

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th December 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), East Herts District Councillor M. McMullen, and six members of the public.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Two young parishioners were present to ask about a Youth Club and the Parish Council advised that the next course of action would be to ascertain through questionnaires how many young people in the village would attend a Youth Club.

Two parishioners came to present their planning application for 2 Hertford Road.

Two parishioners attended to ask the Parish Council for their support in getting a new hedge moved back 1 metre in order to improve sight lines from Badgers Walk. The Parish Council advised that they would discuss it later under item 81.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED from Cllr S.Glew and East Herts District Councillor T.Robertson.

73. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 1st November 2004 were amended and agreed and signed by the Chairman.

74. MATTERS ARISING - Nothing to report.

75. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £6835.72 was approved by the Council.

Donation towards Christmas Tree – This was discussed under item 78.

Donation to the Church Towards the Parish News – Cllr S.Stott proposed & M.Howe seconded a donation of £100 should be paid. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Budget for the next Financial Year – The Estimate to the Year End 31.3.05 shows that the accounts are expected to come in under budget due to lower grass cutting expenditure and lower subscription costs. As a result the Parish Council will not have to draw on their reserves.

The Council agreed the following amendments to the budget for financial year ending 31.3.06:-

Donation to Tewin Memorial Hall – Cllr A.Hill proposed and D.Howson seconded that a donation of £1000 should be included in the budget. This was unanimously approved by the Council.

Quote for Removal of Bracken from a clearing in CL148 – Cllr St Pier proposed and S.Stott seconded that the £240 allocated for this should be removed from the budget. The Council had 5 votes for this proposal and 2 abstentions.

Quote for Mowing 100 Year Wood – Cllr K.St Pier proposed and Cllr S.Stott seconded that this should be retained in the budget. This was unanimously approved.

Precept For the Next Financial Year – Three budget proposals had been previously circulated. Cllr S.Stott proposed and Cllr A.Hill seconded that a precept of £13,600 (an increase of 3%) should be accepted. The Council unanimously agreed.

December Newsletter – The Council agreed to issue a third newsletter informing parishioners about the recent issues concerning the speedometer, go-peds and the bus service. The Council also agreed to the cost of the photocopying at approx £60 and a donation of £50 to the Friends of Tewin for distributing the newsletter to parishioners.

Youth Club Questionnaire – The Council agreed this should be issued with the December newsletter.

76. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/04/2214/FN/HF – Halcyon, Margery Lane, Tewin – Renewal of full permission for replacement house – TPC No Obj

3/04/2192/FP/HF – Tewin Mill, Tewin - Change of use of building for Assembly of Water Purification Equipment – TPC Obj

3/04/2254/FP/SD – 2 Hertford Road, Tewin – Erection of detached chalet bungalow on existing garden land with shared use of existing vehicular access – TPC No Obj

3/04/2211/FP/TH – Land to Rear 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin – Erection of one dwelling – TPC No Obj

Enforcement Issues

Sevenacres – EHDC are submitting a report to Committee for Enforcement .

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Minerals Local Plan Inquiry – Cllr K.St Pier attended the meeting on Thursday 11th November when Lafarge put forward their objection to AFS 12 being excluded. They have proposed that specific areas of AFS 12 should be included (see attached map). Another meeting will be held with Lafarge on Tuesday, 7th December.

Playground Plans – The Council agreed that due to a lack of time these should be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

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77. ALLOTMENTS

Both the Land Rental Agreement and the Allotment Tenancy Agreement have been circulated and the Council agreed that they should be sent to the relevant parties in the New Year.

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78. LOWER GREEN

HCC gave their permission for the concrete base for the tree and Cllr A.Hill suggested a map be completed to note where it was and a copy sent to HCC for their records.

The insurance company confirmed that the Parish Council were adequately insured and provided a compliance list. Cllr D.Howson agreed to inspect the tree daily. The Council agreed to pay £25 to a qualified electrician for a PAT test on the lights for the tree to ensure compliance.

Both Highways and the police authority confirmed that running of the cable for the lights across the road was acceptable provided the special covers were in place.

The Council unanimously agreed that a donation of £75 be paid towards the Christmas tree.

79. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Speedometer results – This showed that over the two weeks of the survey approximately 22% of all cars travelling through the village were exceeding the speed limit and that the number of cars exceeding the speed limit was greater in the first week than in the second.

The Parish Council believe the results illustrate that there is a speeding problem in the village and will continue to use the speedometer as they feel it is a useful tool for slowing traffic.

The Council agreed that these results should be put in the December newsletter.

- **Highway Repairs** – Cllr A.Hill asked that the Clerk report a pothole near the garages in Grass Warren and one on the Hertford Road.

Sign on B1000 nr the junction with Churchfield Road – In response to complaints the Clerk sent a letter to Hertfordshire Highways and they have replied stating that the Design Team is reassessing the situation so that there will be no impaired visibility and the existing sight line at this junction will be maintained.

Hollybushes – The missing bollard has now been permanently replaced.

80. INTERPARISH CONFERENCE

The Council agreed a quote of £4.50 per head for the catering.

Miranda Steward, Executive Director, EHDC has arranged for guest speakers on licensing and plotlands. Cllr M.Carver has requested that the Regional Spatial Strategy be a topic as it is particularly relevant. The Council agreed that this should be the third and final topic for the evening.

The Parish Council agreed that the invitation be sent out notifying Parish Council of the topics and guest speakers for the evening.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

31 Orchard Road, Tewin – The Parish Council agreed that one Councillor would visit the owner of 31 Orchard Road.

82. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Hedge Adjacent to FP41 – Cllr K.St Pier and the Clerk researched all the plans at EHDC and found that there are no conditions relating to this hedge. Cllr M.Howe offered to discuss the trimming of the hedge with the Bowls Club.

83. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin School – Nothing to report.

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report

Tewin Website – Nothing to report

83. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 31st January 2005 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.55pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS November 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 at junction of Margery Lane with Churchfield Rd as Drainage ditch along Margery Lane needs clearing	Works Order placed
2	Collapse of the side of the road along Upper Green	VW noted
3	Trip Hazards - Grass Warren outside old peoples bungalows	
4	Bollard – replacement for missing one in Grass Waren/Cannons Meadow	IB Ordered
5	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	IB Noted
6	Bridge Repair at Tewin Hill – past farm – railings on bridge over stream and missing fencing	Works Order Placed
7	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on dive opposite Tewin Stores	IB noted
8	Railings - Repair of railing outside 14-44 Upper Green Road	Riversmead
9	Ownership – Clarify ownership of access road off Godfries Close	
10	Signs Heavy Vehicles signs on Hertford Rd Tewin Sign at Hollybushes – broken	Ordered Ordered
11	Line Markings - Many need renewing as fading	IB Noted