

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th July 2008 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from East Herts District Cllrs L.Haysey and M.McMullen.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Derek Hill, Datchworth Veterans came to obtain confirmation that the Parish Council was happy for them to continue to use the pitch for the next football season. He confirmed he had spoken to Andy Cork, Stevenage Youth Football Club and would be able to share usage of Upper Green with them.

The Parish Council asked that if the pitch needed repair work it be done at the end of the next season.

28. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 2nd June 2008 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

29. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Classic Car Show - On behalf of Friends of Tewin (FOT) Doreen Lloyd and John Sheridan advised the Parish Council that if it is wet they will be able to put the cars outside the white lines i.e. the cricket outfield boundary.

Herts County Council has agreed to the event taking place.

Insurance - After consultation with the Parish Council's insurance company a signed letter from the Parish Council has been given to FOT for the stallholders advising them that they are not covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

FOT asked if any Parish Councillors were able to assist for an hour on the day.

30. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1345.35 was approved by the Council.

Internal Audit – This has been completed. The auditor asked for more time next year and said that receipts are needed for Parish Council donations to St Peter's and FOT. The invoice increased 40% from £120 to £168.

External Audit - This has been sent to the external auditors

Donation Towards Opening Café in Village Shop – The Council was advised that more time was needed to get the information the Council requested.

31. PLANNING

Declaration of Interest - Cllr A.Hill declared a personal interest in 3/08/00957/FP, as he is the applicant. The Council agreed to discuss the application at the end of the meeting. Cllr Hill left the meeting at 10.30pm in order for this application to be discussed.

Planning Applications Received

3/08/0957/FP/SD - Tewin Hill Farm, Tewin Hill, Tewin, Herts AL6 -
Construction of a 20m x 40m ménage – TPC No Obj

3/08/0114/FP/SD - Land Adj: 5 Tewin Hill, Tewin Herts - Detached Dwelling – TPPC No Obj

3/07/2531/FP/LH - Seven Acres, 49 Upper Green Road & 54 & 56 Upper Green, Tewin - Amended Layout
– TPC No Obj

3/08/0954/FP/HS - 17 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts - First Floor Rear Extension – TPC No Obj

Planning Responses

3/08/0786/FP/SD – Southleigh, 13 Hertford Road, Tewin – Two-storey rear extension & bay window to rear – TPC No Obj – EHC Granted

Enforcement Issues – Nothing to report.

Removal of BT Phone Box – The Clerk has written to BT asking if the Parish Council can retain the phone box itself as a feature, within the Conservation area, no reply has been received yet.

Flyposting – The Parish Council agreed to advise all the organisations in the village where they cannot put any signs and why.

A Boards – The Parish Council did not agree a policy.

Directional Finger Sign for Village Hall/ Scout Hut – The Parish Council agreed to ask Highways to supply this sign.

Parish Plan – The final copy of the Parish Plan is expected to be available within a month. The Parish Council agreed the proposed timetable, as detailed in the circulated report, for the continuation of the Parish Plan.

Policy on Co-option – The Parish Council agreed to refer this document to Jeff Hughes, EHC Returning Officer for his opinion.

32.PAVILION

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to the proposal for the Clerk to undertake research on replacing the Pavilion and to pay the Clerk for a further 12 hours a week for up to 6 months in order to complete this research.

33. RISK MANAGEMENT

War Memorial Restoration – Mike Kersey, Church Warden is in the process of getting some quotes and when these have been received he has the grant forms ready to complete.

Additional Notice Board Outside Shop – The Shop Committee advised that they would like more information before they agree to this proposal.

Playground Weekly Inspections – No incidents to report.

Pavilion Inspection – The Council completed this on 7.7.08 and cleared some objects in the changing rooms and removed two old Hoovers, paint and various other things. Laminated signs have been put up in the Pavilion advising users: -

- Authorised items to be stored outside include sightscreens, roller, wheelbrush and seedspreader only. Please note that the hose and white tarpaulin should be stored in the shed for safety reasons.
- The corridors must be kept clear at all times.
Please note that the bin in the kitchen **must** be emptied after every match and the rubbish removed from the site.
The rubbish **must not** be placed in the litter bins in the car park, as these are not emptied until the following Friday.
- No unauthorized items should be stored in the electricity meter and hot water tank cupboards.

The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the Cricket Club thanking them for clearing the area behind the Pavilion and reminding them that the blue tarpaulin needs to be disposed of and the white tarpaulin and gazebo put away in the shed.

Football Nets – These have been received and Cllr K St Pier will put them up shortly. Cllr A.Hill agreed to look into ways of securing the nets at ground level.

34.HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Flashing Sign & Footpath – The Clerk has written to Herts County Councillor and Highways asking whether the cost of the feasibility study could be reduced and no reply has been received yet.

Complaints about Potentially Dangerous Modification to Property Boundaries adjacent to the Orchard Road –

48 Orchard Road – Highways Department continue to await for details from Land Registry.

31 Orchard Road – The owner was agreeable to removing the posts once an alternative way of protecting the bank from erosion had been found.

Tewin Bus – Cllr A. Hill would like the Parish Council to consider the provision of a bus for Tewin, to complement the 388 service bus (such as evenings, Sundays and essential trips). The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Plan Transport Action Group should consider this.

35 CORRESPONDENCE

Borehole – Nothing to report at the moment.

Wind Turbines at Benington – The application has been sent to East Herts Council and the Parish Council agreed to send a letter of objection on the general grounds of setting a precedent for other applications across rural Hertfordshire.

36. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – The Memorial Hall Committee is considering having the trees at the front of the hall pruned.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – A complaint has been received about the hedges on FP41. Both landowners have been contacted and the hedges have since been trimmed.

Transport – Nothing to report.

Tewin Society – Nothing to report

Tewin Website – Nothing to report.

Locality Policing – Nothing to report.

Tewin Stores – Nothing to report

37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 1st September 2008 at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.50pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS June 08

Fault line: 01438 737321

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Raj Goutham

Assistant Engineer: Ian Bishop

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.	Ditch to be made bigger
2	Grass Warren – Broken birdsmouth fence – reported to EHC H/W own but not a priority as not dangerous	H/W noted
3	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	H/W Noted
4	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on drive opposite Tewin Stores	H/W noted
5	Line Markings – Most done some missed such as School Lane	
6	Flooding - outside 12/14 Hertford Road.	
7	Plume of Feathers – Ownership of road around the green	H/W investigating

Please be aware that Highways have a very limited budget and have to prioritise all work.

Potholes Reported: -

51 Orchard Road, Tewin – ref 1374027 13.6.08

Junction of Orchard Road with Badgers Walk – ref 1374027 13.6.08

Ref: - 1374570 (17/6/08)

47 Orchard Rd

43 Orchard Rd

33 Orchard Rd

Badgers Walk/junction with Orchard Road

Tewin Hill ref 1375344 (23/6/08)