

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk) & Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

NO PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS

170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr D. Lloyd, Cllr N.Moore, East Herts Councillor Michael McMullen and East Herts Councillor Linda Haysey.

171. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 7th December 2020, lockdown minutes for 1st February 2021 and 1st March 2021 copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

172. PLANNING

Planning applications

3/21/0789/FUL – 64 Orchard Road, Tewin - Demolition of house and erection of replacement dwelling, detached bat roost building and outdoor swimming pool – *TPC No Comment.*

3/21/0762/HH – 20 Desborough Drive - Demolition of front porch and construction of two storey front extension - *TPC No Comment.*

Certificates of Lawfulness

3/21/0883/ASDPN - Bungalow Tewin Mill Fish Farm, Archers Green Lane, Tewin - Construction of one additional storey above the existing dwelling, to increase the height from 5.63 metres to 8.12 metres.

3/21/0811/CLPO – 19 Firs Walk, Tewin - Single storey outhouse to form ancillary accommodation to the host dwelling Home office, gym, games room and bathroom in the garden.

3/21/0801/CLPO – Coombe House, 9 Firs Walk, Tewin - Proposed garage conversion to form reception room.

3/21/0775/CLPO – 20 Desborough Drive, Tewin - Detached single storey outbuilding

EHC Planning Decisions

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 TPC objected to proposal – TPC Applicant Withdrawn*

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

3/21/0204/HH – 16E Grass Warren, Tewin – Erection of garden room – *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

3/21/0225/PNHH – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin – Single storey rear extension – *EHC Prior Approval is required and refused.*

3/21/0199/PNHH – 7 Harwood Close, Tewin – Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension – *Withdrawn.*

3/21/0102/CLPO - 14 Lower Green, Tewin - Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. – *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/21/0091/ENF - Land Adj To Fairholme Stables, Archers Green Lane, Tewin – Mobile Home sited in field without planning permission

E/21/0069/ENF – Plotlands, Archers Green Lane, Tewin – Field fenced and sheep grazing without planning permission.

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 supports 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.
Appeal Hearing on 21st April 2021.

Tree Preservation orders – Concerns have been raised that trees are disappearing in Tewin Wood and the Council queried whether planting of replacement trees is enforced.

Cllr McMullen has submitted a request to East Herts Council a suggestion that there should be a list of trees that have had permission for works available to view on the East Herts website.

173. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £1217.71 from the Current Account comprising: C McFarlane £991 incl £191.55 reimbursement for defibrillator items, Neil Clarke £144 for replacement manhole cover, £82 NEST pension payment.

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

Neil Clark – The manhole outside the Pavilion has been replaced and the pointing on the footpath will be done shortly.

External Audit – The audit form from PKF Littlejohn Audit has been received.

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

174. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Churchfield Road Signs – The two “Vehicles in Middle of the Road” warning signs have been installed.

School Lane Surface Dressing Preparation – This has been completed.

175. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report

Water System Risk Assessment – The Parish Council agreed to accept adopt this.

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

Pavilion Defibrillator – The transformer failed on the cabinet and a new one will be fitted this week. The defibrillator batteries and pads have been replaced. The Tewin Pavilion CIC agreed to make a donation towards the cost.

Pilates Class - Permission was given for two Pilates classes of 12 people only on Upper Green in April.

Pothole – The Parish Council agreed to look at the pothole at the entrance to the Upper Green car park and arrange for a repair.

176. LOWER GREEN

Water Supply on Lower Green – The manhole has been completed. The photos of the work will be submitted to Affinity water for their approval. Once payment has been received they will connect to the mains supply.

New Footpath on Hertford Rd to shop – The Parish Council agreed not to proceed with the proposed footpath and to inform parishioners including those that have written in.

20mph Speed Limit Hertford Road – Cllr K Crofton advised that he will support a scheme for a 20mph limit if put forward to Herts Highways.

Lower Green Footpaths Resurfacing – The Parish Council agreed to accept John McGuckin's quote of £4,850 with 3 votes for (Cllrs A Hill, Cllr B Evans and Cllr J.Sheridan), 1 vote against (Cllr D.Howson) and 2 abstentions (Cllr K .Lawson and K St Pier).

Bus Shelter – The landlord of the Rose & Crown pub kindly painted the inside of the bus shelter. The Parish Council agreed to thank him.

Telephone Box – The landlord of the Rose & Crown pub kindly arranged to have the telephone box painted. The Parish Council agreed to thank him.

THACs Plant Swap – This will be on Lower Green on 22nd May 2021.

Tewin Stores Picnic – This will be on Lower Green on 24th July 2021.

Tewin Fete – The 4th September 2021 has been reserved.

177. TRANSPORT

Bus – The 388 Centrebus service has been replaced by the 879 Reg's Coaches which has been rerouted via Burnham Green and Tewin. The change has been publicised on the Tewin Village website.

178. CORRESPONDENCE

East Hertfordshire Electoral Review – Cllr K Lawson attended a meeting on 24th March 2021 on the upcoming consultation on boundary reviews commencing 28th September 2021. The slides and meeting information have been circulated.

Cars on Upper Green – A complaint was received about an increase in cars parking and driving across Upper Green, playing loud music and leaving litter. The Parish Council will monitor the situation but hope it will settle down.

Dog Waste bins – A request has been made for dog waste bins in the parish as the open litter bins are often full and also located next to benches which is unpleasant. The Parish Council noted that this is not helped by temporary staffing difficulties due to Covid which have impacted the bin emptying schedule although this should return back to normal soon. The Parish Council's dog fouling policy remains not to install dog waste bins as parishioners can use the existing litterbins for dog waste bags. However in light of these comments the Parish Council agreed to move the litter bin by the benches on Lower Green and the litter bin by the bench on Hertford Road opposite the shop further away from the benches.

179. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Allotment Association – The allotments are currently fully let and there is a waiting list.

Tewin Pavilion CIC – There is currently a vacancy for a cleaner at the Pavilion.

180. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting at **7.45pm on Monday 10th May 2021** at Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.