

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr A.Hill, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd & Cllr J. Sheridan.

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk) and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

### **NO PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS**

**136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Cllr B. Evans, Cllr N. Moore, East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen & Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

**137. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **138. PLANNING**

#### **Planning applications**

**3/20/0810/FUL – Fairholme Stables, Archers Green Lane** - Demolition of buildings and redevelopment of site to erect 3 detached dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping – *TPC objected*

#### **Certificates of Lawfulness**

**3/20/1800/CLPO - 4 Desborough Drive, Tewin** – Erection of detached building incorporating pool at rear of property.

#### **EHC Planning Decisions**

**3/20/1243/HH – 25 Upper Green Road, Tewin** – Single storey rear extension – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

#### **Enforcement issues**

**E/20/0206/ENF - 37 Bishops Road. Tewin** – Extensive building works & major earth works, major tree removal without permission, works ongoing at all hours incl weekends, no consideration of neighbours. EHC have researched the planning history and will be arranging a site visit.

**E/20/309/ENF - 32 Bishops Road, Tewin** - Extensive building & major earth works, major tree removal, works ongoing at all hours incl weekends, no consideration of neighbours. EHC have contacted occupier and are arranging a visit.

**E/20/0304/ENF – 22 Lower Green, Tewin** – Shed on side of house within Conservation Area needing planning permission. EHC have written to the occupier to request an application or the structure to be removed within 28days or to prove that the structure falls under the conditions and limitations of permitted development.

**E/20/0065/ENF - Dawley Woods** – Concerns about a mobile home with no planning permission, concerns a puppy farm being run, dogs bark through the night and are on the loose on the site. EHC has a meeting with occupiers scheduled and the Clerk has requested a further update.

**Appeals** - Nothing to report

**Planning for the Future White Paper Consultation closing 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020** - The Parish Council agreed not to respond.

### **139. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £2901.54 from the Current Account comprising: Majestic Trees, Clerks salary, Allotment Rent.

**Internal audit** – This was completed on 17<sup>th</sup> September by Cllr B Evans and everything was found to be satisfactory.

**Royal British Legion** – The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £75 the same as last year.

**Precept** – The second half of the precept has been received.

**Allotment Rent** – The 6 monthly rent of £189 from Tewin Allotment Association has been received. A payment of £315 has been made to the landowner for 6monthly rent of the land.

### **140. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Leaking gully on Orchard Road** – Highways are waiting for a date for investigation and will update when known.

**Tree outside 10 Godfries Close** – Highways have arranged for an inspection of the tree and will update once undertaken.  
**Bridge on Churchfield Road** – The Parish Council agreed to the quote of £995 from Herts Highways for 2 signs either side of the bridge. The Parish Council agreed to ask for a discussion on location of the signs in particular the northern Tewin side sign.

#### **141. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN**

**Weekly Playground Inspections** - Nothing to report

**Broken Branches** – The Parish Council agreed to ask Kirkham Contracting when he would be able to carry out the job and whether he would prefer the Parish Council to use a tree surgeon.

#### **142. LOWER GREEN**

**Xmas Tree** – The tree has been ordered and planting will be in November. The Parish Council agreed to investigate the installation of a water supply on Lower Green.

##### **Rights of Way Works Update**

**FP13** Fallen Way marker Post on junction of Churchfield Road & FP13 – *ROW will investigate*

**FP 17** Broken gate (Bowls Club end) - The gate is ok but the main post that the gate was hung on has rotted at the base and broken off. *ROW will arrange for a contractor will do the works.*

**FP 18** Broken Gate (Archers Green Lane to St Peters Church) – The gate is OK but the main post that the gate was hung on has rotted at the base and broken off. *ROW to investigate.*

**FP30** behind Bishops Road - Complaints have been received that a new fence is being put up at the bottom of the garden of 9 Bishops Road, Tewin and they have moved it out over the footpath FP30. *ROW investigated and could not see any encroachment.*

#### **143. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**2020/21** – Following the risk assessment during the course of August a list of potential works has been compiled and the Parish Council reviewed it. The following was agreed:

Lower Green Meter Cupboard – Cllr K St Pier has fixed frame to brickwork and repaired the door.

Lower Green Footpaths – Clerk to get a quote for resurfacing.

Lower Green Benches – Cllr K St Pier agreed to investigate power washing them.

Lower Green Cottages footpath – Clerk to get a quote to resurface from Kirkham Contracting.

Lower Branches in Parish – Clerk asked to get a quote to lift from Kirkham Contracting.

Hedge Overgrowing Footpath on Upper Green Road – Clerk asked to advise James Vine Herts Highways.

Plume of Feathers Green – Clerk asked to contact Greene King re sleepers.

Margery Wood on Margery Lane Cut ins – Clerk asked to get a quote to clear from Kirkham Contracting.

Margery Lane Ditch – Clerk to report to Highways.

Upper Green – Report fly tipping of black bin bags

Upper Green Notice Board – Clerk to get a quote for a new one

Millennium Orchard – Clerk asked to contact Michael Clark about maintenance.

Hundred Year Wood – Parish Council are considering whether a sign was needed and Cllr Keith St Pier agreed to trim lower branches.

Lousehole Bottom, Hertford Road – Cllr J Sheridan has cleared the cut ins.

Pavilion Patio – Clerk to get a quote for patio re-laying and re pointing the footpath.

Pavilion Drain Cover – Clerk to get a quote to replace cover.

Pavilion Water Softener – Clerk to get replacement salt.

Pavilion Light – Cllr St Pier agreed to replace light bulb.

Pavilion Shed – Cllr K St Pier agreed to remove rubbish and investigate side door.

Grass Warren Posts – The Council agreed to remove these as they fall down.

#### **144. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Proposed 20mph Speed Limit on Hertford Road** – The Drivesafe team have raised the proposal of the 20mph speed limit on Hertford Road again and in view of the prohibitive cost the Parish Council agreed to write to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton for his view on possible ways forward. The Parish Council agreed to obtain a quote for a footpath on the verge along Hertford Road.

#### **145. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Policing** – Speeding on Grass Warren has been reported. Any pubs not abiding by social distancing rules can be reported to Police Inspector Stuart Orton.

**Allotments** – There are currently 8 people on the waiting list.

**146. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020** at Tewin Memorial Hall.  
As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.13pm.