

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs K.Lawson (Chairman), K.St Pier, C.Pool and S.Stott

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk) and Cllr M.McMullen.

PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

One parishioner attended in order to enquire about becoming a Councillor.

Three parishioners attended to enquire about the progress of their request for bicycle jumps in the village.

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr S.Glew, J.Burton and M.Hargreaves.

74. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 28th October 2002 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

75. MATTERS ARISING

Parish Council Vacancy – Mr M.Howe attended the meeting and expressed his willingness to be a Councillor. He has lived in the area for 47 years and now has some spare time, which he would like to contribute for the benefit of the village. The Parish Council asked him to attend the meeting in January when he may be co-opted on to the Council.

Bicycle Jumps - The Parish Council have now received the diagram of the proposed jumps. A site would need to be found and funding obtained. Cllr M.McMullen has discussed the proposal with District Council and ascertained that Tewin would not be able to get funding from the same source as Watton at Stone. It was agreed to put the issue of play/recreational facilities on the agenda for the next meeting.

Flagpole- This has been mended with the much-appreciated help of Mr I. Williams and Mr S.Kirkham.

Road Outside Tewin School – HCC are sending an engineer to the site to assess the situation.

Parish News – The Clerk has written a piece about Cllr D.Compton.

76.PLANNING

Shire Park Bowls Club – The proposal was approved at EHDC Planning Committee.

Minerals Local Plan First Deposit Draft Sept 2002 – Cllr K.St Pier has drafted a response which will be circulated and discussed at the planning meeting on Mon 9th December at 7.30pm.

Stansted and Luton Airport Expansion Proposals – Cllr M.McMullen requested that as many people as possible should object to the expansion of Luton and Stansted airports on environmental grounds.

New Applications:

3/02/0865/FP/HF- 1 The Walled Garden, Tewin Water – Rear Roof light & Conservatory – Postponed to 9/12/02

3/02/2368/FP/GF- Whitespar, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – New Pitched Roof Over Existing – TPC No Obj

3/02/2105/FP/TH – 15 Godfries Close, Tewin – Double Storey Front Extension – TPC Obj

3/02/ 2080/FP/PR- 1 Firs Walk, Tewin – Two Storey Side Extension – TPC No Obj

3/02/2199/FP/NJ – 3 Churchfield Cottages, Tewin - Single Storey Pitched Roof Extension inc existing kitchen and extension and Proposed Oil Tank – TPC No obj

Decisions

3/02/1836/FP – 33 Firs Walk, Tewin Wood – Two Rear Conservatories – TPC No Obj – EHDC Approved
3/02/1839/FP – 13 Godfries Close, Tewin – Loft Conversion with Rear Dormer – TPC Obj – EHDC Refused

77. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment – In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £4720.78 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Estimate For Year End 31.3.03 - The Clerk circulated the Estimate to the Year End 31.3.2003 and this was used to produce the budget proposals.

Budget for 1.4.03~31.3.04 - The Clerk circulated 3 budget proposals for the year ending 31.3.04. Cllr K.St Pier proposed and Cllr C.Pool seconded that budget B with a precept of £12,800 (increase of approx 3%) was accepted. The Parish Council unanimously agreed.

Donation for Remembrance Sunday – The Parish Council agreed a donation of £15.

Donation to Cancer Research UK for Cllr D.Compton – The Parish Council agreed a donation of £20.

Notice Boards – Cllr K.St Pier proposed and Cllr S.Stott seconded the proposal that only 2 notice boards were necessary and that the Plume of Feathers notice board should not be replaced. The Parish Council agreed.

Insurance for Notice Boards – The Parish Council agreed not to insure the notice boards.

78. STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk is in the process of circulating the new Standing Orders and Cllr J.Burton agreed to look at the new Financial Regulations.

79. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Road Works Outstanding – Refer Appendix 1. The Parish Council agreed to write to Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond about the difficulties experienced communicating with the Highways Partnership and getting highways work done.

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

Bus Route Through Datchworth – The Datchworth Parish Clerk confirmed to us that they had not requested the bus to stop in Datchworth.

Damaged Bus Timetable Notice – This has been reported and as nothing has been done the Clerk will look into this again.

80. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Cllr C.Pool proposed and Cllr S.Stott seconded that the Model Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act be accepted. The Parish Council agreed.

81. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN

Three Additional Posts on Upper Green – The Parish Council agreed a quote for £175 plus vat to install 4 posts, replace 1 post and restore the bank.

Upper Green Hedge Cutting – The Parish Council agreed a quote of £60 plus vat.

Notice Boards – The Parish Council agreed a quote of £50 plus vat to reset posts and remove old notice board at the Plume of Feathers.

Trimming of Some Trees – The Parish Council agreed a quote of £160 plus vat to trim the lower branches of various trees throughout the village.

