

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25 February 2002 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs B.Briggs (Chairman), C.Bowden, J.Burton, C.Pool, S.Glew, K.Lawson, D.Compton and K.St Pier

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), Cllr M.McMullen and 2 members of the public.

116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from Cllr M. Hargreaves

117. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 28 January 2002 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

118. MATTERS ARISING

Alf Shearman Memorial Seat – the Parish Council unanimously approved the site plan produced by the Tewin Society.

Mimram Valley Report – Nothing to report.

Model Code of Conduct for Councillors – This is to be put on the agenda for the April meeting with a view to seeing a draft at the March meeting. The Clerk was asked to obtain copies of the Agreement for every Councillor.

119. PLANNING

New Applications:

3/02/0056/FP/TH – Heath Cottage, 106 Bramfield Road, Bulls Green - Two-storey side/rear extension, Single storey rear extension, double garage, porch, dormer extension, and new road access - Objected

E/01/0417/B – 19 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood – Proposed Amendments - Objected

3/02/0278/FP/TH – 8 Desborough Drive – Two storey Front and single storey Side Extension – No Objection

3/02/0171/FP/KL – Two Storey Side Extension – Oak House Tewin Water – No Objection

3/01/2250/FP/HF – 102-106 Burnham Green Road, Burnham Green – Rationalisation of frontage buildings to provide 2x2 Bed Cottages, extended Post Office/Stores with accommodation above. Erection of 3x3 bed dwellings – No objections but concerns over reduced parking for the shop and extra parking required for the houses.

Decisions:

3/01/2131/FP New Driveway – Muspatts Farm, Churchfield Rd, - Refused (TPC Objection)

3/01/1399/FP Dormer Window – Mimram Cottage Poplars Green – Granted (TPC No Objection)

3/01/2043/FP Single Storey Side Extension – 74 Upper Green Road- Refused (TPC No objection)

3/01/1879/FP Single Storey Side Extension Porch & Internal Alterations – 5 Cowpers Way Granted (TPC No Objection)

3/01/2027/FP Replacement of existing Detached Dwelling – Woodbury 6 East Riding, - Refused (TPC Objection)

3/01/1714/P – Erection of Hay Barn – Land West of Back Lane – Refused (TPC Objection)

3/01/1948/FP – Alterations & Extensions – 2 West Riding, Tewin Wood – Granted (TPC No Objection)

3/01/2016/FP – Two Storey Side Extension & Car Port – 53 Orchard Road, Tewin Wood – Granted (TPC No Objection)

3/01/1969/FP – Single Storey Garden Room & Garage – 47 Orchard Road, Tewin – Granted (TPC No Objection)

Withdrawals: - None

Appeals: None

CDA Rural Housing: Depending upon the outcome of the Local Plan the Council will then decide whether to approach CDA Rural Housing.

Local Plan Review: Nothing to Report

Regional Plan: Nothing further to report.

Other Planning Matters:

Field R/O 7 Acres, Tewin – A report requesting a Section 215 asking the owner to tidy up the land will be going to the Committee on March 7th.

Farm Buildings R/O Rose & Crown – Quotes have been obtained in order to make the barns wind and weatherproof and the work is to be done imminently.

Unauthorised Tipping of Soil on Land to the West of the Concrete Path – Rob Egan has met Mr Sherriff who has agreed to remove the larger elements of brick and hardcore contained within the bund and to seed the bund where it is quite bare. It is envisaged that it will be carried out during the summer.

He does not need planning permission as a bund is a means of enclosure and meets the criteria of “permitted development as set out in the Town and Country Planning Order 1995.

Mr Sherriff will need to seek planning permission in respect of similar proposals (he is thinking of constructing a similar bund in Digswell).

Rose & Crown – All signs have been removed except the snowflake on the front of the building. The Clerk will advise the Enforcement Officer.

Warrengate (Herts) Ltd – EHDC are fully aware of the situation and have in response served a direction restricting permitted development under Article 4, General Permitted Development Order 1995 at Land South East of Tewin. This means almost nothing can be done on this land without planning permission not even gates, walls, fences etc.

