

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st September 2008 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

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

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

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr A.Hill, East Herts District Cllrs L.Haysey and M.McMullen.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mrs Wilson came to raise concerns about the following: -

- The proposed planning application for 41a Upper Green Road. Her concern was what would be happening to the overall plot in particular Tewin Garage. The access to these houses runs adjacent to the hedge and exits onto Upper Green Road on a very dangerous blind bend, plus part of the garage forecourt is owned by Herts Highways.
- The overgrown state of Upper Green. The Parish council advised her that this is as a result of the planning condition attached to the playground where the margins of Upper Green are only to be cut twice year in readiness for a wildlife survey in 2009.
- Whether a toilet facility is necessary at Upper Green.
- Whether the village green in front of the Plume of Feathers could be cut more often and whether the verge that runs from 29 Upper Green Road to Tewin Garage could be strimmed by Stuart Kirkham. The Council agreed to look into the grass cutting schedule.

Mr J.Burton attended the meeting to object to the A board on the village green outside the Plume of Feathers. The Parish Council advised him that, at the last meeting, they had not agreed a policy on A Boards.

39. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 7th July 2008 were amended, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

40. NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

41. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1751.95 was approved by the Council.

Internal Audit – Cllr B.Evans and Cllr D.Lloyd completed a further internal audit of the Parish Council accounts on 8.8.08 and everything was in order. The next internal audit will take place in October.

External Audit - This has been completed with no comments and displayed on the Parish Council notice board for the statutory 14 days. The invoice was higher than expected because the Parish Council's payments were inflated by the cost of the playground.

42. PLANNING

A Planning meeting held on Tuesday 5th August 2008 at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion, Upper Green

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from D.Howson and A.Hill

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr Manners raised concerns about short notice for this meeting (5 days) and was happy with the new plans except for the window over the garage and the gravel drive, which would cause noise disturbance to them. The architect Mr M Cook advised that the window was fixed obscure glass and the gravel drive could be altered.

Mrs Wilson had no objection to the Dutch barn development and shared concern over the gravel driveway as well as concern over the exit to the main road, which would be opposite the next development of two houses behind the garage at 41a Upper Green Road.

Mr Cook advised that with regard to 4 Grass Warren they have received a letter of objection from the neighbours about blocking out light.

Mrs Shaw advised that re 10 Cowpers Way they have taken on board the Parish Council's views from the previous application submitted in Oct, which was subsequently withdrawn

3/08/1148/FP/SD - Little Coppice, 10 Cowpers Way, Tewin, Herts AL6 0NX - Proposal: Two storey front & single storey side extension and rebuild of existing conservatory - TPC No Obj

3/08/1027/FP/MC - Ladywalk, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Various alterations and extensions - TPC No Obj

3/08/1245/FP/HS - Builders Yard Rear of 78 Upper Green Road, Tewin - Proposal: Demolition of existing Dutch Barn and propose erection of detached dwelling- TPC NO Obj but concerns over gravel driveway causing noise disturbance to neighbours and entrance on to already busy main road as well as new entrance for 41a Upper Green Road.

3/08/01339/FP/SD - 4 Grass Warren, Tewin, Herts, AL6 0JJ - Single storey rear extension - TPC objects to this proposal because of the resulting enclosure of the neighbour's garden at 3 Grass Warren arising from the angle of the applicant's garden in relation to the neighbour's and the loss of light to 3 Grass Warren.

Planning Applications Received since 5.8.08

3/08/1345/LB/JS - The Courtyard Cottage, Marden Hill, Hertford - Minor Alterations – TPC No Objection

3/08/1411/FP/LH - 54 Upper Green, Tewin - Two storey side & single storey rear extension with new garage to rear – TPC No Obj

3/08/0858/FP/LH – 41a Upper Green Road, Tewin – Two new 4 bed detached houses – TPC Obj on the basis of dangerous vehicle and pedestrian access, excessive traffic from the site, inadequate parking and turning points for each house, sharing a driveway with commercial traffic, over development of the plot, concerns that the contaminated garage site will be abandoned and become a dangerous eyesore.

Planning Responses

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

3/08/1027/FP/MC - Ladywalk, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin - Various alterations and extensions - TPC No Obj – EHC Granted

3/08/0954/FP/HS - 17 Bishops Road, Tewin, Herts - First Floor Rear Extension – TPC No Obj – EHC Refused due to the cumulative effect of the proposed extension.

