

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th April 2011 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Councillor L.Haysey and M.McMullen.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr K.Lawson.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr G.Fish, Tewin Cricket Club came to explain their request for an extra shed which they need to store spare chairs, score board and memorial benches as these impede access to the mowers in the current shed. The cost of the shed will be met by the Cricket Club and they would like to put it next to the current shed.

129. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 7th March 2011 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

130. NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

131. NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

132. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £760.58 from the Current Account were approved by the Council. In accordance with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £11338.14 from the Pavilion Account were approved by the Council.

Grass Cutting Tender – East Herts Council, Riversmead and Hertfordshire County Council have all accepted the grass cutting quote.

Senior Citizens Lunch - In accordance with the minutes dated 6th December 2010 the Parish Council made a donation of £100 towards the Senior Citizens lunch arranged by Friends of Tewin.

Budget Report – The Parish Council expects to have approximately £5000 surplus at the year end which will be paid to the Pavilion account as their donation towards the Pavilion Refurbishment in accordance with Section 93 of the 7.12.09 minutes.

Parish Council Elections – All candidate nomination papers have been sent in. A new candidate has come forward from the North Ward to fill the current vacancy.

Tewin Memorial Hall – The Parish Council has been asked by Tewin Memorial Hall to be a third party sponsor for a grant application to Biffa contributing £2300. The Parish Council agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting before 14th April to agree their contribution.

133. PLANNING

Planning Applications received

3/11/0340/FP – 3 Badgers Walk, Tewin – Single storey side and rear extension – TPC No Comment

3/11/0434/LB – The Rose & Crown, Upper Green Road – Fire Door to boiler room, Fire doors to left and right of bar. Formation of lobby inside front entrance – TPC No Comment

Planning Decisions

3/11/0054/FP – 24 Hertford Road, Tewin – Erection of detached two bedroomed dwelling with two bay car port and siting of associated septic tank – TPC No Comment – EHC Withdrawn

3/10/2175/FP – Highfields, Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin – Raising roof over house and creation of 4 dormer windows to front and rear; creation of pitched roof to garage (amendment to 3/97/0884/FP) – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/10/1200/FP – Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Hertford Road, Tewin – New function barn to provided entertainment space for weddings, charity fundraising events in association with the hotel- TPC Supported – EHC Granted

3/07/2531/FP – Seven Acres, 49 Upper Green Road and 54 & 56 Upper Green Road – Erection of 18 dwellings incl 7 affordable units associated parking, cycle store, new road junctions, internal roads together with landscaping and associated works – EHC Granted (renewal of permission as time limit expired).

Certificates of Lawfulness – None to report

Enforcement Issues

Segway Adventures - The toilet block built in the woods has been reported to Welwyn Hatfield Planning Enforcement and planning permission is necessary and has been requested. The land can be used for 28 days of the year for this use however any more than that and permission for change of use is required.

5a Tewin Hill – East Herts Planning Enforcement advised that the boundary hedge belongs to the neighbouring property and has no planning condition on it and is not protected.

134. UPPER GREEN

Car Park Works – The works have been completed. The Parish Council had some concerns over the depth of the gravel and asked if the contractor would compact it down again.

A complaint has been received about the lack of disabled access in the car park. The Parish Council agreed that the Disability Officer at East Herts Council should be contacted for advice.

Pond Committee – The Committee has met with the Herts Biological Officer and Countryside Management Service and has been advised to have a newt survey, the cost of which they hope to meet with grant funding. The Parish Council's insurers will insure the volunteers providing they use Parish Council tools and the project and the tools have been risk assessed.

Dead Tree- The works have not been completed yet.

135. PAVILION

Valuation Office – The tennis courts have been given a rateable value and a Request for Information received which has to be completed by 13th May. The Tennis Club has been advised and Cllr J Sheridan and the Clerk will meet with them to answer any questions.

Replacement Bin – This has been received

Signs – These are ready to be picked up.

136. PRESCRIPTIONS FROM BRIDGE COTTAGE SURGERY, WELWYN

As of Tuesday 29th March 2011 prescriptions can be picked up from Tewin Stores during store opening hours. Repeat prescriptions can be put in the post box by 9am on Tuesday and Thursdays ready for collection. The Parish Council agreed to put this in the Parish News.

137. PLAYGROUND

Playground Weekly Inspections – No incidents to report.

138. HIGHWAYS

Memorial Hall/Scout Hut Sign – Hertfordshire Highways confirmed that the new sign is definitely on order and they will provide an update in the next few days.

Repairs to Access Road to Godfries Close Sub Station – Herts Highways have resurfaced their piece of land. Cllr K St Pier is due to meet Riversmead representatives on their annual inspection on 12th April about their responsibilities.

Hertfordshire Highways – The Parish Council agreed to arrange a meeting with Herts Highways about the repairs to the roads in the Parish.

139. RISK ASSESSMENT

Annual Risk Assessment – This was completed on 28th March 2011 by Cllr A.Hill, D.Lloyd, J.Sheridan, K St Pier and the Clerk. Riversmead have been advised of the works on their land. Cllr J Sheridan agreed to repair and repaint the seat on May Pond Green. The Council agreed to get quotes for the other works.

Common Land Queen Hoo Lane/Bramfield Road – Cllr A.Hill has contacted the house owner about the proposed tree works. The Parish Council agreed to put this on the next agenda with a view to accepting a quote for removing some dead trees and dead wood.

Back Lane – Tom Goldsmith, Rights of Way Officer is in the process of obtaining quotes. The Council agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting when more information should be available.

140. CORRESPONDENCE

Tewin Cricket Club would like an additional shed to store spare chairs, score board and memorial benches. The cost of the shed will be met by the Cricket Club and they would like to put it next to the current shed. The Parish Council agreed that this was not an appropriate time to consider an additional shed and asked that they try and make better use of the space in the existing shed and try living with it for this season.

Land Behind Godfries Close - A parishioner has asked that the Parish Council consider distributing a leaflet to householders that have bought the agricultural land at the back of Godfries Close advising them what can and can't be done with the land. The Parish Council agreed to ask for advice from East Herts Council Planning Enforcement.

141. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report

Transport – Nothing to report

Tewin Website – Nothing to report

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report

Policing – The next meeting is in May.

Pavilion Representative –Nothing to report

Parish Paths Partnership – The estimates for next year's works programme 2011/2012 and actual figures for last year's works programme 2010/2011 along with the invoice have been submitted to Countryside Management Service. The Countryside Management Service advised that they are reviewing the amount of mowing that is carried out under PPP and we are awaiting authorisation for this year's programme.

142. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th May 2011 in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10pm.

APPENDIX 1 – HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS March 2011

Fault line: 01438 737321

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Eralp Yucelt

Area Engineer: Vicki Leggett

Veolia/ 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	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	H/W Noted
2	Kerbing – Two loose kerb stones on drive opposite Tewin Stores	H/W noted
3	Line Markings – Most done some missed such as School Lane	
4	Flooding - outside 12/14 Hertford Road.	
5	Signs – i) Village Hall/Scout Hut Sign	