The Tewin Allotments Association have written to the Parish Council highlighting their concerns over the plot retained by John Barton which has now been fenced off. The Clerk will respond to their letter confirming that there is no change in the use of the land etc.

Planning Green Paper – Due to the time constraint of March 18th the Council agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk will respond highlighting the Council's concerns: -

- Local people should be involved in the Local Plan response particularly in view of the Parish of Tewin being Green Belt and a Landscape Character and Conservation Area, the village of Tewin in its own right being a Conservation Area and Tewin Wood being an Environmental Zone.
- The Structure Plan provides consistency and a set of rules to guide decisions without which anomalies would arise resulting in erosion of the above-mentioned zones and the countryside.

120. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment – In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations payments amounting to £510.22 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Stopped Cheques – The Council agreed that the £16 cost of stopping 2 cheques (No 1090 for £88.12 & 1114 for £58.75) should be passed onto Mr Colebrook and deducted from the total amount owed.

The Final Budget - The final budget will be signed at the next meeting with the year-end figures.

Internal Audit – The Council agreed to put the need for an internal audit on the next Agenda.

121.SAND & GRAVEL EXTRACTION

All the notices have been delivered by the Friends of Tewin and the meeting has been advertised in the Parish News. Mrs S.Davidson of the County Development Unit will be attending to provide background information and answer questions. The Tewin Society Chairman will be present and County Councillor Bryan Hammond has been invited.

Agenda for the Village Meeting on Mon 4th March – This was discussed and the Council agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk will put it together. Councillor J.Burton sends his apologies but all other Councillors are hoping to attend and will arrive at 7.15pm to help set up.

Consultant – The Clerk confirmed that Mr M.Brooks who completed our response on the Local Plan will be available to write our response on the Minerals Local Plan. He expected that it would take more time than before. His rates remain the same except for an inflationary rise in April. The Council agreed to send him a copy of the Minerals Local Plan for his information.

122. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Road Works Outstanding – Refer Appendix 1

Access for Grass Warren Bungalows – The Council agreed that the best course of action would be to ask Mr D.Plews to collect as many letters as possible from residents requiring access and if he forwarded them to the Parish Council we will pass them on to the relevant authority with a supporting letter.

School Lane – Mouchel are now doing a traffic survey within the village following the Tewin Society's request for traffic calming proposals around the village. Mouchel are in the process of assessing the problems at School Lane and what can be done.

Back Lane – It is believed that this has been completed. The Clerk will check.

Access to Grass Warren Garages – Nothing to report.

Bus Service – Nothing to report

Bus Stops – On Feb 19th there was an onsite meeting to discuss the feasibility of a bus stop at the School Lane layby. Bus signs are no longer permitted on BT Posts and a new post would have to be installed. The Parish Council were asked to consult the residents about parking and whether the bus stop was still required. Cllr K.Lawson agreed to do this.

Sign on Upper Green – Nothing to report

Subsidence opposite 4 Hertford Road – Nothing to report.

123. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES – FOLLOWING INSPECTION ON 24.4.01 & 14.5.01

Pavilion Repairs – There is still some work outstanding:

Castle Joinery are planning to put the windows in on Sat 2nd March 2002. The Clerk is still waiting for a quote from a decorator.

The May Pond bench needs to be repainted and the Clerk will ask Mr Tyler.

The slats for the bench are still on order.

The Clerk is to continue to chase.

Boot scraper and Rubbish Bin Repair – The Chairman has repaired the bin and made the boot scraper, which now needs to be fixed to the ground at the Pavilion.

124. PAVILLION & UPPER GREEN

Cricket Club AGM – Cllr C.Pool will chase the Cricket Club about end of season tidying up, painting of green doors final dimensions of cricket net and the appointment of a Pavilion and Cricket Club Liaison Officer.

Pavilion – The Council agreed to get some electrical testing done to the Pavilion and get a quote for an electrical diagram.

Upper Green Posts – The Council have looked at the site and agreed not to install any more posts at present. They will review if necessary.

Common Land 148 – The letting agent are now responsible for amending the sign and the Chairman agreed to draw a picture of what would be acceptable to the Council and pass to the agent.

125. CORRESPONDENCE Received in February 2002

See Appendix 2

126. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The Parish Council have asked Mr I Blomeley to request from Highways a roadside barrier to prevent people walking out onto the road on FP 17.

