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TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022 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 D.Lloyd, Cllr N.Moore & Cllr J.Sheridan.

In attendance: C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Cllr L.Haysey and 6 parishioners.

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from East Herts Cllr M McMullen and Herts County Councillor K Crofton.

91. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held 7th November 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

92. PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

Two members of the Tennis Club attended to outline their proposal for resurfacing the tennis courts with tiger turf advantage pro subject to approval by the Club. The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal.

Four representatives from Grow Walkies Ltd attended to outline their planning application and answer any questions.

93. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

94. PLANNING

Planning applications

3/22/2426/HH - 29 Upper Green Road Tewin - Demolition of garage. Erection of two storey side garage extension and single storey rear extension – *TPC No comment*

3/22/2405/FUL - Old Hay Barn Back Lane Tewin - Separate existing dwelling to form two separate three bedroom dwellings. Insertion of two rear elevation roof light windows. Replacement of side elevation door – *TPC No comment*

3/22/2358/FUL & 2359/LBC - The Old Rectory Churchfield Road Tewin - Conversion of stables/barn into one, two bedroom detached dwelling with single storey extension on the north elevation, alterations to fenestration and openings, creation of two parking spaces and landscaping – *TPC No comment*

3/22/2266/LBC - 30 Lower Green Tewin - Installation of floor insulation – *TPC No comment*

3/22/2265/LBC - 30 Lower Green Tewin - Replacement of non-original windows and doors with timber windows – *TPC No comment*

3/22/2448/FUL - Land To The West Of Churchfield Road,` Tewin - Retrospective application for the change of use from agricultural land to dog walking field, erection of fencing and the creation of parking area.

TPC requests that EHC consult with the Garden Trust and English Heritage who objected to the past application for a new farmyard in the Registered Park and Garden. TPC would also request the following conditions be imposed:-

- no sheds, tyres, apparatus or other paraphernalia, no lighting, restrict to maximum 2 cars and 6 six dogs at any time, no parking on the road to use the facility, restrict access hours to 8 am to 7 pm rather than 5 am to 10 pm, consider what permitted development rights should be removed.

3/22/2401/NMA to 3/21/2159/HH – Highcroft, Tewin Close, Tewin – Change of side cheeks of the front and rear dormers to finish in render, painted off white (instead of vertically oriented timber board, paint in grey finish). Change ground floor rear windows to have the window frames and glazed doors in grey instead of white. Install a wood burning stove at the rear of the ground floor with a black coloured metal flue to project through the rear slope of the pitched roof. *TPC No Comment*

Planning Decisions

3/21/2984/FUL – Halcyon, Margery Lane, Tewin - Demolition of dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 1, 4 bedroom dwelling (Previously 3/04/2214/FN) – *TPC concerned that there was no justification for increase in size and concern that the existing house will remain and be used as the basis of a further application – EHC Granted.*

3/22/1378/OUT – Land at Tewin Hill, Upper Green Rd, Tewin – Outline Planning application for the erection of 18 residential dwellings, together with access, car parking, public open space and landscaping. All matters reserved except for access - *TPC Object on the basis of the site being in Green Belt, NPPF 140, NPPF 147, NPPF 149, Tewin is a*

Category 2 village & the proposed development is neither infill, nor within the Village Development Boundary, approval would set a precedent, the proposed road access is unsuitable, the visual impact is major not minor . The proposed "Public Open Space" is an urban construct and out of place in a rural village – TPC Refused.

3/22/1894/HH - 2A Bishops Road Tewin - Single storey side extension – *EHC Granted .*

3/22/1498/HH - 11 Desborough Drive Tewin - Erection of a new gate to provide a second access to the plot – *EHC Granted .*

3/22/1709/HH – 12 Firs Walk, Tewin - Erection of single storey extension to rear of existing house. *EHC Refused*

3/22/1990/LBC - 30 Lower Green Tewin - Replacement of existing roof lantern with proposed walk on lantern and raised access area and single layer roofing – *EHC Granted*

Appeals

3/22/0212/AGPN - Muspatts Farm Churchfield Road Tewin - Erection of 1, agricultural building - Length: 24.0 metres, Eaves height 4.60 metres, Breadth 2280 metres, Ridge height 6.10 metres

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.*

95. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council amounted to £9703.80 comprising: K St Pier £20, St Peters Church £175, C McFarlane (Lanes reimbursement) £150, Cain Markings £390, SLCC £146, C McFarlane £1155.65, Kirkham Contracting Grass Cutting £6536.61, Mark Harrod football posts £1130.54.

