

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

LOCKDOWN MINUTES of activities from 2nd February until 1st March 2021

PLANNING

Planning applications

3/21/0104/FUL – Land off Hertford Road, Tewin – Change of use of land, erection of stable block & fencing, creation of an exercise yard and hard standing with 3 car parking spaces and internal access way. *Herts Highways emailed re maintenance of the ditch. TPC objected to proposal.*

3/21/0356/HH - 20 Firs Walk Tewin Wood Tewin - Demolition of detached garage and single storey rear and side projections. Construction of single storey front, side and rear extension. *Response by 9th March.*

3/21/0477/HH – 7 Harwood Close, Tewin – Single storey rear extension. *Response by 19th March.*

3/21/0466/VAR – Tewin Bury Farm, Tewin - Variation of conditions 11 (External details of extraction equipment) and 19 (Noise Attenuation) of planning permission: 3/17/1292/FUL - Erection of Spa/Leisure building with associated Recuperation Centre - Alterations to building approved pursuant to 3/14/2013/FP by means of a single storey addition to part of the north elevation and a single storey addition to part of the south elevation. *Response by 19th March.*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/21/0102/CLPO - 14 Lower Green, Tewin - Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. – *EHC awaiting decision*

3/21/0199/PNHH – 7 Harwood Close, Tewin – Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension – *Withdrawn.*

3/21/0225/PNHH – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin – Single storey rear extension.

EHC Planning Decisions

3/20/2527/HH – 13 Hertford Road, Tewin - Demolition of detached stables building. Construction of replacement detached oak framed garden outbuilding for use as home gym, home office and storage – *TPC No comment – EHC Granted*

3/20/2248/VAR - 29 Firs Walk, Tewin - Variation of condition No2 (approved plans) Ref 3/13/2236/FP (Demolition of an existing residential dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling):- to update drawings to reflect what has been built (retrospectively). Condition Number(s): 2 Conditions(s) Removal: Amendment to condition no.2 (approved plans) to reflect the property as-built (retrospective). See enclosed covering letter for further information. To update conditioned drawing numbers to reflect the property as-built. See enclosed covering letter for further information – *TPC Object – 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. Nothing further to report as no update provided by EHC.

E/20/0065/ENF - Dawley Woods, Tewin – 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 advised that the case is still under investigation with regard to the structure. No evidence of a puppy farm at the premises. Dogs on site seen to have enclosure but otherwise their care is not a planning matter.

Appeals

APP/J1915/W/20/3248614 RE: 3/19/2226/FUL - Agricultural Land West Of Orchard Road Tewin - Siting of a mobile home for a temporary period of up to 2 years in connection with the husbandry of cattle herd. The Parish Council has submitted a response supporting the refusal of this application by East Herts Council on the basis that there is no genuine justification of the need for this mobile home and that it is detrimental to the Openness of the Green Belt being an urban domestic object placed in a prominent position outside the farmyard which is clearly visible from public footpath WELWYN 35.

No decision yet

Tree Preservation orders – A suggestion that there should be a list of trees that have had permission for works be available on the East Herts website has been sent to EHC.

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

In March the following payments were approved:

1 Mar 2021	NEST		82.01
1 Mar 2021	C E McFarlane		794.22
1 Mar 2021	M J McQuaid		315.00
26 Feb 2021	EON	DD	25.50

The bank balances as at 1.3.2021:

Cash at bank and in hand

TPC Business Premium	5,441.71
TPC Current Account	28,182.14
TPC National Savings Acc	10,392.35
Total Cash at bank and in hand	44,016.20
Total Current Assets	44,016.20

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

VAT	(496.32)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(496.32)
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	44,512.52
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	44,512.52
Net Assets	44,512.52

These are works that have been agreed but not yet completed :

Date ▼	Description	Reference	Payment Ref	Spent
30 Sep 2021	Smith & Tucker Farms			1,308.00
30 Apr 2021	Lower Green FP Resurfacing			6,000.00
31 Mar 2021	Lower Green Manhole			1,509.60
31 Mar 2021	Affinity Water			799.20
31 Mar 2021	Neil Clark			180.00
31 Mar 2021	Kirkham Contracting			900.00

Smith & Tucker – Drainage works on FP11 will be delayed due to Covid

Neil Clark – The manhole outside the Pavilion has been replaced and we are just waiting for the pointing to be finished.

Kirkham Contracting – The FP resurfacing outside 13-19 Lower Green has been completed and the lifting of the lower branches is due to be completed shortly.

Barclays Pavilion Account – Barclays have advised that they will close the Pavilion account unless it is used. The balance in the account is £64.99 and I have transferred it to the Current account. We don't need the Pavilion account anymore so will let it be closed.

Financial Risk Assessment and Effectiveness of Audit – Bryan and Doreen have done this remotely and the following queries raised:

- Consider reducing Fidelity Guarantee limit of £100,000 if this reduces premium.
- Clarify Personal accident £50,000 limit
- Clarify Tewin Tennis Club insurance.
- Consider insuring tennis court fencing
- Consider increasing Employer Pension contribution from 3.75%
- Note next budget will need to reflect loss of New Homes Bonus and effect on precept level

Standing Orders – Cllrs K St Pier and K Lawson have been reviewing these.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Gulleys - Highways have advised that in March they will be investigating the gulleys on Orchard Road and Upper Green Road/Severn Road and 25/27 Upper Green Road.

Churchfield Road Signs – The 2 “Vehicles in Middle of the Road” warning signs are to be installed on 15-17th March with closure.

School Lane Surface Dressing Preparation – This is scheduled for March with a road closure.

PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report

Water System Risk Assessment – For discussion at the next meeting.

Litter Bins – EHC are experiencing problems due to Covid and consequently the emptying of the litter bins is patchy.

May Pond Green – A parishioner advised that they saw some dumping at the back of the green by a Sevenacres resident. The Sevenacres Resident Association was asked to mention it.

LOWER GREEN

FP41 Gate Repair – A quote has been supplied to Rights of Way and a Purchase order is awaited.

Water Supply on Lower Green – The application has been submitted and a surveyor attended site. A quote of £666 plus vat has been received. The location of the connection has been queried and changed to TPC’s preferred location. *TPC agreed by email to accept Affinity Water’s quote.*

Quotes for a manhole for £1285.00 and £2300 have been received. *TPC agreed by email to accept John McGuckin’s quote.* Herts County Council as landowner has given permission and they will issue a letter of liability for signature by Tewin Parish Council.

Lower Green Footpaths Resurfacing – John McGuckin has confirmed that an error was made on the Lower Green footway resurfacing quotation. The area to be resurfaced should read '135 square metres' not '105 square metres'. The quotation price remains the same at £4850. A second quote of £4538 has also been received from BestCo Surfacing. *TPC agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting.*

New Footpath on Hertford Rd to shop – Flyers have been sent to Hertford Road residents and put up on the notice board and in the Tewin Magazine. 22 responses have been received of which 5 were “against” the proposal and several raised various concerns.

Quotes for tarmac resurfacing were £9,600 and £13,129 and a third quote for resin bound surfacing were £13,470.

The Parish Council agreed to talk to residents, look into grants and would need approval from Herts County Council before this could be agreed and taken further. *TPC agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting.*

Allotment Lease Renewal – *TPC agreed via email* to renew the lease of the allotment land from 5th April 2021 at an increased rent of £715 pa (£630pa) and a reduced term of 5yrs (7yr) has been signed and returned to the solicitors.

Agreement with Tewin Allotment Association – *TPC agreed via email* to the new terms of agreement between the TPC and the Tewin Allotment Association commencing 5th April 2021 are: a new 5 year agreement, a continuing 60/40% subsidy whereby the Allotment Association will pay £429pa and TPC £286pa.

TPC will continue to pay for 2 cuts annually of the allotment site common grass area, approx £41 per cut, and the Allotment Association will bear the cost of all additional cuts.

CORRESPONDENCE

East Hertfordshire Electoral Review – A meeting on 24th March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Cllr K Lawson agreed to attend.

Garden Waste Collection – This will be £49 per annum from 1.4.21

Eforests – A minimum of 200 free trees for community projects available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 12th April 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall (TBC).