

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2009 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 six parishioners.

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from East Herts District Councillor Michael McMullen and East Herts District Cllr L.Haysey.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr & Mrs Horgan attended from 32 Bishops Road about the planning application for 2a Purcell Close. They had no objections to the proposal but had concerns about the trees and would not want their screening reduced. The applicants stated that no trees other than dead ones would be removed.

Mr & Mrs Edwards from Robins, Tewin Close attended to advise the Council that their new planning application incorporated a lower ridge height, a one storey portico and a brick finish to the house, all of which will reduce the visual impact of the building on the surrounding area.

74. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 5th October 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

75. NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

76. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1038.81 was approved by the Council.

Review of Estimate to Year End – At the year end income less expenditure is expected to result in a deficit of £1615 which is £447 less than the budget deficit of £2062. The Council agreed to review this at the 1st February meeting with a view to making a withdrawal from the National Savings account.

Insurance - The Council agreed not to insure the phone box, Lower Green Electricity cupboard and Tewin Millennium sign for accidental damage, fire and theft. The Council also agreed to remove the accidental damage, fire & theft cover for the benches and the flagpole.

Reserves – HAPTC advised the Clerk that reserves should be equivalent to 100% of the precept. Advice has also been received from the SLCC Financial Advisor was that General Reserves should be no more than 20/30% of the precept. A figure any higher than this unless for a specific project may solicit questions from the parish. The Council agreed that the level of reserves should be considered on an annual basis.

77. PLANNING

Planning Applications received

3/09/1604/FP – 2a Purcell Close, Tewin – Two storey front & rear extensions, two storey side extensions with dormer windows to front & rear – TPC No objection

3/09/1606/FP – 8 Tewin Lodge, Tewin – Single storey front extension – TPC No Objection

3/09/1564/FP – Robins, Tewin Close, Tewin – Construction of replacement dwelling – TPC no objection

Planning Responses from EHC

3/09/1151/FP – The Old Court, Tewin Water, Tewin – Single storey front extension, single storey side extension, detached double garage – TPC No Obj – EHC Granted

3/09/0802/FP – 41a Upper Green Road, Tewin – Demolition of existing garage, filling station and workshops and erection of two detached dwellings and a two storey office building with a new vehicular access/roadway and associated off-street parking – TPC Objected to the height of the office block and insufficient off-road parking. The Council raised concerns over the impact on traffic, future signage on the office building and lack of acknowledgement of the problems of surface water entering the site from adjacent properties after heavy rainstorms. They also wanted the developer to liaise with the owner of 43 Orchard Road regarding the boundary and ensure that the roots of the

trees on the southerly border are protected. The Council also noted that Highways own a strip of verge on the forecourt bordering the road.

The Parish Council would also welcome the provision of a rural pathway (not a roadside pavement) as part of the landscaping being applied to the front of the site.

EHC Granted subject to conditions

3/09/1181/FP – Bansang, Queen Hoo Lane – Two storey extension, single storey conservatory with balcony. New slate roof and minor alterations – TPC No Obj – EHC Granted

Certificates of Lawfulness – None to report

Enforcement Issues – None to report.

East Herts Call For Sites – East Herts Council has written to the Parish Council advising them of all the sites within Tewin that have been proposed by landowners in response to the Call for Sites. Consultation on these sites will take place in spring 2010. Maps of the sites are available on the East Herts Council website.

The Council agreed to begin formulating a response in the New Year.

Interparish Conference/Rural Parishes Conference – The Clerk was asked to write to the organisers and ask for Planning to be put on the agenda, “What is the Parish Council’s role?”

78. HIGHWAYS

District Cllr Linda Haysey had a meeting with the new staff, Eralp Yucelt, Assistant District Manager and Vicki Leggett, Area Engineer and passed on our outstanding concerns. There continues to be a very limited budget and the Clerk was asked to pass on details and they will look into the concerns.

Flooding in School Lane – The road is scheduled to be shut on 16th November for a week in order for the remedial works to take place.

Ditch Clearing – The Council was advised to ring Highways when the ditches are blocked and flooding is occurring.

Extra cuts on rural footpath outside 33-37 Upper Green Road – Nothing to report

Memorial Hall/Scout Hut Sign – Nothing to report

Narrow wooden steps on Verge Outside 8 School Lane – Nothing to report

79. PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The Biffa application was not successful due to strong competition from many applicants.

