

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk) and 15 parishioners.

**38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Cllr A Hill, East Herts Cllr L.Haysey, East Herts Cllr M McMullen and Herts County Councillor K Crofton.

**39. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** held 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **40. PARISHIONERS COMMENTS**

Linda Gilley and Revd Suzanne Underwood attended to outline their proposal to build a much-needed meeting room and disabled toilet attached to the south side of St Peters Church as well as upgrade the heating and lighting systems.

The meeting room will be for church specific activities not for rental purposes. They plan to hold an Open Day at Tewin Memorial Hall to inform parishioners of the proposal. Funding is to be from a legacy and grants.

Jonathon Watts and Frances Traynor Cole attended about the unacceptable noise from a marquee erected by Tewin Hill Farm in the field to the southeast of Firs Walk, Tewin Wood. The marquee is used as a wedding venue for up to 6 events per year however, the noise levels are unacceptably loud. On 27<sup>th</sup> August, the noise level measured 85 decibels at the marquee and 75 decibels on their patio. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines noise above 65 decibels (dB) as noise pollution and noise above 75dB to be harmful. Consequently they were unable to sit outside to eat, entertain or enjoy their garden which counts as a statutory nuisance as it unreasonably and substantially interferes with the use or enjoyment of a home or other premises.

They have discussed their concerns with Adrian Hill of Tewin Hill Farm and asked that the marquee be moved away from Tewin Wood, the opening on the side of the marquee be moved from the west to the east side and to reduce the volume.

Jonathon Watts requested that the Parish Council hold Adrian Hill of Tewin Hill Farm to:

- his commitments to reduce the noise level and adhere to the maximum of six events (total) a year.
- work with EHDC to remove or re-site the marquee.
- determine if there are limitations for how long this “temporary” structure is allowed to stay erected.
- monitor the growing commercial activities based at Tewin Hill Farm – rental accommodation, livery, café, weddings, camping and Open Farm as they affect life in Tewin.

The Parish Council advised that everyone including Tewin Hill Farm accepted the noise level was too high on 27.8.22 and that Tewin Hill Farm are in conversation with Environmental Health, are planning to install a noise limiter and had the last event of the year on 3.9.22. The Parish Council contacted East Herts Council Planning Department who advised that the marquee would come under Permitted Development Class B – use of any land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in any calendar year and that the public access to the farmyard is not a material change of use while farming is still the main concern.

Chris Windle and several other parishioners attended to raise concerns about dangerous parking at the entrance to the car park for 32 - 46 Lower Green. The road directly outside 32 - 46 Lower Green is now regularly filled with cars parked right up to the dropped kerb entrance way almost all of the time. This parking results in very limited visibility in either direction when exiting the car park onto a narrow lane with no clear lines of sight and into oncoming speeding traffic, cyclists and horse riders (vulnerable road users).

They have raised the issue with Herts County Cllr Ken Crofton and would like the Parish Council to consider supporting additional road safety measures such as white or double yellow lines near dropped kerbs, warning sign for a concealed entrance, 20mph limit and a mirror opposite the driveway.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the Police to visit and to talk to Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton.

### **41. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

## **42. PLANNING**

### **Planning applications**

The Parish Council noted the Correspondence from Mr M Cook on the following planning application:

**3/22/1555/OUT - Land East Of Upper Green Road, Upper Green Road Tewin** - Outline planning application for erection of 4 three bedroom detached bungalows together with creating two new vehicular accesses - all matters reserved except for access – *TPC Object*

**3/22/1709/HH - 12 Firs Walk Tewin** - Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing house – *TPC No comment*

**3/22/1339/FUL - 19 Firs Walk Tewin** - Demolition of dwelling. Erection of a replacement dwelling incorporating a basement and a garage with associated landscaping - *TPC No comment*

### **Planning Decisions**

**3/22/1305/FUL – Marden Dairy, Archers Green Lane, Tewin** - Erection of stable building within the residential curtilage of the dwelling house, together with the erection of a menage and associated change of use of adjacent land to equestrian (both for private use) – *TPC No Comment – EHC Refused.*

**3/22/1225/HH - The Old School House, Lower Green, Tewin** - Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to ground floor rear fenestration - *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

**3/22/1274/ASDPN - Seven Pines, Margery Lane, Tewin** - Construction of an additional storey to the bungalow to increase the height of the dwelling from 4.861 metres to 7.219 metres - *TPC No Comment – EHC Prior approval required and Granted.*

**3/22/1334/PNHH - Seven Pines, Margery Lane, Tewin** - Single storey rear and side extensions: Depth 8.00 metres, Maximum height 4.00 metres, Eaves height 2.51 metres - *TPC No Comment – EHC Prior not required.*

**3/22/0948/HH - 51 Bishops Road Tewin** - Erection of first floor front extension. Alterations to front entrance way and garage conversion. Two storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

**3/22/1213/HH - 2A Bishops Road, Tewin** - Erection of garden room and store - *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

**3/22/0943/HH - 11 Hertford Road Tewin** - Replacement of 5 front facing windows, 3 side facing windows, 1 rear facing window and front door - *TPC No Comment- EHC Granted*

**3/22/1106/HH - 38 Lower Green Tewin** - Demolition of conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension - *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

**3/21/2159/HH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin** - Demolition of side wing and rear extension; erection of single storey side and rear extensions; extension of roof with front and rear dormer windows; front porch extension; alterations to fenestration and openings and alterations to fenestration of workshop building with additional door and windows - *TPC No comment – EHC Granted*

**3/22/0671/HH – 29 Firs Walk, Tewin** - Erection of open-sided garden shelter/outbuilding, creation of swimming pool, lowering of ground levels, alterations to retaining wall and creation of external steps and replacement fencing – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted.*

**3/22/1204/FUL - Tewin Cowper J M I School, Cannons Meadow, Tewin** - Single storey extension to north elevation - *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

### **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 submitted a response 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. Planning Enforcement have also been advised and an update requested.

