

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk), David Rixson and two parishioners.

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from East Herts Cllr M.McMullen, East Herts Cllr L.Haysey and Herts County Councillor K.Crofton.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

David Rixson attended to answer any questions about the Brief Landscape History of the Mimram Valley and The Case for a Local Landscape Designation. These represent the first stage of the Lower Mimram Valley Initiative (LMVI) conceived in response to significant threats to the vulnerable environment between Welwyn Garden City, Digswell and Tewin Village. Copies will be sent to relevant contacts, hard copies will be available to view at Tewin Stores and on the Tewin Village Website.

Stage 2 of LMVI will include: participation in the statutory plan making process; preparation of a landscape recovery plan; the set up of a 'Friends of Marden Fields' website; constitution of a community enterprise to implement plans for the benefit of local people.

The going public date of Monday 14th February was agreed subject to printing being ready.

Cllr K St Pier agreed to review and confirm the mailing list for the documents. David Rixson agreed to provide a covering letter to accompany the documents.

97. MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held 6th December 2021 and 24th January 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

98. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

99. PLANNING

Planning applications

3/22/0212/AGPN - Muspatts Farm, Churchfield Road, Tewin - Erection of 1, agricultural building - Length: 24.0 metres, Eaves height 4.60 metres, Breadth 22.80 metres, Ridge height 6.10 metres – *TPC Concerns about the need for an archaeological survey in the vicinity of the site of Tewin House.*

3/22/0141/HH - Cheltenham House, Queen Hoo Lane Tewin - Single storey rear extension and single storey side extension – *TPC No comment.*

3/21/3041/LBC - 18A Hertford Road, Tewin - Demolition of external pergola, freestanding storage shed and external WC. Construction of replacement single storey flat roofed extension and insertion of new roof lights – *TPC No comment.*

3/22/0254/FUL - Land South Of Churchfield Road Tewin - Change of use of agricultural barn to one bedroom short-term holiday accommodation. Alterations to entrance ways and installation of wood burner and flue – *TPC concerns about entrance.*

Planning Decisions

3/21/2553/HH – Quisty Birches, Tewin Close, Tewin – Demolition of existing sheds and erection of proposed outbuilding on existing concrete base – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

3/21/2079/HH – Woodbury, 16 East Riding, Tewin – Single storey rear extension. Garage conversion. Replace garage door with new front window – *TPC No comment – EHC Granted.*

3/21/2768/HH – 8 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Demolition of conservatory. Single Storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration to the rear - – *TPC No comment – EHC Granted*

3/21/1864/FUL - Shire Park Bowls Club, School Lane, Tewin - Proposed canopy attached to North elevation of the clubhouse and construction of a detached garage / storage shed – *TPC No comment – EHC Granted*

3/21/3040/FUL – Tewin Stores, 18A Hertford Road, Tewin - Demolition of external pergola, free standing storage shed and external WC. Construction of single storey flat roofed extension, insert new roof light windows - *TPC No comment – Application Withdrawn*

3/21/3000/HH - Claddagh Wood 8 Desborough Drive, Tewin - First floor side extension - *TPC after 3/21/0913/HH was refused, we are concerned about the combined effect of 3/21/3000/HH, 3/21/2952/HH and 3/21/2951/CLPO- EHC Refused*
3/21/2420/HH- 20 Desborough Drive Tewin - Erection of detached garage with new vehicular access – *TPC No comment – EHC Refused*

3/21/3076/FUL - Gilpins 1 Cowpers Way, Tewin - Demolition of single storey dwelling and garage and erection of replacement two storey dwelling – *TPC Object – EHC Granted – TPC have written MP Oliver Heald re the concept of "fall-back" allows a planning application to take into account possible permitted development extensions when determining the current size of a dwelling.*

3/21/2902/PNHH – 19 Firs Walk , Tewin - Single storey rear extension. Depth: 8m, Maximum height: 3.4m, Eaves height: 2.4m – *Prior approval not required*

3/21/2869/PNHH – 18 Godfries Close, Tewin - Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension: Depth: 6.00 metres, Maximum height: 4.00 metres, Eaves height: 2.50 metres; garage conversion; alterations to fenestration and front entrance way and the addition of a new window and door to the side elevation – *Prior approval not required*

Enforcement

Glamping: The Parish Council has become aware that Tewin Bury Farm and Land to West of Orchard Road, Tewin are preparing to set up "glamping" sites.

