

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th September 2004 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs K.Lawson, K.St Pier, A.Hill, M.Howe, D.Howson, C.Pool and S.Stott.

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond and one member of the public.

PARISHIONER'S COMMENTS

A parishioner attended to enquire whether the Parish Council would draw attention to the following issues, by a notice in the Parish News or otherwise:

- To ask Parishioners to take their wheelie bins back from the boundary of their property promptly
- to inform parishioners that fly posting on telegraph poles is illegal.
- to advise tradesmen working at specific properties that their temporary signs should not be placed indiscriminately throughout the neighbourhood.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED from Cllr S.Glew, District Cllr M.McMullen and T.Robertson.

41. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING and of the Emergency Parish Meeting held 5th July 2004 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

42. MATTERS ARISING – Nothing to Report

43. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment – In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1351.38 was approved by the Council.

External Audit for Year Ending 31.3.04 – Lubbock Fine have completed the audit of the annual return and returned it with an unqualified opinion. This will be displayed on the notice board. The Council agreed to pay the Lubbock Fine invoice, which was unchanged from last year at £141 including vat. The invoice for the internal audit totalled £141 including vat and the Council agreed that it be paid.

Budget – A copy of a report detailing Tewin Parish council expenditure to date versus the budget was distributed. Expenditure is currently under budget by approximately £700 due to the cancellation of the HAPTC membership and the insurance premium and audit fees being less than budgeted

It was agreed that an analysis of the expenditure versus the budget to date should be prepared for the 6th December meeting.

Electricity Meter at the Pavilion – This has now been renewed and PowerGen have advised us that we are due a £150 rebate.

Newsletter – The Council agreed to issue another second newsletter informing parishioners about the recent issues concerning the bus service. They also agreed to make a donation of £50 to the Friends of Tewin for distributing the newsletter to parishioners.

44. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/04/1178/FP/JS – 11 The Walled Garden, Tewin Water – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj

3/04/1319/FP/LAH – 12 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Side/Rear Extension- TPC No Obj

3/04/1252/FP/JS – Brackendell, Orchard Road, Tewin – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj

3/04/1275/LC/TH – Unit 2, Crown Farm Barn, Back Lane, Tewin – Amendment - Withdrawn

3/04/1265/FP/JS – 60 Orchard Rd, Tewin – First floor side & rear extension and alterations – TPC No Obj

3/04/1415/JS – 22 Godfries Close, Tewin – TPC No Obj

3/04/1549/FP/EH – 12 Godfries Close, Tewin – Proposed 2 Storey Rear Extension – TPC No Obj

3/04/1536/FP/SD – 27 Burnham Green Rd – Front Elevation modelling, small rear & side extensions – TPC No Obj
3/04/1518/FP/LAH – 8 School Lane, Tewin – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj
3/04/1744/FP/EH – 2 East Riding, Tewin – 2 Storey side and Rear extension and conservatory, Single storey and part two storey front extension – TPC No Obj

Appeals

3/04/0685/FP/AY – Warrengate Farm, Tewin - Gated Vehicular Access to Field – TPC Obj
APP/J1915/C/04/1154080 – Warrengate Farm, Tewin – Unauthorised Vehicular Access to Field – TPC Obj
APP/J1915/A/03/1128549 – 54 Orchard Rd, Tewin – Appeal Dismissed
APP/J1915/A/03/1128550 – 54 Orchard Rd, Tewin – Appeal Dismissed
APP/J1915/A/03/1127252 – 38 Firs Walk, Tewin wood – Appeal Dismissed

Planning Decisions Received from EHDC

3/04/1008/FP – 55 Orchard Rd, Tewin – Two New Garages – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted
3/04/0892/FP – 14 Bishops Rd, Tewin – TPC Obj – EHDC Refused
3/04/1101/FP – 31 Orchard Rd, Tewin – TPC No Obj- EHDC Refused
3/04/0953/FP – 26 Godfries Close, Tewin – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted
3/04/1178/FP – 11 The Walled Garden, Tewin Water – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj – EHDC Refused
3/04/1274/FP – Unit 2 Crown Farm, Back Lane, Tewin – Amendments – TPC No Comment – EHDC Granted
3/04/1252/FP - Brackendell, Orchard Road, Tewin – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted
3/04/1265/FP/JS – 60 Orchard Rd, Tewin – First floor side & rear extension and alterations – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted
3/04/1319/FP/LAH – 12 Cannons Meadow, Tewin – Side/Rear Extension- TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted
3/04/1518/FP/LAH – 8 School Lane, Tewin – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj – EHDC Refused
3/04/1415/JS – 22 Godfries Close, Tewin – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted

Playground Questionnaire – The Council has received a very positive response to the request for comments about a playground. An analysis of the questionnaires showed that at least 90 households would use a playground: the majority would like to be able to walk to the playground and the majority would like it near Lower Green. In light of this the Council agreed to put together a plan for a playground and to seek advice from EHDC as to the way forward.

