

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

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

NO PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr D. Lloyd, Cllr N. Moore, Cllr J. Sheridan, East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen and Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

94. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 2nd December 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

95. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

96. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/20/0138/HH – Woodbury, East Riding, Tewin - Demolition of existing balcony, bay window and conservatory. Single storey rear and two storey front extension. Garage conversion and alterations to fenestrations - *TPC No Comment.*

3/20/0130/VAR – 9A Desborough Drive, Tewin – Variation of condition 2 of (Approved application ref: 3/19/0517/HH Demolition of garage and utility room. Single storey front extension, two storey rear and single storey side extension to include insertion of 4 new roof lights and change to fenestration to encompass a revised porch roof design – *TPC No Comment.*

Planning Decisions

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

3/19/2393/HH - Woodbury East Riding, Tewin - Demolition of existing balcony, bay window and conservatory. Single storey rear and two storey front extension. Garage conversion and alterations to fenestrations - *TPC Object due to overdevelopment of the site – Applicant Withdrawn*

3/19/2226/FUL – Agricultural Land West of Orchard Road, Tewin – Siting of mobile home for a temporary period of up to 2 years in connection with the husbandry of cattle herd – *TPC Object - EHC Refuse.*

3/19/2498/HH – Bracken Hill, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – First floor side extension and changes to fenestration – *TPC No Comment – EHC Refuse.*

3/19/2475/PNHH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Single Storey rear extension – *TPC EHC Prior Approval is not required.*

3/19/2471/PNHH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Single Storey rear extension – *TPC EHC Prior Approval is not required.*

3/19/2541/FUL - Club Cottage Caravan Site, Burnham Green Road, AL6 0NH – Change of use of land to use of one static caravan – *TPC Object as the proposed caravan is in the Green Belt and the alternative does not seem to adhere to the 40-foot clearance rule.*

Dawley Woods – The Parish Council agreed to raise the query about the mobile home to East Herts Council.

Plotlands, Warrengate – Two plots are for sale and the Estate Agent has been notified of the Article 4 Orders in place since February 2002 covering all the plots on this Warrengate site. These orders remove all permitted development rights.

The Parish Council agreed to advise Planning Enforcement at East Herts Council.

Affordable Housing Consultation 2020 – The Parish Council agreed not to comment.

Expression of Wish Register for Section 106 monies – The Parish Council noted this.

97. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council since 5th November amounted to £1555.84 from the Current Account.

Insurance – The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote of £50 per annum to include business interruption loss of rent cover for the £30,000 over 3yrs in the event of loss of the building provide alternative temporary premises for the cricket and tennis clubs.

The Parish Council agreed to make an amendment to the lease between the Parish Council and the Tewin Pavilion CIC showing that they will require the Parish Council to find alternative premises.

Senior Citizens Lunch – The Parish Council agreed to make a £100 donation towards the Senior Citizens lunch organised by the Friends of Tewin.

VAT Reclaim – Two reclaims for £753 and £674 have been received.

Internal Audit – To be arranged in February.

Financial Risk Assessment and Effectiveness of audit – To be arranged in February.

Vandalism Donation – A donation has been received towards the repairs arising from the vandalism.

98. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Blocked Gullies Hertford Road – Herts Highways will arrange for a CCTV drainage investigation of the highway drainage system, which will identify any defects in the underground pipework and detail what can be done to limit the amount of water being held on the carriageway. They will also investigate the pipework under the carriageway on Hertford Road near Tewin Bridleway 004. The Parish Council agreed to report the blocked gulley outside 106 Orchard Road.

Lower Green 20mph Limit – The Parish Council agreed to submit the Drivesafe proposal to Herts County Council.

Churchfield Road Bridge Signs – The Parish council agreed in principle to Herts Highways quote of £1000 for signs either side of the bridge. The quote will be finalised in the new financial year.

99. GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council agreed to accept Kirkham Contracting's 4-year quote for parish grass cutting subject to any changes arising if Herts County Council adopt a new grass-cutting regime in rural areas to encourage wildflowers for bees.

100. PAVILION AND UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Taps – BG Sweeney replaced the leaking external taps.

Fire Alarm Test – A replacement break glass point has been installed and the batteries replaced free of charge to provide sufficient cover in the event of a power cut. A map showing the zones is to be completed.

Changing Room – The mould found in the away changing room has been cleaned and the Parish Council agreed to raise the ambient temperature in the changing room and hallway and monitor. The channel round the back of the Pavilion needs to be kept clear and any flooding of the terrace monitored with a view to renewing the land drain and soakaway if necessary.

Hand Dryers – The Parish Council accepted Tewin Pavilion's offer to get quotes for more powerful replacement hand dryers.

101. RISK ASSESSMENT 2019/20

Margery Lane Oak Tree – This has been removed and the cost of £1200 split 50:50 between the householder and the Parish Council.

Well Cover Lower Green – Cllr K St Pier agreed to put some wood preservative on the oak posts.

Christmas Tree – The Parish Council accepted Friends of Tewin's kind offer to get a quote for replacing the tree and putting in better soil.

102. CORRESPONDENCE

Tewin Cowper Easter Trail 28th March 2020 – The Parish Council agreed that they could start on Lower Green provided they were considerate to the neighbours and parked with care.

103. NO REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport – Centrebus will be running the 204 bus as Uno lost the contract.

Tewin Memorial Hall – The fete will be held on 27th June 2020.

104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2nd March 2020** in the Kimberley Room at Tewin Memorial Hall. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.11pm.