

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr S.Stott and East Herts District Cllrs L.Haysey and M.McMullen.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mrs E Wilson attended to express her concerns about the planning application for 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin. Her main concerns were the lack of adequate access for emergency services, limited space between house and boundary, future shared driveway problems, the design not in keeping with surrounding properties and the small, cramped courtyard. She expressed concern that yet another house was being built in the village.

Mr Cook (the architect and owner of the land and adjacent property) advised that a neighbour to the site had no objections.

Mr Tony Langford came to the meeting to advise the Council that the Tewin Flyfishing Club is in correspondence with the Environment Agency ("EA") about the proposed borehole in Tewin and has taken legal advice. Their view is that the EA has not completed sufficient, detailed monitoring of the river and the surrounding wetlands and that this whole proposal will have a detrimental effect on the site. They have had a site meeting with Oliver Heald MP who has since raised these concerns in Parliament and asked for a report from the EA. He has also been made aware of the pollution of the underground sources of water at Sandridge which has spread across to Hertford.

Mr Ivor Williams attended to advise the Parish Council that the proposed borehole will affect his fish farm business, extraction licences and the Site of Special Scientific Interest ("SSSI").

80. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 3rd November 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

81. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report

82. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £4523.59 was approved by the Council.

83. PLANNING

Cllr A.Hill declared a personal interest in the next item as he is a neighbour.

3/08/1848/FP/HS – 74 Upper Green Road, Tewin – Proposed New Dwelling – TPC No Obj

3/08/1691/FP/SD – 5 Bishops Road, Tewin – Two storey front extension, garage conversion into habitable room. Single storey rear extension. New basement to create swimming pool/gym & plant room. TPC No Obj

Planning Responses

3/08/1654/FP/MC – Bansang, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – Various extensions

3/08/1655/FP/MC – Bansang, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with attached garage and residential annex

TPC had no objections to either of the proposals but had noted that there were claims of a badger sett on the site. TPC also received letters from neighbours who had no objections to the proposal but had concerns about the overhanging trees which impede proper access for construction and refuse vehicles. TPC had received written confirmation that the owner would be pruning the trees and had advised the owner to contact EHC.

EHC Refused both on the grounds that they were unsuitable development within the Metropolitan Green Belt according to policy GBC1 and HSG8.

Enforcement Issues – Nothing to report

Site 8 – TPC has sent a letter to EHC advising them that any change to the Village Boundary is unacceptable.

84. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Flashing Sign & Footpath – Oliver Heald MP is still waiting for a reply from the Police Authority. The Council agreed to follow this up further.

Dangerous Modification to Property Boundaries adjacent to Orchard Road – Highways are in the process of dealing with this.

85. RISK ASSESSMENT

Notice Board At Upper Green – EHC advised that a new larger notice board would be allowed under permitted development, if intended for use by clubs, societies and the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote of £180 to make the notice board.

Portable Appliance Electrical Testing – This has been completed and various appliances failed the testing. Both Clubs have been informed and asked to remove these appliances.

Fixed Wire Electrical Testing – Having asked for quotations the Council agreed to accept Mill Green Electrical's quote for £245.

Playground Weekly Inspections – No incidents to report. Both gates have now been repaired.

86 ADOPTION OF BT PHONE BOX.

BT has advised the Council that the adoption procedure may take some time. When confirmation of adoption is received the Parish Council will display a sign in the phone box and arrange electrical disconnection

87. PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

Site visits have been made to Datchworth Sports Club, Knebworth Parish Council Sports Pavilion and Kimpton Parish Council Sports Pavilion.

Sport England has advised that it is preferable and advantageous for the clubs to work towards ClubMark. They advised that they are unlikely to fund major refurbishment of old wooden buildings as it is not considered value for money & very difficult to justify. Preliminary information will be available possibly in Feb 2009 but it is unlikely that the application form will be available until 1st April 2009.

On 21 November, Cllr B.Evans and the Clerk attended the Tennis Club Committee Meeting to outline the project. The Tennis Club were very enthusiastic about the project. A meeting with the Cricket Club Meeting is currently being arranged.

The Council agreed that depending upon workflow the Clerk would work only one day a week on the project.

88. CHRISTMAS TREE ARRANGEMENTS

The Christmas tree will be put up on Friday 12th December until 5/6th January 2009. A PAT test will be arranged for that day.

89. PARISH PLAN

The Council agreed to accept the Terms of Reference for both the Further Analysis Group and the Transport Group. Cllrs J.Sheridan and S.Stott will now contact the volunteers and co-opt members to the groups.

90.CORRESPONDENCE

Tewin Society – The Council has received more detailed information and agreed to offer a loan of £200 towards the production of "The History of Tewin by the People of Tewin".

Mr. Hollingsworth wrote to complain of parking on the green by the tennis courts at the weekends, erosion of the corner of the green at the entrance of the car park, the unsatisfactory state of the football pitch and to request more wooden bollards to protect the green and prevent the parking.

The Council noted the comments

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91. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – A meeting has taken place but there is 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 – There is a meeting in January

Tewin Stores – Nothing further to report

Pavilion Representative - Contact has been made with the Cricket Club.

92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 2nd February 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 November 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)

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

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	Signs – i) Village Hall/Scout Hut Sign ii) Tewin Please Drive Carefully	H/W has put on their list.
8	Resurfacing of Lower Green, Upper Green Road, Upper Green and Orchard Road	H/W looking into