

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25 June 2001 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllrs B.Briggs (Chairman), J.Burton, C.Bowden, Ms K Lawson, S Glew, and K.St Pier

In attendance: Cllr M.McMullen, Cllr B.Hammond, Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Cllr Brian Hammond offered his apologies for not attending the last meeting. Cllr B.Briggs explained the Council's concerns over the length of time it takes to get road repairs, over 1yr in a lot of cases.

Cllr B.Hammond responded stating that the County Council Budget requirements exceeded revenue and as a result Transport finances are squeezed. This year there is an extra £5m going into Highway maintenance in Hertfordshire. The bad weather in Feb/Mar cost £7m and was equivalent to 2yrs deterioration in the roads.

The Clerk was requested to have a meeting with Cllr B.Hammond, Alex Hayward and D.Standen to discuss outstanding repairs.

Cllr B.Hammond undertook to look into The School Lane drainage problem immediately and stated that if the Council made a list of 5 priority repairs he would pursue them. Another option for the Council would be to petition HCC. The Clerk to pursue.

Mr T. Kavanagh and Mr G.Fish (Chairman) from Tewin Cricket Club presented plans to: -

i. Build a permanent score box and, a self-contained timber clad, brick lined extension to the side of the Pavilion for storing equipment. This would include 2 lockers for the football club and the tennis club if they wanted them. The extension would not go over the building line and there would be a 1.8m gap between the building and the boundary.

ii. Refurbish the dining and kitchen area as well as the paved area externally.

iii. Replace front windows with timber framed folding windows for greater security and to open the Pavilion up at matches.

Mr T.Kavanagh has already met with Mr Jackson of the Planning Dept who said he would recommend this plan for approval.

The Council moved to discuss these plans under item 40 Pavilion and Upper Green.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS:

A Parishioner was concerned that she needs to pay £5 for a pass to prove that her 14yr old son is still attending school and therefore eligible for half price fares. Cllr K.Lawson had already been informed of this problem and has contacted David Neilan, Transport Services Unit and to date has had no reply.

Cllr B.Hammond said he would respond to the Clerk with the precise regulations.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr D. Compton and C.Pool.

34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 21 May 2001 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

35. MATTERS ARISING

Acknowledgement - The Council thanked the outgoing Chairman J.Burton for the time he had spent as Chairman.

Tewin Charities Trustees - Mr R.D.Temple was nominated and seconded as the trustee, his current term of 4yrs having ended.

Access to Grass Warren Garages - This has been referred to D.Standen, Highways Dept. The Clerk will chase.

Cricket Club - The Clerk has received details on the overall length of the net and the individual strips of concrete and Astroturf samples. It was decided that this would be discussed at a separate meeting with the Cricket Club.

Improvements to Back Lane - Nothing further to report.

Mimram Valley Report - Cllr B.Briggs has been provided with an edited version of the report to be circulated for comments by Cllrs.

Three Valleys Water Restoration Work - Nothing further to report.

Council Vacancy - The vacancy was filled as a result an uncontested election on 11 June 2001, by Keith St Pier.