The Locality Budget application was successful and thanks to the support from Bryan Hammond we have been awarded £1000.

A meeting was held with the architect and the cost for the drawings has increased by 75%. The Council agreed to get more quotes for drawings.

The Council agreed to hold two open mornings at the Pavilion on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November from 9.30am until 11.30am.

The Council agreed to send a letter to the parish and to the Clubs about the Pavilion refurbishment and the open mornings.

The Council agreed to make a donation of £50 to Friends of Tewin towards the delivery of the Pavilion refurbishment letters.

An informal meeting on 23rd November 2009 at 7.30pm concerning the Open Morning was agreed.

80. RISK ASSESSMENT

Works Completed – The barge board and one bench are still to be completed.

Refurbishment of the Telephone Box – Friends of Tewin have kindly agreed to donate £200 towards the refurbishment of the telephone box and THAC’s have agreed to donate the remaining £70.

81. UPPER GREEN

Playground Weekly Inspections – Nothing to report

Gate Repairs – The Council agreed to obtain another quote and talk to the original contractor that installed the fence which was arranged by SMP.

Football Nets – The goal posts have been put in the winter position and the nets are in need of replacing. The Clerk has asked the two football clubs for a donation towards the new nets. The Council agreed to purchase new nets.

82. CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROLS ON LOWER GREEN

The Parish Council agreed to be responsible for this event so that it will be covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance. The Friends of Tewin (FOT) has volunteered to help the Parish Council organise the event. Cllr A.Hill, D.Lloyd and J.Sheridan will be Parish Council representatives in the Friends of Tewin.

The Parish Council has set aside £100 towards the event.

The carols on Lower Green will be on Monday 21st December 2009.

83. CORRESPONDENCE

Tewinbury Farm – Cllr L.Haysey advised the Parish Council of her concerns about the substantial overdevelopment of the site and the excessive associated parking spilling onto outlying fields which are located in the Green Belt.

Commemorative Tree or Bench – Friends of Tewin are considering a commemorative bench or tree for their President Don Southgate.

Back Lane – The Council has received a reply from Veolia Water about their concerns about water leaks on Back Lane. The Council agreed to accept their offer of a survey and a quote for re-siting the boundary stopcocks.

East of England Plan – There is a public consultation event on 9th November at 7pm at Hatfield Business Centre

Hertfordshire County Council's Transport Planning & Policy workshop on the future of transport in the county will be held on 28 October, 11 November and 25 November, from 2-5pm at Campus West, Welwyn Garden City. Cllr K. Lawson agreed to attend.

Stop Stansted Expansion – The Council agreed not to donate any funds to the campaign.

Community Payback work – The Council agreed not to take up this offer.

Tewin Cricket Club – A letter has been received today and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

84. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Transport – Cllr Steve Stott attended the Car Share Scheme seminar on 5.10.09. The Council agreed to promote the initiative through the Parish News and ask the website committee to put in a link to the car share website.

Tewin Society – It has been agreed to wind up the Tewin Society.

Tewin Website – The next meeting is on the 3rd November 2009.

Locality Policing – The next Locality Policing meeting is on 17th November 2009.

Pavilion Representative – Nothing to report

Parish Paths Partnership – Michael Clark has removed the notice board for repair.

85. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the on Monday 7th December 2009 in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.39pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS April 09

Fault line: 01438 737321

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Eralp Yucelt

Area Engineer: Vicki Leggett

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 – School Lane	Work commences 16 th Nov 2009
2	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	H/W Noted
3	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on drive opposite Tewin Stores	H/W noted
4	Line Markings – Most done some missed such as School Lane	
5	Flooding - outside 12/14 Hertford Road.	
6	Signs – i) Village Hall/Scout Hut Sign	On list.
7	Resurfacing - Upper Green Rd, Upper Green and Orchard Road	Being looked into
8	Outside 14 Upper Green Road – broken metal cowl on sewer vent pipe located on verge	
9	Footpath – Extra cuts for unofficial footpath outside 33-37 Upper Green Road	Being looked Into
10	Steps - Narrow wooden steps on verge outside 8 School Lane need repairing/replacing as dangerous	Being looked into

Ditch Clearing – The Council was advised to ring Highways and ask for an emergency clearing of the ditches when the ditches are blocked and flooding is occurring.