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

Planning Applications Sent to Appeal

3/08/0493/FP/HS – 2 Upper Green, Tewin – Single storey rear extension with link to existing garage – TPC Obj – EHC Refused due to the cumulative effect of the proposed extension.

Enforcement Issues – EHC confirmed that the cars being sold from the garage forecourt do not breach any planning controls at present.

Borehole – A letter has been sent to Oliver Heald raising concerns over the trial borehole in Tewin and a response is awaited.

Removal of BT Phone Box – The BT phone box is now available for adoption and the Parish Council agreed to research the terms and conditions with a view to adopting the phone box opposite the Rose and Crown.

Parish Plan – The final printed version of the Tewin Parish Plan will be delivered shortly by the representatives of Friends of Tewin to every household in the Parish. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation to the Friends of Tewin.

Dog Litter Policy – The Parish Council agreed to endorse East Herts Council dog litter policy and agreed not to install dog litter bins, as they are not in keeping with the rural environment, and litter bins can be used instead.

All land that the public have access to is "poop scoop" area and if a dog fouls on designated land it is an offence if the person in charge of the dog fails to pick up the mess. This land includes pedestrian areas, footways, verges, play areas and highways within a speed limit less than 40 mph, village greens, common land and Public Rights of Way (e.g. footpaths and bridleways). This ruling therefore applies almost everywhere in the Parish.

Policy on Co-option – A response has been received from Jeff Hughes, EHC Returning Officer and the subject will be put on the next agenda.

Housing Capacity Assessment - EHC has considered the many responses to the consultation document, has apparently noted the Parish Council's comments and indicated that the work done so far provides a solid foundation and further work needs to be done to complete the assessment. The Council agreed to put this in the latest newsletter from the Parish Council.

43. RISK ASSESSMENT

War Memorial Restoration – Mike Kersey, Church Warden has received a quote from a stonemason for the work required however since then they have cleaned the monument and he suggested that Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk meet at the memorial to decide the way forward.

Additional Notice Board Outside Shop – The Shop Committee advised that they would not like another notice board outside the shop, as there is already space inside and outside the shop for notices about local events.

Playground Weekly Inspections – No incidents to report however a gate post is wobbly and the Clerk will report it to the SMP.

Pavilion Inspection – The Council agreed to arrange an end of season Pavilion handover meeting from the Cricket Club to the Football Clubs with some Councillors in attendance.

Football Nets – Cllr A.Hill has secured these to the ground however unfortunately the nets have since been vandalised and the Council agreed to repair them and notify the Community Police.

44. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Flashing Sign & Footpath – Mr D.Kyan, District Manager, Herts Highways has confirmed the estimated cost of a feasibility study for these projects and the Council agreed to write to Oliver Heald.

Dangerous Modification to Property Boundaries adjacent to Orchard Road – The owner of 48 Orchard Road has been notified by Herts Highways that there is an encroachment.

45. CLASSIC CAR SHOW

This ran very well and attendance was good despite the weather. Upper Green was inspected afterwards and no damage was found.

46. TEWIN STORES

The outdoor café at Tewin Stores was opened on 2nd August and it has proved to be successful. The Shop Committee will not yet be applying to the Parish Council for funding for the café.

The Tewin Post Office will be re-opening Monday 8th September. The opening times will be on display in Tewin Stores.

47. CORRESPONDENCE

Affordable Housing Proposal – The Parish Council has received early draft site plans for three new affordable houses, to be available specifically for residents of the Parish, to be built on Site 8 (the chicken field adjacent to Godfries Close). Under the regulations such development can occur on a “Rural Exception Site” outside but abutting a village boundary. The developer makes it clear that if the affordable housing proposal were acceptable the next step would be to apply to have the remainder of Site 8 reallocated for residential development.

The Council agreed to seek further clarification from EHC as to the specific demand for affordable housing from residents of the Parish and agreed to issue a newsletter to the parish advising them of this proposal.

Rubbish on Upper Green - Mr Hollingsworth complained about the rubbish on Upper Green arising from the bins being filled at the weekend and not being emptied until the following Friday. The Council agreed to respond advising him that they are aware of the situation and trying to resolve it.

48. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Nothing to report

Transport – Nothing to report.

Tewin Society – Nothing to report

Tewin Website – Nothing to report.

Locality Policing – Nothing to report.

Tewin Stores – Nothing further to report

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 11.10pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS August 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
8	Signs – i) Village Hall/Scout Hut Sign ii) Tewin Please Drive Carefully	H/W have put on their list.

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