

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 April 2002 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.50pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs K.Lawson (Vice Chairman), C.Pool, D.Compton and K.St Pier

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk)

**143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** from Cllrs B.Briggs (Chairman), S.Glew, J.Burton and M.McMullen

**144. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held 25 March 2002 were amended, agreed and signed by the Cllr K.Lawson (Vice Chairman).

### 145. MATTERS ARISING

**Model Code of Conduct** – Cllr K.St Pier proposed and Cllr C.Pool seconded the resolution to adopt the Code of Conduct as provided by EHDC. The motion was carried unanimously. The Register of Interests has to be completed within 28 days of signing and the Declaration of Acceptance within 2 months.

There is no list of businesses that operate within the area available, the onus is on each Councillor to know or find out.

The Council unanimously agreed to EHDC publishing a notice on our behalf along with other Parish Councils in order to keep the costs down.

### 146. PLANNING

#### New Applications:

3/02/0530/FP/TH – 1 Firs Walk, Tewin – Two Storey Extension – No Objection

3/02/0652/PT/EH – Rectory Wood, Tewinbury Farm – Telecommunications Equipment in Hedgerow – No Objection

3/02/0656/FP/TH – 46 Firs Walk Tewin – Extensions & Alterations- No Objection

3/02/0632/FP/TH – 12 West Riding Tewin – Single Storey Rear Extension- No Objection

#### Appeals

3/01/2027/FP/NJ – 6 East Riding, Tewin – Replacement of Existing Detached Dwelling - Objection

#### Decisions:

3/01/2272/FP – 29 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Small lean to type Conservatory - TPC No Objection - EHDC Granted

3/01/2240/LB – Sewells Orchard – Internal Alterations to Listed Building – TPC No Objection – EHDC Granted

3/01/1872/FP – Kabete, West Riding, Tewin – Garden House with Skylight – TPC No Objection– EHDC Granted

3/01/2187/FP – 12 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Single Storey Rear Extension – TPC No Objection – EHDC Granted

3/02/0321/FP – Two storey & single storey extensions – 19 Bishops Road – TPC Objection – EHDC Refused

E/01/0417/B – Unauthorised roof extensions, enlargement of approved roof dormers a 2 additional roof dormers at 19 Bishops Road, Tewin – TPC Objection – EHDC Refused

E/02/0068/B – Seven Acres Tewin – Unauthorised storage of builder's materials on land at rear of Seven Acres – Enforcement Notice will be served

**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 – Refer Planning Decisions

Farm Buildings R/O Rose & Crown – No work has been undertaken yet. The Conservation Officer said he would look into it but the department is very short staffed at present.

Unauthorised Tipping of Soil on Land to the West of the Concrete Path – We are awaiting better weather when Mr Sherriff 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.

Rose & Crown Snowflake – This has now been removed.

Warrengate (Herts) Ltd – Nothing further to report.

Minerals Local Plan Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> for Clarification on Points Raised Concerning Our Objections to Site AFS12– Having liaised with the Tewin Society, the Planning Consultant M.Brooks and Cllr J.Burton, K.St Pier attended the meeting. The minutes are being circulated.

## **147. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** – In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations payments amounting to £623.21 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Internal Audit** – The Clerk spoke to EHDC and HALC and will also contact the Audit Commission for further clarification of Parish Council's obligations.

**The Precept** – The first half of the £12,400 precept has been received.

## **148. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**Road Works Outstanding** – Refer Appendix 1

**School Lane Bus Stop** – Cllr K.Lawson will contact the Parishioners who requested the bus stop and ask them to write a petition supporting the bus stop, if they still require it. The petition should be sent to the Clerk who will forward it to the relevant authority with a supporting letter.

**Bus Service** – Some large bus stop notices have been screwed to the bus shelters and the Parish Council was not consulted on this. Various buses have been late and there has been a lack of timetables. In view of this the Council agreed to write to Mr C.Watson Director of the Environment for EHDC with copies to HCC.

**Resurfacing of Back Lane** – The Clerk informed Ian Blomeley of the Council's decline of their offer. Ian Blomeley said that they were planning to surface the corner not the entrance or the entire BOAT and that he would e-mail full details to the Clerk.

With regard to the loose surface at the entrance of Back Lane by Mr I. Williams, the Clerk was asked to inform Ian Blomeley.

**Access for Grass Warren Bungalows** – The Clerk will be forwarding the petition to Mr D.Standen, Parish Engineer with a supporting letter.

**School Lane** – The Parish Engineer is awaiting a more detailed report from Mouchel as to why the soak away did not work.

**Traffic Survey** – The Parish Engineer stated that the survey, which was done for 5 complete days, revealed that the average speed on Orchard Road was 39mph, School Lane was 35mph and Hertford Road was 29mph. The sites have been put on a list for traffic calming but will not be a priority as there is no evidence of excessive speeds. The Council agreed that average speeds were not a satisfactory measure, as the maximum speed could be much higher. The Clerk will inform the Parish Engineer.

**Access to Grass Warren Garages** – Nothing to report.

**Sign on Upper Green** – Nothing to report

**BR 4** – The machinery has been removed and there are now 3 tyres, which the Clerk has reported.

**May Pond Green**– The Tewin Society met with M.Knight, Tree Warden and she plans for pruning to be done in the autumn. The Clerk was asked to write to M.Knight and request that she informs the Parish Council of her proposals.

**Old School House Fence** - Councillors have noticed that the picket fence outside the Old School House has been replaced and that it appears to have moved by 2ft out onto the grass verge. The Clerk was asked to check the ownership of the land and inform the appropriate authorities.