Allotments: The Council ascertained from a NALC legal representative that there is no automatic right of renewal under a 7yr lease. The Council agreed to commence negotiations with Mr Barton with a view to renewing the lease. The Council also agreed to maintain their subsidy of the Allotment Association at £175 per year.

CL148 – The Council noted that the temporary traders sign had been removed and agreed there was nothing further to report.

45. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

388 Bus Service – The service now has a reprieve until the 31st March 2004 although a fare increase is to be introduced shortly. Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond congratulated Tewin on its cohesive response to the proposed bus changes and the Council thanked Bryan Hammond for his support. The Council agreed to write and thank everyone who wrote letters of support. The Parish Council intends to keep in regular contact with EHDC in order to have input on the making of the next proposal.

Highway Repairs – The resurfacing of Churchfield Road has been completed, as have several potholes along Orchard Rd. The Clerk was asked to notify Highways about the flooding on the B1000 near Churchfield Road and whether the digging out of the ditch at Margery Lane would be sufficient.

Hedge Trimming – Several parishioners have raised the issue of an overgrown hedge bordering the footpath between Godfries and Harwood Closes and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the work.

Path From Godfries Close to Upper Green – In response to several enquiries the Parish Council asked Highways about the possibility of having a footway installed. Highways have responded stating that there is space although the cost would be high. Highways recommended and the Parish Council agreed to put together a request under the Traffic & Environmental (T&E) programme, which will involve an analysis of the “need” for a path.

46. CORRESPONDENCE

Footpath Lighting – The Parish Council were offered the opportunity to have extra footpath lighting installed where necessary in the Parish, however the Parish Council would have to bear the cost of the electricity and thus declined to take this further.

Temporary Closure of Churchfield Rd, Tewin for 2 weeks for resurfacing and patching etc sometime during the period 26.7.04 and 31.12.04.

Passenger Transport Unit Acknowledgement of Parish Council’s detailed comments on Bus Service 388

Notification of New Countryside Access Officer – Tom Goldsmith

Response from NALC re allotments

Licensing Act Consultation Comments in by 1.10.04

Consultation by Competition Commission re acquisition by Arriva Plc of Hertfordshire section of Sovereign Bus and Coach Co Ltd. Comments by 2.9.04

SLCC Newsletter

Wildlife Trust Magazine

Mobile Police Station – Could the time be altered to later in the day.

47. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

FP11 – The Council noted the fallen tree just north of 100 Year Wood.

FP32 –The Council noted that the rubbish does not block the footpath and agreed to respond to the complainant

48. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin School – Whilst the representative has attended various meetings regarding the implementation of new legislation, there is little to report and the school is progressing well. A new secretary has recently been appointed.

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report

Tewin Website – Nothing to report

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th October in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.28pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS July/August 2004

Fault line: 01438 737321 District Team: 01992 526900 Assistant District Manager: Val Weaver
Assistant Engineer: Ian Bishop (last meeting 26.2.04)

Ref:	WORK IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING TO BE DONE AND REPORTED TO THE PARISH ENGINEER.	ACTION
1	Flooding -Outside No 25 Upper Green Road - Outside No 32 Upper Green Road where pavement is sinking. - Margery Lane junction with Churchfield Rd (see below)	VW Works Order Placed for new gulley & old system cleared DONE Works Order placed
2	Collapse of the side of the road along Upper Green	VW noted
3	Erosion of Green - Point of Lower Green nr the Post Office - Point of Lower Green opposite Tewin Memorial Hall	VW works order placed to kerb and make good
4	Trip Hazards - Grass Warren outside old peoples bungalows also bollards needed	IB noted
5	Potholes -Outside 106 Orchard Rd and down round the corner to the drain -Churchfield Rd drain past the Tewinbury turn off - Swallow Hole Along Hertford Road	IB noted DONE Works Order Placed
6	Digging out of Drainage ditch along Margery Lane	Works Order Placed
	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	IB Noted
	Bridge Repair at Tewin Hill – past farm – railings on bridge over stream are missing fencing	Works Order Placed
	Kerbing - Two Loose Kerbstones on drive opposite Tewin Stores - Damaged and Missing Kerbing to be replaced outside the Memorial Hall.	IB Noted To be done same time as points on Lower Green
	Ownership - Clarify ownership of rails in front of houses on Upper Green Road – Clarify ownership of access road off Godfries Close	Riversmead noted
	Gulleys – Ian Bishop stated that a gulley survey would be undertaken to assist cleaning crews	19.7.04
	Signs Heavy Vehicles signs on Hertford Rd Tewin Sign at Hollybushes – broken	Ordered IB IB noted
	Salt Bins Ordered a new salt bin for outside Tewin Stores	VW Ordered
	Line Markings Many need renewing as fading	IB Noted
	General Disrepair Archers Green	Works Order Placed