

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Cllr L.Haysey and no members of the public.

**122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Cllr J Sheridan, East Herts Cllr M.McMullen and Herts County Councillor K.Crofton.

**NO PARISHIONERS COMMENTS**

**123. MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting** held 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**124. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **125. PLANNING**

#### **Planning applications**

**3/22/0629/HH - 2 Tewin Hill Tewin** - Proposed loft conversion with a rear dormer and insertion of 3 front rooflight windows – *TPC No comment.*

**3/22/0523/ASDPN - Claddagh Wood 8 Desborough Drive Tewin** - Rooftop extension and raising the roof height to create a second floor level, with 3 front and 3 rear second floor windows – *TPC Object not in keeping cc Oliver Heald MP and EHC Head of Planning.*

**3/22/0526/LBC - 5 Marden Hill House Marden Hill** - Insertion of water drain at ground floor west elevation. Internal alterations to include, insertion of internal door at ground floor. Alteration to internal door frame on ground floor. Insertion of ceiling mouldings and the removal of bookcases and reinstatement of original internal doors - *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 way and installation of wood burner and flue – *TPC object as the entrance way alterations are on Common Land.*

#### **Planning Decisions**

**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 – EHC Refused*

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

**3/22/0433/HH – 18 Godfries Close, Tewin** – Single storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment - EHC Granted*

**3/22/0464/PNHH - 18 Godfries Close, Tewin** - Single storey rear extension: Depth: 6.00 metres, Maximum height: 4.00 metres, Eaves height: 3.00 metres – *EHC Refused*

#### **Appeals**

**3/21/2260/HH - 42 Lower Green, Tewin** - Enclosure of pergola with glazed panels and doors and clear polycarbonate flat roof - *TPC No Comment – EHC Refused.*

**3/21/0913/HH – Land off Hertford Road, Tewin** - Change of use of land for Equestrian; erection of a stable block and fencing; Hardstanding with car parking spaces and internal access way - *TPC Object – EHC Refused – TPC agreed a response to submit to the Planning Inspectorate.*

#### **Enforcement**

**Glamping:** The Parish Council has become aware of potential "glamping" sites being set up in the parish. 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.

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

planning permission.

**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.

**Plotlands Article 4 Directive** – Cllr L Haysey forwarded the Parish Council’s letter on to the Head of Planning.

**Fall Back Planning Concept** – The Parish Council sent a letter to Oliver Heald MP, Head of EHC Planning and Cllr L Haysey re their concerns about fall-back as a planning concept.

**Lower Mimram Valley Initiative** – A meeting took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 with volunteers in readiness for Stage 2 which will include: participation in the statutory plan making process, preparation of a landscape recovery plan; setting up ‘Friends of Marden Fields’ website and constitution of a community enterprise to implement plans for the benefit of local people.

**Town and Parish Council Planning Meeting on 24.3.22** – Cllr K Lawson attended and minutes will be circulated when received. East Herts Council have employed a Compliance Officer who will be proactive on planning Enforcement especially on larger projects.

## 126. FINANCE

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £3916.77 comprising: Kirkham Contracting for various works including footpaths £2509 and hedge cutting £366, allotment works £48, Tewin Memorial Hall £81.60 NEST £83.44, C McFarlane £828.23.

**Donations** – Tewin Pavilion CIC donated £2650 towards the insulation works on the changing rooms and Tewin Allotment Association made a donation £175 towards various works on allotments.

**Allotment Blackberry Bush Removal** – The Parish Council agreed to the removal of an overgrown Blackberry bush from an allotment at a cost of £40 +VAT by Kirkham Contracting.

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

## 127. HIGHWAY MATTERS

**Orchard Road Leaking Gully** – Cllr K Crofton advised that this is unlikely to be done within the next year.

## 128. LOWER GREEN

**Tewin Cowper PTA Fun Run** – The Parish Council agreed to Tewin Cowper PTA holding a fun run from Lower Green with gazebo, BBQ and refreshments on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Benches** – Both benches have been installed.

**Litter Bins** – Both litter bins on Lower Green and opposite the shop have been moved away from the seats.

**Gate Repair** – Cllr K St Pier has completed a temporary repair.

**Fallen Way marker on FP 22** – This has been reported to Rights of Way.

**Drivesafe Report** – This has been circulated.

**Christmas Tree** – The watering system has set to turn on daily for 8 mins.

## 129. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

**Weekly Playground Inspections** - Nothing to report.

**Overflowing Bins** – These have now been emptied.

**Tewin Cowper PTA Circus** – The Parish Council did not agree to give permission for a circus event on Upper Green on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Water Testing** – Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk will complete this on the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Fire Alarm Testing** – This will be carried out on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## 130. RISK ASSESSMENT

To be arranged.

## 131. CORRESPONDENCE

**Invitation** - To note the kind invite from HCC Chairman Ken Crofton to his Charity Garden Party on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

2022.

**Dementia Friendly Rural Communities** – The Parish Council agreed to support some parishioners in setting up Tewin as a Dementia Friendly Community and fund hire of the hall for a training session.

**Shed Query** – A parishioner enquired about planning rules for new sheds.

**Fish and Chip Van on Lower Green** – Clerk to check required street trading consent has been obtained.

**Cricket Practice Nets Proposal** – The Parish Council agreed to ask for some more information.

**Overgrown Hedge on Upper Green** – Cllr K St Pier agreed to talk to the householder.

### **132. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Allotments** – These are fully let and there are 4 people on the waiting list.

**Transport** - Tim Hayward Smith from CDA for Herts will provide a report on the Saturday Community Bus ready for the next Parish Council meeting.

### **133. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting at **7.45pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at Tewin Memorial Hall followed by the Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 8.59 pm.