

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts District Councillors L.Haysey, East Herts District Councillor M.McMullen and one member of the public.

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr J.Sheridan.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr J.Burton attended to express his disappointment at the ever increasing urbanisation of Tewin. He in particular cited the Segway Adventure signs in Orchard Road, the red brick front wall and gates at 53 Orchard Road, an A Board on the village green in front of the Plume of Feathers and the new white fence at 54/56 Upper Green. He also advised that the banner and sign at the Rose & Crown along with the Tewin Memorial Hall banner were inappropriate for the Conservation Area. He informed the Council that the entrance of the temporary car park, adjacent to FP30 as it reached Queen Hoo Lane, crossed Common Land and that at 7 Bishops Road a hedge planted to comply with a planning condition had been removed.

45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 4th July 2011 and 8th August 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

46. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

48. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £3,343.11 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

Tewin Memorial Hall – In accordance with the minutes dated 9.5.2011 the Parish Council provided a £900 donation in support of a Biffa grant application being made by the Memorial Hall.

External Audit – This has been completed satisfactorily and displayed on the Parish Council notice board for the statutory 14 days. The Parish Council noted that the Section 1 comparatives did not add up by £1.

Internal Audit – The internal audit with Cllr B.Evans took place on Monday 11th July 2011 and everything was satisfactory.

Bank Accounts – These have been changed over to a Community Account with free banking as banking charges were being brought in on the old account.

Updating Signatories – The Parish Council agreed that Councillors K.Lawson, K St Pier, B.Evans, P.Fulford, A.Hill, D.Howson, D.Lloyd and J.Sheridan would be signatories on all accounts and signed the forms accordingly. All cheques and withdrawals continue to require two signatures from authorised persons.

49. PLANNING

Planning Decisions

3/11/0819/FP – 36 Godfries Close, Tewin – Two storey side extension – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/0760/FP – 12 Firs Walk, Tewin - New front porch, rear conservatory and replacement outbuilding to provide studio/workshop – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/0782/FP – 35 Bishops Road, Tewin – Single and two storey side extensions, single storey rear extension and 2 dormer windows to front elevation – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/0977/FP – Woodbury, 6 East Riding, Tewin – Erection of Detached triple garage – TPC No Comment – EHC Refused

3/11/0978/FP – Woodbury, 6 East Riding, Tewin – Use of existing garage for ground floor accommodation – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

3/11/1068/FP – 12 Desborough Drive, Tewin – Loft Conversion and the addition of two roof dormers. The

Parish Council noted correspondence received from a parishioner objecting to the planning application. **3/11/1037/FP** – 2 Hertford Road, Tewin – Erection of Two Residential Dwellings and Garage for Existing House – The Parish Council noted correspondence from the developer and agreed to send a letter of support to East Herts Council as at the Parish Council meeting on 8th August 2011 parishioners were supportive of the proposed 2 detached houses as the buildings were not right at the back of the existing garden at 2 Hertford Road and that Tree Preservation Orders had been placed on the apple and walnut trees.

Planning Applications received

None

Appeal Decisions

3/10/1785/FP – Tewin Garage, 41 & 41a Upper Green Road, Tewin – Demolition of existing garage, petrol filling station, workshops and existing house. Erection of 3 detached houses and a two storey office building with new vehicular access and associated off street parking. The Inspector allowed the appeal and waived compliance with Condition 20 regarding the provision of affordable housing.

Enforcement Issues – None.

East Herts Council SLAA Partnership Meeting – The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk will attend the first meeting on 19th September 2011.

50. HIGHWAYS

Salt Bins – HCC have asked for another map marking the proposed location of the new salt bin. The Clerk is also awaiting a response from HCC about the replacement salt bin outside the village shop.

51. PAVILION, PLAYGROUND & UPPER GREEN

Tennis Club and Valuation Office – Mr D.Room, Chairman of Tewin Tennis Club, advised that he has written confirmation of 100% small business rate relief for a year. He has also lodged a proposal with the Valuation Office seeking deletion of the tennis courts entry on the grounds that Tewin Tennis Club does not have exclusive occupation of the courts. He is currently awaiting a response.

Pavilion CIC and Valuation Office – The CIC has submitted a counter rating proposal to the Valuation Office and is awaiting a response.

Tewin Pavilion CIC Report – The Parish Council were pleased to read that the Pavilion is in a sound financial position to continue business and to promote new activity.

Tewin Pavilion Water Inspection – Cllr D.Howson completed the water inspection on 8th August 2011 and asked the Clerk to advise the Tewin Pavilion CIC that the once a month the hot water needs to be switched on and run through the entire system. The next water testing date is 6th September 2011.

Fire Risk Assessment – A meeting has been set for Monday 12th September 2011 at 2.30pm when the Parish Council and the Tewin Pavilion CIC will complete the fire risk assessment.

Playground- Nothing to report on inspections. Cllr A.Hill advised that the works on the playground fence will take place shortly.

Dog Fouling on Upper Green – The dog fouling sign has been received and will be put up shortly on Upper Green. The Parish Council agreed to put dog fouling signs on the notice boards.

Pond Clearance – Mr Loughrey has kindly agreed to remove various dead trees around the pond in accordance with the professional survey so as to allow more natural light onto the pond. The Parish Council agreed to the works.

Car Park – The Parish Council has received two complaints about the surface of the car park not being suitable for disabled access or pushchairs. They agreed to continue to monitor the situation over the winter. The Parish Council agreed to advise the Tewin Pavilion CIC that loading and unloading would be permitted in front of the Pavilion for disabled visitors only.

52. LOWER GREEN

Litter Bin Collection – The litter bins will now be emptied weekly on Mondays.

New Litter Bin – This has been received and will be installed in due course.

Rose & Crown – The Parish Council agreed to write to the landlord.

53. RISK ASSESSMENT

Annual Risk Assessment – Remedial works have not been completed yet.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

East Herts Rural Parish Conference – This is on 15th September 2011 at Datchworth Village Hall. Cllr K St Pier, D.Lloyd and the Clerk agreed to attend.

Civil Aviation Authority – A response has been received and the Parish Council agreed put an article in the Parish News.

Invitation to Licensing of New Team Vicar Susannah Underwood on 7th September 2011 at St Mary's Church. Cllr K.Lawson has responded to the invitation.

Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management - A pre-hearing meeting is on 29th September 2011 at 10am at County Hall.

Herts LTP3 Bus Strategy and Intalink Strategy – This is now available on www.hertsdirect.org/ltp and the Parish Councils comments are included.

Tewin Bury Farm Green Apple Award – An invitation has been received to attend the award ceremony on November 14th 2011. Cllr K St Pier agreed to attend.

Footpath 30 from Tewin Wood to Queen Hoo Lane - The landowner has provided an alternative route so that the driveway to Bramble Lodge does not need to be crossed. The Countryside Access Officer from Herts County Council is fully aware of this and has advised the landowner that the historic definitive line of the path must remain open and available. The Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

55. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Transport – Refer Paragraph 54 Correspondence Herts LTP3 Bus Strategy and Intalink Strategy.

Tewin Website – Next meeting 20th September 2011.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report.

Policing – Next meeting is 7th September 2011.

Parish Paths Partnership – A comment has been received about FP32 being overgrown. Cllr K St Pier agreed to investigate.

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd October 2011 in the Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS August 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)

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Surface Dressing of Main Road through Tewin	2009	
3	Salt Bin – Needs replacing and filling	28.4.2011	Chased 5.9.11
4	Bridge Reflectors in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2009	
5	Line Markings – Missing on School Lane	2009	

