

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllr K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd & Cllr J. Sheridan.

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen, Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton and two parishioners.

PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS

Jeff Tipper and Gerry Murphy attended representing the Tewin Drivesafe Team with a request for support from the Parish Council for a 20mph speed limit along Hertford Road. The proposal is for the limit to run from the village sign, past the shop and along the north and south sides of Lower Green. It does not include the west side that links School Lane and Upper Green Road. The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal.

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr A.Hill, Cllr N. Moore and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

72. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 7th October 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D. Lloyd declared an interest in planning application 3/19/1830/FUL Agricultural land west of Orchard Road.

74. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/19/2133/NMA – 3 School Lane, Tewin – Addition of Velux window to the porch and internal alterations – *TPC No Comment*

3/19/2107/HH – 2A Bishops Road, Tewin – Two storey rear extension with balcony and ground floor side extension – *TPC No Comment*

3/19/2066/HH – The Cottage, Marden Hill, Tewin – Erection of single storey rear extension to create garden room – *TPC No Comment.*

3/19/1830/FUL – Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road, Tewin – Construction of two single storey side extensions to general equipment storage – *TPC No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

3/19/1878/FUL - Bracken Hill, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of two storey detached dwelling - *TPC No comment – EHC Refused.*

3/19/1340/HH – Tewin Lodge, Churchfield Road, Tewin – Demolition of entrance porch. External alterations to include removal and creation of windows and doors at ground and widening of window at first floor. Removal of chimney. Insertion of flue. Erection of entrance porch and pergola to rear – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

3/19/1762/PNHH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Single storey rear extension adjacent to existing garage. Height 8 metres. Height 4 metres, Eaves height 3 meters – *EHC Refused.*

3/19/1766/PNHH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Single storey rear extension to existing kitchen. Depth 8 meters. Height 4 metres. Eaves 3 metres – *EHC Refused.*

3/19/1761/PNHH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Single storey rear extension. Depth 8 meters. Height 4 metres. Eaves 3 metres – *EHC Refused.*

Enforcement Issues

Club Cottage Caravan Site – Cllr J Sheridan and the Clerk met with the Site Owner who agreed to look into the proposals to reduce the impact of lighting on surrounding residents such as: lower wattage and black out sides of the lamp facing surrounding residents. The Parish Council noted the Site Owner is requesting an extension of the licence for occupancy from 10mos of the year to 12mos.

75. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council since 7th October amounted to £6637.77 from the Current Account. The main cheque was to Kirkham Contracting for £5770.55 for grass cutting in the parish over the year in accordance with the 3yr quote accepted 6th March 2017.

Precept – The official precept form for completion has been received from East Herts Council and has to be returned by 17th January 2020. Estimates to year end and precept options will be discussed at the next meeting.

Internal Audit – This was completed by Cllr B Evans on 10th October and Cllr D Lloyd on 23th October. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

76. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

New "Oncoming Vehicles in the Middle of the Road" Sign - Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton advised that next year's Highways Locality Budget "HLB" is fully allocated but he would be happy to support the Parish Council if they would like to fund a feasibility study and the signage costs. The Parish Council agreed to talk to Rosemary Chatindo to see if it was feasible for the new sign to be put on the existing sign posts.

Raise Existing Triangle Signs at bottom of Churchfield Road – This has been completed.

Paint Churchfield Road Bridge - The Highways Structures Team are considering whether the ends of the bridge can be painted with white paint so they are more visible.

Remove Vegetation Around Churchfield Bridge – The landowners have cleared the vegetation and visibility is vastly improved.

Hertford Road Footpath - The Parish Council agreed to consider ways of creating safe pedestrian access to Tewin Stores such as a footpath on the verge or a Pedestrian right of way in the road.

77. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Window - Hertford Glass have been to measure up and a quote is awaited.

HMWT Apple Day - HMWT advised that the event was a great success with approx 1100 visitors who gave good feedback. There were no incidents or accidents and at 17.30 the Pavilion was handed back, the marquee was down and the car park empty. Not being able to drive on Upper Green didn't stop HMWT from being able to deliver the event. HMWT will ensure that they contact Sevenacres Residents Association in a more timely manner in future. The Parish Council agreed to give permission for the event for Sunday 4th October 2020 but no vehicles will be allowed on Upper Green.

Pavilion Hire - A parishioner queried the policy of party hire at the Pavilion. The Parish Council agreed to refer the query to the Tewin Pavilion CIC.

78. RISK ASSESSMENT 2019/20

Tree Risk Assessment - The cankered ash has been removed.

Dead Oak on Margery Lane - The owners of the Old Rectory obtained a second quote of £1200 to remove the tree back to the trunk. The Parish Council agreed to accept this quote and to pay 50% towards the cost as ownership is unclear.

Margery Lane Cut ins - The cut ins have been completed.

79. CORRESPONDENCE

Memorial Bench Request - Dean Hart wished to have a bench placed in Tewin in memory of his brother Daniel. The Parish Council agreed to advise him of the cost of the bench and request a preferred location.

Parking on Grass Warren - Dangerous parking of a motor home and van on the corner of Grass Warren has been reported and the Parish Council agreed to advise the PCSO.

80. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Allotments Association: Cllr J.Sheridan will be retiring as Chairman of the Allotment Association in the New Year.

81. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2nd December 2019** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.17pm.