**Archers Green** – There is some close boarding fencing on Common Land and the Clerk was asked to check.

## **149. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES – FOLLOWING INSPECTION ON 24.4.01 & 14.5.01**

**Pavilion Repairs** –

The new windows have now been painted.

The bench slats have been replaced but need staining. The Clerk will chase.

**Boot scraper** – The boot scraper is waiting to be fixed to the ground at the Pavilion.

**Overflow Dripping** – The Clerk to arrange for a plumber to fix 2 leaks in the Pavilion kitchen under the sink.

**Track marks Around the Tennis Courts** – The Clerk will talk to Stuart Kirkham.

**Date For Risk Management Inspection** – To be arranged by the Clerk for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and/or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting in the Tennis Club Car Park at 7.30pm.

## **150. PAVILLION & UPPER GREEN**

Cllr C.Pool has reminded the Cricket Club about end of season tidying up and the painting of the green doors. The Cricket Club have cleaned the showers which were left in a mess after the football season and the Clerk was asked to send the football Club a copy of the tidying up rules.

The Cricket Club would like to make a garden to commemorate the late president of the Club, the Council agreed to look at the site on the Risk Management Inspection along with the paving stone requirements to extend the path. A ditch has been dug along the back edge of the cricket field and the Council agreed to include it in the Risk Management.

**Bowling Net Dimensions-** The Cricket Club would like approval for the batting end to be 9m long with a 6m gap and a bowling end of 10m, resulting in a total run of 25m which will be 2m wide. The Council agreed in principle and recommended that a written request from the Cricket Club with the details of the dimensions etc be submitted.

**Pavilion** – The Clerk to contact Alf Yates to get some electrical testing done to the Pavilion and get a quote for an electrical diagram.

**Common Land 148** – The Clerk has forwarded the Chairman's drawing of a sign suitable to the letting agent who is now responsible for amending the sign.

## **151. CORRESPONDENCE Received in April 2002**

See Appendix 2

**Dangerous Tree at 19 Harwood Close** – Mr Horsman has written to EHDC advising them of the state of the tree outside his house.

**30mph Speed Sign in Queen Hoo Lane** - To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

## **152. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

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

## **153. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Tewin Society** – The Duck at Burnham Green may be re opening as a restaurant. Work may be starting on the White Horse soon. Parishioners have raised queries over building work at 76 Upper Green Road; the Clerk has supplied Cllr K.St Pier with the planning permission papers. There have been reports of midnight shooting behind the Plume of Feathers and it has been reported to the police. The Parish Council were asked if they had any objection to the Yew trees in front of the memorial hall being pruned. The Council had no objections to some pruning.

The Clerk was asked to find out whether permission was needed for a Church Service on Lower Green on the Golden Jubilee weekend.

**Tewin School** – Nothing to report.

**Tewin Village Memorial Hall** – The redecoration of the Hall is going well.

**Tewin Website** – Although we have not been formally asked it is expected that the Parish Council will be asked to contribute 25% of the cost of the £60pa server fee.

**Countryside Alliance** – The AGM was on 9.4.02 and the main issue was a children's play area. The issue of a playground is further supported by a petition from Parishioners and a apparently a complaint from the Old

House Residents Association about children playing in their trees by their car park because they do not have a playground.

**154. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

**155.ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The encampment has been removed from Upper Green.

The gully outside the shop is not draining away properly.

The Notice Board looks untidy and the Clerk was asked to check how long the minutes have to be statutorily displayed for.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.45pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS April 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
<b>1</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>Bridge in Churchfield Road – White lining &amp; chevrons to be repainted &amp; reflective paint on bridge</b>	<b>Clerk to chase reflective discs</b>
5		Damaged and Missing Kerbing to be replaced outside the Memorial Hall.	Awaiting
<b>6</b>	<b>1a</b>	<b>School Lane Drainage -</b>	<b>Awaiting a more detailed report from Mouchel</b>
8		The Hazels Guard Rails - to be repainted by HCC.	Only if in a very bad state
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. Diamond shaped notice with Horse & Rider similar to sign further up the road	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
25		Depression opposite 4 Hertford Road Reported to 24hr Fault line on 1.10.01 Ref 1004796	Chased on 29/4
27		Lower Green/Hertford Road – Pooling of water	Chased 29/4
29		Upper Green Road – 29 Meadow Bank Flooding o from ditch onto road despite cleaning out recently.	Chased 29/4
30		The point of Lower Green near the Post Office is being eroded as cars turn – Advice on stopping erosion	Need to chase

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APPENDIX 2 – CORRESPONDENCE Received in April 2002

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EHDC Weekly List of Planning Applications  
EHDC Meetings in April  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Council Meeting Minutes Dated 27.3.02  
DTLR Notification of South East Airports Consultation Paper on Airport Capacity – Rec'd 2/4  
Entec – River Mimram Low Flow Study  
DEFRA – Regarding Article in The Times in December 2001 “Dibley Villages”  
Invitation from the Army Presentation Team on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at 6.30pm  
Area Forum West Minutes and Agenda for 11.4.02  
Letter re Presentation to County Development Unit on Minerals Local Plan  
CPRE Notification of Members Council Meeting on 9.5.02 at 7.45pm in Knebworth  
SLCC Notification of Branch General Meeting 23.5.02 at 1.30pm  
Litter Collecting - Suggestions for Improvements Requested  
HCC Environmental Matters Magazine  
Speed Limit Objections from a Parishioner  
Hertfordshire Policing Plan  
Herts Direct  
HALC Circulation  
LTP Annual Progress Report Consultation  
EHDC Effects of Model Code of Conduct on Parish Council – Comment s invited  
Wildlife Matters Magazine  
388 Bus Timetables  
NALC Exhibition and Conference  
EHDC Meetings in May