Internal Audit – Everything was satisfactory.

PWLB – The Parish Council noted that the PWLB repayment is due on 7.12.2022

St Peters Donation – The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £175 towards the printing costs of the Tewin Magazine.

Clerk's Pay Rise – The Parish Council agreed to increase the Clerk's pay as per the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services agreement and back date it to 1.4.22

Estimate to the Year End - In accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council the Parish Council reviewed and agreed the Estimate for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2023.

Precept – The Parish Council reviewed the precept options for the Financial Year Ending 31.3.2024 and in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Council, they unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 6% from £33,000 to £35,000.

Subscriptions - The Parish Council agreed to continue with the existing subscriptions: CPRE, Open Spaces Society, Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust, Parish Online and Society for Local Council Clerks.

Reserves - The Parish Council agreed that current level of reserves were sufficient.

96. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Pothole in Orchard Rd next to leaking gulley – Reported

Orchard Road Leaking Gulley – Reported

Hertford Rd Flooding – This has been reported to the Highways Engineer.

Van in Grass Warren – This has been reported to the Police.

97. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Weekly Playground Inspections - Nothing to report.

Tewin Pavilion CIC Licence to Occupy – The Parish Council agreed to renew the licence for a further 4 yrs.

Blocked Toilet – The Parish Council noted the emergency call out for the blocked toilets.

Toilet Seat – The Parish Council noted the replacement of Pavilion disabled toilet seat.

Door Mat – The Pavilion CIC agreed to source a new door mat.

Fire Alarm Service – This will take place on 6.12.22.

Tennis Court Resurfacing – The Parish Council agreed to give permission for Tewin Tennis club to proceed with the resurfacing of the courts.

Football posts on Upper Green – An order has been placed for the football posts.

98. RISK ASSESSMENT

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.

FP17 Opposite The Hazels – Kirkham Contracting has trimmed the overgrown nettles.

Tree Works Quote - The Parish Council walked round the parish with Rob Cooper and are awaiting a quote for tree works.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

Tewin Cowper School - The Parish Council noted the invitation to Tewin Cowper Art Exhibition.

Motorbikes - The nuisance motorbike around Archers Green has been reported to the police.

Grow Walkies - A query concerning the removal of the equipment at the dog walking site Churchfield Rd has been responded to.

Sevenacres junction with Upper Green Rd - A parishioner complained about the state of the road and the lorries overrunning the verge. The leftover sign and the sandbags were reported to Highways for collection. The posts were referred to Sevenacres Management company.

Know Your Customer, Barclays Bank – A request for information has been received and sent in.

Affinity Water draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) Consultation – This is to address a significant future shortfall in water resources in our supply area of 449million litres a day by 2050 caused by population growth, climate change and the demand for water. The consultation runs for 14 weeks until 20 February 2023.

Marquee, Tewin Hill – Mr E J Watts raised query about the minutes for the meeting 3rd October 2022 re Tewin Hill Marquee, which contested the implication that Tewin Hill Farm had communicated with the residents since the September Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council noted Mr E J Watts comments.

100. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Transport – A report on the Saturday community bus is expected in February 2023. An article about digital inclusion will be included in the Tewin Magazine in January.

Allotments – Cllr J Sheridan thanked Cllr A Hill for the generous donation of manure.

Policing – East Herts Councillor L Haysey advised that following a spate of vehicle thefts in rural areas she is arranging a meeting with the police so they can provide information.

Tewin Pavilion CIC – Cllr B Evans advised that the CIC have agreed to restrict parties to parishioners only.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 6th February 2023 at Tewin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm.