

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

LOCKDOWN MINUTES of activities from 8th December 2020 until 1st February 2021

PLANNING

Planning applications

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.

3/20/2510/HH – 12 Sevenacres, Tewin - Proposed single storey rear extension with rooflight.

3/20/2453/VAR – 64 Orchard Road, Tewin - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission:

3/20/0394/FUL (Demolition of house and replacement with new family home) - Alterations to the massing envelope and roof form, fenestration, landscape proposals and internal layouts. Addition of a dedicated bat roost outhouse.

3/20/2540/HH – 24 Bishops Road, Tewin – Erection of new entrance gates – *TPC Object as not in keeping with the street scene.*

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. Response due by 10th Feb.*

3/21/0204/HH – 16E Grass Warren, Tewin – Erection of garden room. *Response due by 19th Feb.*

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

3/12/0199/PNHH – 7 Harwood Close, Tewin – Demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey rear extension

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.

3/20/2367/CLPO – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Ground floor rear extension – *EHC Granted*

EHC Planning Decisions

3/20/2162/FUL & 3/20/2363/LBC - The Plume Of Feathers, Upper Green - Erection of single storey external bar and kitchen in the rear beer garden and erection of a new shed – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

3/20/2091/HH - 7 Upper Green Road - Replacement windows and doors and installation of rear bi-fold doors. Replacement render – *TPC No comment – EHC Granted.*

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. A third set of plans online rectify EHC Conservation objections to the previous because there were too many velux windows in the rear roof and because the brick plinth under the weatherboarding was too high – *TPC object - EHC Granted.*

3/20/2510/HH – 12 Sevenacres, Tewin – Proposed single storey rear extension with rooflight- *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.

E/20/0424/ENF – 2 Bishops Road, Tewin – Concerns raised over ground levels being raised at the front of the property more than 30 cm, impact on trees and whether planning permission is necessary. Tree removal concerns. EHC advised the case is closed - Large area of driveway has been top dressed, routine maintenance. 1 no. hornbeam was removed for safety reasons and EHC was advised at the time.

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.

FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

In February the following payments (excl EON direct debit) were approved:

Date	Description	Reference	Amount
1 Feb 2021	Balance in Xero		29,325.37
Plus Outstanding Payments			
1 Feb 2021	Tewin Memorial Hall	102356	76.50
1 Feb 2021	EON	DD	8.51
1 Feb 2021	C E McFarlane	102359	789.90
1 Feb 2021	Herts County Council	102357	995.00
1 Feb 2021	Kirkham Contracting	102358	2,658.82
1 Feb 2021	NEST		82.01
1 Feb 2021	St Peters Church Tewin PCC	102360	175.00
1 Feb 2021	Friends of Tewin		100.00
Total Outstanding Payments			4,885.74
1 Feb 2021	Statement Balance		34,211.11

In January the following were approved:

12 Jan 2021	HMRC - PAYE	102355	700.11
12 Jan 2021	HMRC	Vat Reclaim	1,565.50
12 Jan 2021	C E McFarlane	102354	869.32
8 Jan 2021	NEST		82.01

The bank balances as at 1.2.2021:

Cash at bank and in hand

TPC Business Premium	5,441.71
TPC Current Account	29,325.37
TPC National Savings Acc	10,318.07
TPC Pavilion	64.99
Total Cash at bank and in hand	45,150.14
Total Current Assets	45,150.14

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

VAT	(482.42)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(482.42)
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	45,632.56

Churchfield Road Signs - Herts County Council have submitted an invoice for £995 for the 2 “Vehicles in Middle of the Road” warning signs to improve safety at the Churchfield Road bridge.

Grass Cutting Reimbursements – All reimbursements have now been received.

Precept –The precept form has been signed and sent to East Herts Council.

St Peters Church Donation – TPC usually make a donation towards the printing of the Tewin magazine.

Senior Citizens Lunch – TPC usually make a donation of £100 to Friends of Tewin towards the annual Senior Citizens lunch.

Footpath Grass Cutting& Hedge Cutting – Kirkham Contracting completed the footpath and hedge cutting in line with the tender.

VAT Reclaim – These have been completed for the last 6 months and a total of 1744.74 received from HMRC.

Financial Risk assessment and Effectiveness of Audit – This is due in February and we will probably do by email and call with Doreen and Bryan.

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

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

Date ▾	Description	Reference	Payment Ref	Spent
7 Mar 2021	Smith & Tucker Farms			1,308.00
7 Mar 2021	Lower Green FP Resurfacing			6,000.00
1 Mar 2021	Neil Clark			180.00
1 Mar 2021	Kirkham Contracting			900.00

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Gulleys - Highways have advised that on 18th February they will be investigating the gulleys on Orchard Road and Upper Green Road/Sevenacres, Hertford Road and 25/27 Upper Green Road.

PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report

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

Upper Green Notice Board – This has been replaced and one side is unlocked and available for use by parishioners.

LOWER GREEN

Rights of Way Works Update - On behalf of ROW Kirkham Contracting has completed the gate repairs on FP17 and FP18 and fallen way marker post on junction of Churchfield Road & FP13.

No Cycling Sign – This has been put on the gate at the Lower Green entrance of FP41

FP41 Gate Repair – This has been reported to Rights of Way and Kirkham Contracting will provide a quote.

Cannons Meadow Tree Replacement – These have been planted.

Margery Lane Cut ins - Drainage works in Margery Wood have been completed to reduce the amount of rainwater running down Margery Lane into Churchfield Road. *However these are often full and the road flooded ...should we consider another one and clearing the cut ins on Margery Lane?*

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.

Quotes are now being obtained for a manhole one has been received for £1285.00 and another I have chased 21.1.21. A query was raised about whether an "opening notice" was necessary and an email sent requesting permission from Herts County 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.

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 1st March meeting.*

Allotment Lease Renewal – The draft lease for 5yrs at £715 pa has been reviewed by Keith and John. A request for a 7 yr lease was made and the response was: *“As there is no provision for a rent review provisions I am instructed to offer only a 5 year term. That was the reason for the reduction. On a technical point, a 7 year lease is compulsorily registerable at the Land Registry and this costs you a fee: that wasn’t done last time so it is perhaps sensible to reduce the term to 5 years.”* Cllr J Sheridan as Chairman of Tewin Allotments Association has agreed to the 5 yrs term -*TPC Agreed to accept*

Plotlands Hedges – Following advice that the hedges around this site will no longer be cut, Herts Highways advised that *“When a tree/hedge does become an obstruction it will need to be reported on our fault reporting website. This will lead to site being inspected and if required a letter being sent to the owner requesting they clear any obstruction within 14 days. If they do not undertake the work in a timely manner this will then be forwarded to HCCs Licence & Enforcement Team for further investigation.”*

Speeding in Grass Warren – This has been referred to PCSO Sally Brookes and Network Homes and they have been in touch with the family and raised the concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan- Draft Plan Consultation – 11 January 2021 to 19 March 2021

London Luton Airport arrival routes airspace change consultation ends 5th Feb 2021-01-20

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 will be £49 per annum from 1.4.21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 1st March 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall (TBC).