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TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th August 2005 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs K. Lawson (Chairman), K. St Pier, B. Evans, A. Hill, D. Howson, C. Pool and S. Stott.

In attendance: Mrs C. McFarlane (Clerk) and five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None were received. Cllr M. Howe did not attend.

2. OMISSION SITES –

This consultation covers sites earlier put forward (by the owners) for housebuilding but which had been excluded from the Local Plan for various reasons. Whilst these sites have been excluded now they could be included at a later date so a consultation has been set up. Cllr S. Stott outlined the reasons for Tewin Parish Council's objections to all of these sites in the village:

- the sites are not within the designated boundary for the village and some are on designated green belt.
- insufficient infrastructure in particular narrow roads with restricted visibility
- the vista of the village would be impaired
- some sites border Warrengate plotlands and development would give hope and encouragement to plot holders and thus should be avoided at all costs.

Parishioners Comments-

Parishioners attending were concerned that: -

- whilst the shop and school would benefit from small scale new housing once one development had been allowed others would surely follow.
- the infrastructure would not be able to cope particularly as roads are narrow and bendy.
- if the allotments were developed it would involve a loss to the community of this amenity. Whilst a new site would be found it is difficult to move allotments and takes several years to establish the new site and would thus drive members away.

Cllr C.Pool proposed that we accept the Parish Council's draft objections to the proposed sites and Cllr K St Pier seconded the proposal. The vote was carried with 5 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

The Council agreed that this response to the Omission sites consultation should be posted in the shop, notice boards and in the Parish News.

3. EAST HERTS LOCAL PLAN 2nd REVIEW– Further Written Evidence to the Public Enquiry.

This consultation was for the Parish Council to enter any further objections to the above plan.

Tewin Parish Council proposed to maintain its objections and further expanded on its commentary lodged with East Herts Local Council in August 2001. The main objections are:-

- Categorisation of Tewin as a Category 1 settlement instead of Category 2 or 3.
- Road Infrastructure is insufficient to cope with increased population as a result of proposed development
- A 25% increase in the number of dwellings proposed within the small scale development on Site 8.

Cllr K St Pier proposed that we accept these objections and Cllr A.Hill seconded the proposal. The vote was carried with 6 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

The Council agreed that their response should be posted in the shop, notice boards and in the Parish News.

4. PLANNING

3/05/1236/FP/JS – Tewin Cowper Church of England Primary, Tewin – Erections of storage shed (retrospective) – TPC No Obj but noted local residents opinion and concerns and were in favour of lowering the height of the building or re-siting the building. TPC were supportive of an amicable solution between the two parties.

3/05/1281/FP/JS – 33 Orchard Road, Tewin – Single Storey rear Extension – Proposed study to replace existing conservatory – TPC No Obj

3/05/1451/FP/LAA – Whitespar, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – Demolition of existing prefabricated double garage and erection of new triple garage – TPC No Obj

3/05/1196/FP/JS – 26 Harwood Close, Tewin – Reconstruction of garage with pitched roof and workshop extension – TPC Obj

3/05/1254/AD/SD & 3/05/1255/LB/SD – Rose & Crown, Upper Green Road, Tewin – Externally illuminated corporate signage (8x lanterns, 3x floodlights) – TPC Obj to proposed floodlights only.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.20pm.

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