The Duty Planning Officer advised that if the land is agricultural then it would be a change of use and therefore need planning permission.

Dog Park: A dog park with a car park, fencing and wooden structure has just opened up off Churchfield Road, Tewin in a field. This was reported to East Herts Council Planning Enforcement.

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Mobile Home: The appeal for the temporary siting of a mobile home on agricultural land west Of Orchard Road was dismissed on 21.5.21. The mobile home is still in situ and Enforcement has been advised.

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 site has been visited and the ‘mobile home’ in the woods has been dismantled. A further visit will be made to check that the site has now been cleared of the resultant waste before the case is closed.

No evidence of a puppy farm has been seen at the site.

Lower Mimram Valley Initiative – The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the reports and to write a thank you to the committee.

Article 4 Directive – This has been made permanent on land under the viaduct in Digswell and the Parish Council agreed to write to East Herts L Haysey requesting this for plotlands.

100. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £4410.73 comprising: R .S.Heaps Ltd £3180 Pavilion works, Triographics Printing £126, Tewin Memorial Hall £76.50, Npower phone box electricity £5.04.

Printing: The printing cost for 100 copies of the Case for a Local Landscape Designation was £126.

Senior Citizens Lunch - The Parish Council agreed to postpone donation until new event confirmed in October.

Grass Cutting Reimbursements – These have all been received now.

VAT Reclaim – This has been received.

Dates for Internal audit, financial risk assessment and effectiveness of internal audit – To be confirmed.

101. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Orchard Road Drive Encroachment – Cllr K St Pier has written to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton asking if this was acceptable.

Orchard Road Posts – Following several complaints and accidents with the white posts outside 31 Orchard Road the Parish Council wrote to the owners and the leaning post was reset.

Queen Hoo Lane – Clerk to report a pothole outside Cheltenham House to Herts Highways.

102. LOWER GREEN

Margery Lane Cut ins – The Parish Council agreed to ask Kirkham Contracting to renew the cut ins and Cllr D Howson agreed to oversee.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration – The Parish Council agreed that Lower Green could be used by Friends of Tewin on 2nd, 3rd and 4th June 2022.

103. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Changing Room Works – These have been completed and the Parish Council agreed to pay the invoice.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration – The Parish Council agreed that Upper Green could be used by Friends of Tewin on 5th June 2022

104. RISK ASSESSMENT

Cannons Meadow Replacement Post and Rail – These works have now been completed.

Tree Survey – Due to start by the 24th Feb and will take approx 10 days.

105. DEFIBRILLATOR TESTING – The Parish Council agreed to replace the pads and batteries at both the Memorial Hall and Burnham Green Village Hall as they are near their expiry date. Burnham Green Village Hall Committee and Datchworth Parish council will reimburse the costs for the latter.

106. CORRESPONDENCE

Other Registerable interests – Clerk to forward this email to Councillors.

Much Hadham's "Lack of Planning enforcement" letter – The Parish Council agreed that any approach to Michael Gove should concentrate on getting Planning Enforcement made into a statutory duty of the district council. This might then ensure that more resources were made available, and lead to proper coverage of many of the individual problems that councils are seeing.

HCC's draft Integrated Plan (the proposed budget) for 2022-23 – No comment

Parish Council meeting dates for 2022~ 2023 – These have been sent out and put on the Tewin Village website.

Tewin Stores – The Parish Council discussed the challenges currently facing Tewin Stores.

107.NO REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

108. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7.45pm on Monday 7th March 2022** at Tewin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.