**E/22/0221/ENF - Grow Walkies Dog Park:** A dog park with a car park, fencing and wooden structure has just opened up off Churchfield Road, Tewin in a field. The Duty Planning Officer advised that if the land is agricultural then it would be a change of use and therefore need planning permission. This was reported to East Herts Council Planning Enforcement and is being investigated.

**E/22/0013/ENF - 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 and an update requested. 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. This case has now been closed.

**Plotlands Article 4 Directive** – East Herts Council Legal department continue to investigate.

#### **43. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £5,158.14 comprising: Kirkham Contracting £949.07, Kirkham Contracting £501.31, C McFarlane £795.95, Cain Markings £390, Parish Online £132.00, M J McQuaid £357.50, NEST £83.44, CPRE £36.00.

**Internal Audit** – This will be arranged shortly.

#### **44. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Ref: 401002710305 - Upper Green Road Broken Birdsmouth Fencing** - This has been reported to Herts Highways on 20.5.22, 6.6.22, 4.7.22 and some red and white tape put on it. The status of this fault is “under review by local engineers”. This was raised with Cllr K Crofton on 4.7.22.

**Ref: 401002727501 - Churchfield Road Potholes** – The large potholes on Churchfield Road between 1 Churchfield Cottages and the back entrance to Tewin Bury Farm were reported on 7.6.22 & 4.7.22 but have not been filled. This was raised with Cllr K Crofton on 4.7.22.

**Ref: 401002662393 – Lousehole Bottom Cut In Clearance** – Reported on 26.4.22. Under review by local engineers.

**Orchard Road Leaking Gully** – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a meeting with Herts County Councillor Ken Crofton about the outstanding Highways faults.

**Bus timetable** – An error on the timetable has been reported by Cllr K Lawson and will be amended.

**Saturday Community Bus** – Cllr K Lawson attended a meeting of the steering committee meeting. East Herts Council have confirmed final grant funding of £1500. A flyer will be going out to the Parish in October and has been put up on the Tewin village website advertising the reduced fare and use it or lose it. The future of the 204 bus is currently being investigated.

#### **45. LOWER GREEN**

**Dangerous Parking** - The police attended the school several times before the end of term and spoke with owners of cars.

**LMVI Progress Report No 5** – This was received in July.

#### **46. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN**

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

**Pavilion Fixed Wire Testing** – This will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Football posts on Upper Green** – Cllr B Evans provided measurements on a 7 aside football pitch and Cllr J Sheridan agreed to look at Upper Green to see if there was a suitable location for permanent posts.

#### **47. RISK ASSESSMENT**

May Pond Green – Raise lower branches, clear and tidy – Kirkham Contracting - To Do

100 Yr Wood – Find photo of missing plaque – Cllr K.Lawson – To Do

FP41 - Gate Repair – Kirkham Contracting – To Do

Pavilion External Boards – Replace rotten boards – Cllr K St Pier - To Do

Grass Warren – Remove part of tree outside 14 Grass Warren – Kirkham Contracting - Done

Margery Lane Cut ins & Dead Lane – Kirkham Contracting - Done

Hertford Road - Lift Lower branches along verge on Hertford Road - Kirkham Contracting - Done

Upper Green Car Park - Clear fallen branch – Kirkham Contracting - Done

Hertford Road – Lift Lower Branches – Kirkham Contracting – Done

**Tree Survey** – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a meeting to look at the trees on Bramfield Road and look at

removing more ivy from Tewin Parish Council trees.

#### **48. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Tewin Hill Marquee & Noise Complaints** – The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr A Hill why the event marquee is positioned where it is, and whether there is somewhere else on the farm that it could be placed to cause less disturbance to other residents.

**Driving on Upper Green Complaint** – This has been raised with Tewin Cricket Club and they have been asked to remind their members that cars should only be on the village green in exceptional circumstances, and then only with extreme caution and at very slow speed.

**Town & Parish Councils Engagement Meeting (Planning)** – This is on 18.10.22 at 7pm via Zoom and Cllr K Lawson agreed to attend.

**East Herts Council Survey** – The waste & recycling collection & litter bins survey was circulated to Parish Councillors and put on the Tewin Village website.

**Plotlands Grass Cutting** - Parishioner requested the grass be cut in the field adjacent to Grass Warren due to fire risk. The landowner has cut the grass. Grass has also been cut on some of the plotlands land.

**Defibrillator** – A query was raised about whether the Burnham Green Hall defibrillator was registered with the ambulance service. The Parish Council advised that it had been registered with The Circuit.

#### **49. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Tewin Memorial Hall** – An exhibition on Panshanger Park is coming to Tewin Memorial Hall in due course.

#### **50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at Tewin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.