Excess Water Around Pavilion and Ditch at Back of Upper Green – During the last spell of heavy rain there was a substantial excess of water around the Pavilion. Cllr K.St Pier agreed to talk to S.Kirkham and P.Loughrey to try and provide a solution

Users of Pavilion Meeting – Another meeting is expected to be arranged shortly.

Funding Fair – Cllr S.Stott volunteered to attend the Funding Fair on 4th Dec 2002.

82. CORRESPONDENCE Received in November 2002

Correspondence Received - See Appendix 2

P.Holden – A reply to P.Holden's letter, regarding parking problems and litter, was agreed.

Playground – A reply was received from Mr J.Barton regarding his suggested site for a playground. The availability of a site would be dependant on the development of the land adjacent to the school.

CPRE Meeting Re Marketing of Greenfield Sites – Cllr K.St Pier agreed to attend this meeting arranged for Parish Councils in order to exchange information.

83. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Nothing to report.

84. COMMON LAND

Common Land 148 – A letter was sent on 15.10.02 to the letting agent concerning the removal of the sign by the 31.01.03. No reply has been received to date.

The Council agreed a quote of £130 plus vat for installing 5 posts and pruning trees on CL148 that overhang private land.

Legal Position Regarding Access – The Council agreed that as the position was still not clear they should await guidance from EHDC.

85. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin School – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – The Tewin Players have disbanded.

Tewin Website – Nothing to report

86. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 27th January 2003 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

87. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.30pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS Nov 2002

Fault line: 01438 737321

Enquiries: 01438 737320

District Team: 01992 526900 Assistant District Manager: Val Weaver

Assistant Engineer: Ian Bishop

Litter Collecting Complaints – 01279 655261 x 475

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 discs/paint on bridge	Nothing to report
5		Damaged and Missing Kerbing to be replaced outside the Memorial Hall.	Awaiting
6	1a	School Lane Drainage -	EHDC applying for money to carry out repair work.
8		The Hazels Guard Rails - to be repainted by HCC.	Only if in a very bad state
17		Tewin Hill – Triangle Horse & Rider Sign missing half way up Tewin Hill on the right past the farm. 20/6 Ref 1023248	Ordered 20/6
20		Bramfield Road going to Bulls Green – 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/ 13/5 Ref 1020829	Chased on 13/5, 20/6
27		Lower Green/Hertford Road – Pooling of water	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
35		Back of finger signpost missing on Lower Green	
36		Flooding of water in Upper Green Road opposite entrance to Godfries Close	
37		Flooding around the Tewin Memorial Hall – School Lane backing up and pushing manhole covers up on path from Car Park to Hall – 12/11Ref 1038106	
38		Flooding in Orchard Road outside No 45 12/11 Ref 1038104	
39		Pothole by drain on Orchard Road just before Desborough Drive.	
40		Reinstatement of verge needed by new green box on Orchard Road	
41		Signs have been left on verge outside Old Rectory	
42		Gully Cleaning throughout parish has not been completed	
43		30mph speed limits throughout Tewin	

Note: Val Weaver and Ian Bishop have taken over from Dave Standen on these matters.

Appendix 2 – Correspondence Received in November 2002

The Clerk
SLCC Membership Form
HALC Subscription
Quotes from S.Kirkham
Invoices from S.Kirkham
Notification from Barclays re new charges
Herts Police Crime and Disorder Training Opportunity – Workshops for Parish Councillors
CPRE Meeting re Marketing of Greenfield Land as Potential Development
EHDC Notice of Special Meeting on 27th Nov 2002 re Airport Expansion
CPRE Newsletters
Notification of Highways Contacts
EHDC Housing Strategy 2002 to 2005
Response on Airport Expansion by 27th November
Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Parish Council Model Scheme
Area Forum West – next meeting 21 Nov 2002 at 7.30pm, Wallfields
Letter from J.Barton re Playground
Herts Constabulary Personal Safety Advice
Cornhill Insurance quote for Notice Board Cover and letter deleting them from insurance.
HCC Airport Expansion Inquiry – Response required
Clerks & Councils Direct
TXU Energi Electricity Bill
P.Holden Letter
HCC Mass Family Rally 24th November at 2.30pm at Sworders Field Bishops Stortford
HCC Notification of Airport Public Meeting – Harpenden Nov 15th 7pm
NALC Annual Report and Accounts
Local Council Review
Parish News
Countryside Management Service Volunteer Evening from 6.30pm on 21 Nov at Watton at Stone Community Hall
Evidence of Drug Misuse – Report to Paul Griffin, Link Worker (community Against Drugs) at EHDC
Notice of EHDC Meeting on Wed 6th Nov 2002
Notification of Street numbering and naming – Woodstock 59 Burnham Green Road