

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk), David Rixson and Lesley Davies.

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

65. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held 3rd October 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

66. PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Lesley Davies, Chief Executive of the Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust (HMWT) advised that they have purchased the Archers Green site to protect it and manage as one of their nature reserves. It has an important mix of habitats and wildlife and the nationally important River Mimram. HMWT have the benefit of a philanthropic loan and have now launched a £500,000 public appeal to repay the loan and raise the funds for the purchase costs, ongoing management and improvements. The Parish Council agreed to assist them in promoting the site using flyers, newsletter and the village website. They plan to manage the site on an agricultural basis for the benefit of the wildlife and use livestock.

David Rixson, Lower Mimram Valley Initiative (LMVI) outlined the plan for the Repton trail from Digswell to Panshanger Park using existing footpaths. LMVI and HMWT hope to work together.

67. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

68. PLANNING

Planning applications

3/22/2017/HH – Woodbury, 6 East Riding, Tewin - Replacement gates/post – *TPC Object*

3/22/2026/HH - 30 Lower Green, Tewin - Addition of Solar PV Panels to garage roof – *TPC No Comment*

3/22/2149/CLXU - Land To The North Of The B1000, Hertford Road, Tewin - To regularise an existing agricultural access (The Access) from the highway B1000 Hertford Road onto land at Tewin Water. The Access consists of a dropped kerb and three metal field gates set back from the road allowing farm vehicles to access the field from the highway. The access has been in existence and constant use since 1958 – *TPC No Comment*

3/22/2245/HH - Tewin Oaks, 42 Orchard Road, Tewin - Remove 1 first floor side window, brick-up opening and render to match. Install 1 new adjacent first floor side window - *TPC No Comment*

Planning Decisions

3/22/0756/HH – 8 Tewin Hill, Tewin - Construction of Two storey, part single storey and part first floor side extension. Incorporation of attached external store into main dwelling. Insertion of 1 roof light window to flank elevation – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

3/22/0463/HH -14 West Riding, Tewin - Replacement boundary entrance wall, with erection of vehicular and pedestrian access gates with the widening and resurfacing of driveway – *TPC No Comment – EHC Refused*

3/22/0987/HH - 26 Grass Warren Tewin - First floor side extension. Demolition of conservatory and erection of part single and part double storey rear extension. Erection of front porch – *TPC No Comment – EHC Granted*

3/22/1481/HH & 3/22/1482/LBC - Theresa's Cottage, Marden Hill - Proposed roof conversion incorporating 2 flat roof rear dormers to the south elevation, 3 front roof-light windows and 1 second floor side window – *TPC No Comment – EHC Refused*

3/22/1471/LBC - 30 Lower Green Tewin - Replacement of existing non-original windows/doors with new timber windows/doors and insulation linings to ground/first floors and basement – *TPC No Comment – 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 submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate.*

East Herts Council Planning Forum – The Parish Council submitted a question which was answered at the meeting. The minutes have been requested.

69. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £2,250.92 comprising: Npower £14.87, Lock & Key Centre £197.58, Tewin Memorial Hall £76.50, ROSPA £56.80, Kirkham Contracting £528, PKF Littlejohn £408, NEST £83.44, C McFarlane £810.73, Royal British Legion £75.

Internal Audit – This was delayed by Covid and re arranged for 16th November 2022.

Pavilion CIC Donation – A donation of £836 was received towards various works at the Pavilion.

Royal British Legion – The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £75 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath.

HMWT – The Parish Council agreed to assist HMWT in promoting the recently purchased Archers Green site through flyer distribution, newsletter and the website.

External Audit - The AGAR audit has been completed by PKF Littlejohn and they found everything to be satisfactory except for the statutory amount of time the accounts had been available for inspection by the public, which was one day shorter than the requirement as the bank holiday on 3rd June was not taken into account.

Allotment Rent – This has been received.

Tel Box Electricity – The Parish Council agreed to put this on direct debit.

70. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Ref: 401002710305 - Upper Green Road Broken Birdsmouth Fencing – The broken part has been cut off.

Broken Manhole Cover on Orchard Rd – This has been repaired.

Pothole in Orchard Rd next to leaking gulley – This is opening up and needs to be reported.

Orchard Road Leaking Gulley – The ongoing leak has been fixed however the gulley remains blocked.

Pavement Renewal Grass Warren – Highways have completed renewal of the pavements along the south side of Grass Warren.

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 and 27.9.22. Highways Engineer will chase up.

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

Hertford Rd Flooding – The blocked gulleys are causing flooding across the road and this has been reported to Highways

71. LOWER GREEN

Temporary Shop Sign – The Parish Council did not agree to the request for another sign on Lower Green as they have a policy of keeping signage on Lower Green to a minimum and there are already two signs as a result of previous requests made by the shop: on the finger post opposite the Memorial Hall and the wooden post by Back Lane.

Santa's Drive Through and Carols - Santa Drive Through is at 4pm on 17.12.22 followed by Carols at Rose & Crown pub at 7pm.

72. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Pavilion Fixed Wire Testing – The overall result was satisfactory and points raised were investigated : Distribution boards made from combustible material (plastic)- New consumer units are now metal but no change necessary.

No surge protection to installation - A new requirement introduced in 2018 but not necessary.

Query over Internal water pipe bonding to an earth rod – This was noted and deemed covered by the RCD.

Football posts on Upper Green – The Parish Council agreed to purchase a pair of aluminium freestanding basic 12' x 6' goals to go on Upper Green.

Overgrown Hedges - Owners of hedges overgrowing FP15 have been asked to reduce them

May Pond Green – This has been cleared.

Friends of Tewin Beacon Request - The Parish Council could not envisage a suitable position either on Lower Green or Upper Green and were of the view that the occasions for potential use are extremely limited. As a result the Parish

Council did not feel it could support the proposal.

HMRC - Revaluation request for the Pavilion has been received by the CIC. Cllr J Sheridan has completed the forms and is waiting for a site visit to be arranged.

73. RISK ASSESSMENT

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

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

FP41 - Gate Repair – Kirkham Contracting – To Do

Lower Green 13-19 & School Lane – Lift Lower Branches and sides –The Parish Council accepted quote of £120 plus vat.

Tree Survey – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a meeting with Rob Cooper as soon as possible.

FP17 Opposite The Hazels – The Parish Council agreed to ask Kirkham Contracting to trim the overgrown nettles.

74. CORRESPONDENCE

Electric Vehicle Charging Survey

Hertfordshire County Council's School Admission Arrangements 2024/25 Consultation closing 11th December 2022

Hedgerow and Tree query – The parishioner was advised that the Parish Council was not aware of there being any protected hedges at 64 Orchard Road, or of any rule about not building within one meter of a protected hedge.

The plot is covered by a tree preservation order, which will include trees in hedgerows, but not the hedgerows themselves.

In the tree survey T7, T11 are oaks in the front garden of poor quality and to be removed along with T20. T25 is at risk and being monitored.

75. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Transport – New figures for the Saturday bus usage are expected in December, Cllr K Lawson is also following up Digital Inclusion which involves training potentially through the Over 50's Club. The road closures brought about by Highways happened so quickly that the bus companies were not informed.

Policing – The Parish Council agreed to raise the dangerous parking on the bend where Grass Warren joins School Lane.

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 5th December 2022 at Tewin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.