FP18/FP26 – The stiles/barriers have been removed.

FP26 – Cllr J.Burton to retrieve maps from Mr Hill. Nothing to report

FP38 –Replacement of the sign will be incorporated into next years work programme

FP23 – Ian Blomeley has put a wooden kissing gate in place.

FP31/32 – Replacement of way markers/signs will be included in next years work programme.

127.REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Society – Nothing to report. Next Meeting 27.2.02

Friends of Tewin – Nothing to report.

Tewin School – Nothing to report.

Tewin Village Memorial Hall –Nothing to report.

Tewin Website – The Agenda for the Parish Council meeting are to now go on the website along with details of all the Councillors.

128.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Council meeting would be held on Monday 25 March 2002 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

129.ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Linda Adams of the Friends of Tewin will be organising the Best Kept Village Competition.

The Council agreed to ask S.Kirkham to remove the encampment on Upper Green.

The Clerk will put the Dog Wardens number on the Notice Board.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.42pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS February 2002

Fault line: 01438 737321

No	Priority Ref:	WORK IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING TO BE DONE AND REPORTED TO THE PARISH ENGINEER.	DATE WORK SCHEDULED FOR
1	1b	Bridge in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective paint on bridge	Bridge Maintenance is scheduled 11/3/02 & reflective discs
5		Damaged and Missing Kerbing to be replaced outside the Memorial Hall.	Awaiting
6	1a	School Lane Drainage -	A channel has been dug from the road to the field to drain excess water. Awaiting Mouchel to assess problem and rectify
7	1e	Lower Green signs damaged – order for signs was lost they have been re-ordered.	Done Check double sided
8		The Hazels Guard Rails - to be repainted by HCC.	Only if in a very bad state
12		Plume of Feathers potholes to be repaired.	Done
15		21 Upper Green Road - 30mph sign fallen over	To be pursued
17		Tewin Hill - Sign missing half way up Tewin Hill on the right past the farm.	TPC need to advise DS of wording on sign
20		Bramfield Road going to Bulls Green (outside Sold board) - flooding caused by a blocked drain needs cleaning	Need to check
22	1f	Back Lane – Manhole cover needs repairing Reported to 24hr Fault line on 28.9.01 Ref 1004653	Done
23		Drain opposite Tewin Stores needs clearing Reported to 24hr Fault line on 1.10.01 Ref 1004793	Done
24		Drain opposite 12 Hertford Road needs clearing Reported to 24hr Fault line on 1.10.01 Ref 1004793	Done
25		Depression opposite 4 Hertford Road Reported to 24hr Fault line on 1.10.01 Ref 1004796	
26		Potholes at junction of Road to Garages/electricity substation and Godfries Close	DS will put an order in 23/1
27		Lower Green/Hertford Road – Pooling of water	Done Chasing re replacing kerbstones
28		Lower Green – Collapse of path	Done

APPENDIX 2 – CORRESPONDENCE Received in February 2002

EHDC Weekly List of Planning

EHDC Meetings in Feb 2002

Letter from Mr Plews re Additional Parking on Access Road Serving Bungalows in Grass Warren

EHDC Highways Notification of Bridge Strengthening Works Churchfield Road 8.4.02~10.5.02

EHDC Highways Notification of Bridge Strengthening Works Archers Green Road 4.3.02~5.4.02

Herts Police Authority Minutes of Meeting on 17.1.02

East Herts Off Street Parking Study by Pell Frischmann Consultants td

Review of Admission Rules for Community Secondary Schools & Home to School Transport Policy (5 to 16)
The Clerk

NALC Legal Update on New Ethical Framework

CPRE Re Governments Planning Green Paper

Hedgehog CDA Herts

Wildwood

CPRE The Herts Society Newsletter re Planning Green Paper

EHDC Minutes of last meeting & Agenda for Feb 27th Meeting

EHDC Events Planning Pack – To Linda Adams

Waste Aware Herts Partnership

Tewin Allotments Association

Warrengate (Herts) Ltd Plots For Sale Details

Churchyard Tree Pruning Notification

Tewin Society Request for Alf Shearman Bench Location