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TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th July 2005 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Councillor M. McMullen and one member of the public.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED from Cllr A. Hill. The Parish Council was saddened to hear that (former) Cllr Tim Robertson had died at the weekend. Councillors agreed to pass on their condolences.

33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 6th June 2005 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

34. CO-OPTION

Mr Bryan Evans of Mimram, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.

The Council unanimously approved the motion to co-opt Mr Bryan Evans onto the Council. Mr Evans signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the Register of Interests.

35. MATTERS ARISING – Nothing to Report

36. FINANCE

Approve Payments: The following payments were approved by the Council in accordance with the previously approved budget.

Tewin Church £100 (towards Parish News running costs)

Friends of Tewin £10.50 (towards web hosting fee)

Friends of Tewin £50.00 (for delivering newsletter)

Cllr C. Pool proposed and S. Stott seconded the proposal to donate £1000 to the Tewin Memorial Hall as allocated in the budget. The motion was carried with 4 votes for and 3 abstentions.

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1669.14 was approved by the Council.

Internal Audit for Year Ending 31.3.05 – This has been completed and the internal auditor highlighted the lack of Public Liability Insurance Certificate from the Cricket Club, this has subsequently been found.

Audit Schedule for Year ending 31.3.05 – Following the completion of the Internal audit the Audit Schedule was finalised and sent off to the Auditors.

Budget – In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the analysis of expenditure versus the budget was circulated and at present all expenditure is in line with the budget.

37. PLANNING

Planning Applications Received

3/05/1131/FP/EH – 18 West Riding, Tewin – New Porch, alterations, new front boundary wall – TPC No Obj

3/05/1024/FP/SD – Tewin Orchard – Replace the existing wildlife observation hide with a new hide and store room – TPC NO Obj

3/05/1112/FP/LAH – Mimram Cottage, Poplars Green – New Drive Access & Parking Area – TPC No Obj

3/05/1017/FP/LAH – 4 The Walled Garden, Tewin Water – Rear Conservatory – TPC No Obj

Planning Decisions Received from EHDC

3/05/0769/FP JS – The Old Court, Tewin Water - Proposed Dormer Window – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted

3/05/0792/FP/LAH – 2 East Riding, Tewin – Two storey front and rear extensions, single storey side extension & new roof – TPC No Obj – EHDC Granted

Enforcement Issues

Nothing to report

Planning Letter

The Parish Council agreed to send a letter to EHDC stating their concern over the excessive development and its cumulative urbanising effect on the Tewin Wood Environmental Zone.

38. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept all the quotes obtained for the works highlighted by the risk assessment.

39. PLAYGROUND

Nothing to report at present

40. YOUTH CLUB

Cllr B Evans agreed to research the idea further through contact with local groups. The Parish Council continues to search for a leader of the Youth Club.

41. POLICING MATTERS

Neighbourhood Community Safety – Cllr D.Howson agreed to attend the Policing and Crime Reduction in Our Area presentation on 14th July at 7.30pm at Hertford Police Station.

New Powers for Parish Councils – A document is currently in circulation and the subject will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

42. HIGHWAYS and TRANSPORT

New Staff Responsibilities at Highways – The Parish Council agreed to send a letter to Highways and Herts County Councillor Bryan Hammond stating that they were disappointed at the new area allocations which give Tewin's local area engineer an excessive increase in area responsibility, which appears to be unmanageable.

Bus & Rail Strategy Response – The Parish Council sent a response to this stating that they were in general agreement with the strategy and would, in particular, welcome any proposals to further link buses and trains.

43. PARISH PLAN

Sub-committee – This will comprise Cllr S.Stott, Cllr K.Lawson and, at the end of September, Cllr M.Howe. They agreed to have a meeting with Tewin Society before the next Parish Council meeting.

Village Meeting – The dates has been set for 26th September at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
Speakers from EHDC will be attending.

44. 100 YEAR WOOD

Cllr K St Pier met with Margaret Knight and Jack Bird at 100 Year Wood to discuss what to do about planting up the meadow in the middle. Their recommendation was to plough the land this year and plant it with trees in the autumn of 2006. Jack agreed to produce a plan to this effect..

45. CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation - East Herts District Councillor Tim Robertson had resigned due to ill health.

Omission Sites – The Parish Council agreed that a meeting on 8th August would be held to agree their response to this consultation. Cllr K.St Pier, S.Stott and B.Evans agreed to co-ordinate the response.

East Herts Local Plan – The Parish Council agreed that a meeting on 8th August would be held to agree their response to this consultation. Cllr K.St Pier, S.Stott and B.Evans agreed to co-ordinate the response.

46. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Nothing to report.

47. 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 – Next Meeting on 15th July 2005

48. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th September 2005 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

There will be an extraordinary meeting on Monday 8th August 2005 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm to decide the Parish Council's response to the Omission Sites Consultation, East Herts Local Plan Draft Review and various planning applications.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.25pm.

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APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS July 2005

Fault line: 01438 737321

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Raj Goutham

Assistant Engineer: Ian Bishop (last meeting 15.4.05)

Three Valleys Water 0845-7823333 (fault/leak reporting)

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	6.6.05 – IB stated in hand Gulley has been jetted
2	Collapse of the side of the road along Upper Green	VW / IB noted
3	Trip Hazards - Grass Warren outside old peoples bungalows	VW / IB noted
4	Bollards – replacements needed in Grass Warren/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 but mislaidd
7	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on drive opposite Tewin Stores	IB noted
8	Trees – Dead trees on Churchfield Rd	IB Noted
9	Ownership – Clarify ownership of access road off Godfries Close	
10	Signs Heavy Vehicles signs on Hertford Rd Tewin Sign at Hollybushes – broken	Works orders placed but mislaidd
11	Line Markings - Many need renewing as fading	IB Noted
12	Flooding – Along Bramfield Road (gully needs emptying) Ref 1175810	6.6.05 – IB stated in hand