19/1674/VAR - 11 Cowpers Way Tewin - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 3/18/2014/FUL - (Replacement dwelling). The effect of the variation will result in the amendments to the rear elevation reducing the number of dormer windows from 3 to 2 - *TPC No Comment.*

3/19/1746/CLPO - Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin - Single storey side extension.

3/19/1766/PNHH - Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin - Single storey rear extension to existing kitchen.

3/19/1761/PNHH - Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin - Single storey rear extension.

3/19/1762/PNHH - Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin - Single storey rear extension adjacent to the existing garage.

Planning Decisions

3/19/1436/HH - 14 Sevenacres, Tewin - Creation of bay window to front elevation - *TPC No comment- EHC Granted.*

Enforcement Issues

Club Cottage Caravan Site - A site licence has been issued and enforcement action halted on the grounds that the planning breach has been remedied. Parishioners have been advised to write to Richard Cassidy, Chief Executive Officer of East Herts Council. A copy of the Site Licence has been requested and Cllr M McMullen agreed to provide a copy along with a copy of the enforcement notice.

Warrengate Farm - Residents advised to keep record of any noise or disturbance arising from the car parking in yard behind the farm .

Appeals

3/18/1796/OUT - Land At Upper Green Road, Tewin - Construction of 4no Dwellings. 3no Affordable Houses consisting of 2 x two bedroom and 1 x three bedroom and 1x three bedroom marketable house and new vehicular access - *TPC Object - EHC Refused - Appeal Dismissed.*

51. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council since 12th August amounted to £24,534.25 from the Current Account comprising mainly: Tewin Stores Grant £20,000, Kirkham Contracting Grass Cutting £2698, B G Sweeney Plumbing Works Pavilion £626, Allotment Rent £315.

New Homes Bonus - A New Homes Bonus of £10,582 has been received from East Herts Council.

VAT Reclaim - A VAT reclaim of £6135.63 has been received

Pavilion Business Continuity Option - The lease between the Parish Council and the Tewin Pavilion CIC does not require the Parish Council to find alternative premises so the Parish Council agreed that this option was not required from the insurers.

Tewin Stores - The £20,000 grant has been paid to the solicitors towards the purchase of the freehold of the shop. The purchase was completed on 30th August 2019.

Community Bus Grant Request - A report was circulated from CDA for Herts requesting a grant of £500 to keep the Saturday Minibus going for a third year having commenced in November 2016. The grant from the Parish Council along with further donations from Friends of Tewin and a grant from East Herts Council will mean that they can continue to provide a viable, much needed and valued service to the Tewin community. The Parish Council agreed to provide the grant.

52. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

B1000 Roadworks - Highways have been advised of the signs remaining from the roadworks in May and will collect shortly.

James Vine advised that the road markings on Churchfield Road, Tewin did not make the cut for Phase 1 19/20 road markings and have been re-submitted to HCC for Phase 2 approval. This has been queried with Highways as the white lining is still missing from B1000.

Churchfield Road Bridge - A site meeting with Rosemary Chatindo, Assistant Highways Manager (Eastern Herts), Highways

Operations and Strategy is scheduled for 12th September and Cllr J Sheridan and K St Pier are to attend.

The Parish Council agreed to request a taller sign on the Tewin side of the bridge, repaint SLOW signs and ask whether could anything be done to make drivers pause and look for oncoming traffic before entering the bridge.

Weed Spraying - East Herts Council has advised that this will take place in the parish during September.

Orchard Road Closure - This is scheduled for 1 day from 10am until 4pm on 24th September 2019 to carry out work on the water network outside 44 Orchard Road.

53. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Playground Inspection - The gate closing mechanism has disappeared from one of the gates. A quote of £72 plus £25 delivery has been obtained from Steelway which the Parish Council approved.

Playground Sign - A quote of £98 for a new aluminium sign acknowledging the original donors and the new donors plus £19 for special safe fixings and £25 for installing was accepted by the Parish Council. The wording for the sign was approved by Friends of Tewin. The sign will be fitted on 10th September.

Pavilion Plumbing - The works have now been completed.

Pavilion Window - The outer pane of the small upper window in the away changing room has a crack in it and Cllr K St Pier has made it safe. The Parish Council agreed to arrange for the repair.

Upper Green Policy on BBQ's and Fires - The Parish Council agreed to confirm the following policy on BBQ's and fires to the Friends of Tewin: The Parish Council has to ensure that our village green's are protected and not damaged and consequently they do not want any private fires or BBQ's at the car show and would be grateful if Friends of Tewin would let people attending know.

HCC Meeting - On 15th August Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk met with Neil Hudson, Highways Operational Officer for Green Infrastructure as he is the new point of contact.

54. RISK ASSESSMENT 2019/20

Godfries Close Access Road Potholes - Jackie Trundell, Riversmead/Network Homes has advised that they are unable to assist and do not see any need to meet. The Parish Council agreed to put in writing that if there had been a meeting, the Parish Council would have liked to discuss the fact that the owner occupiers say that they contributed to the original cost of making up the track behind their houses and probably had a reasonable expectation that they would not have to drive over potholes in no man's land. Also if explicit permission had ever been given to drive over the section in question, then it would have included a condition to tarmac and maintain it.

Tree Risk Assessment - Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk met with Rob Cooper to double check all trees marked for works on 17th July 2019. All tree works were completed by 10th August except the cankered ash on Tewin Hill and the dead oak on Margery Lane as ownership is in question. Ownership of the cankered ash is unclear and the Parish Council agreed to get a quote for removing it.

Lower Green Electricity Box - This has been repaired by Cllr K St Pier and J Hall who has been reimbursed.

Crickets Nets - Cllr K St Pier has mended the holes in the nets.

55. PPP/P3 GRANT

A grant has been applied for and a decision is awaited.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

Planes - A complaint has been received about the noise from planes. The parishioner has complained to Luton airport but no solution received. The Parish Council agreed to write to Luton Airport.

HMWT - On 28th August HMWT asked to leave a trailer on the Upper Green car park for a couple of hours on 30th August as the trailer was bringing grass cutting equipment for the annual meadow cut in Tewin Orchard and could not negotiate the entrance up there. HMWT claimed that they had done this for the past couple of years with the Parish Council's permission but no one can recall this. The request was approved however the Parish Council agreed that as a notice is about to go up in the car park saying "no access for commercial vehicles" HMWT would need to make alternative arrangements in the future.

57. NO REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 7th October 2019** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.18pm.