

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance: Mrs C.McFarlane (Clerk) and two parishioners,

**32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr K. Lawson (Chairman), Cllr D.Howson, East Herts District Councillor L.Haysey and East Herts District Councillor M.McMullen.

### **PARISHIONERS COMMENTS**

Mr C.Minton and Mr B.Toone expressed their strongest objections to the second retrospective planning application for 53 Orchard Road. Minimal adjustments have been made that make no material difference and the reasons for refusal of permission, dismissing the appeal and the enforcement order are still wholly valid. There has been no attempt to reinstate the holly hedge and the lighting whilst currently removed could be replaced at any time when it would be excessive and intrusive.

**33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### **34. NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

### **35. NO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **36. FINANCE**

**Accounts for Payment** - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1589.53 from the Current Account were approved by the Parish Council.

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**Internal Audit** – This was completed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and Cllr B.Evans and D.Lloyd found everything to be in satisfactory order.

### **37. PLANNING**

#### **Planning Applications received**

**3/12/0873/FP** – The Scout Hut, Memorial Hall, Tewin – Single storey rear extension and timber cladding to existing Scout Hut - TPC No Comment. Refer Parish Council Minutes 14/5/2012 Paragraph 8.

**PLANNING:** In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1989 the Parish Council agreed to let the Memorial Hall put Tewin Parish Council as the applicant on a planning application

Counter comments to the Landscape Officers recommendation for refusal have been submitted by Tewin Memorial Hall Committee.

**3/12/1003/FP** – 53 Orchard Road, Tewin – Front Boundary wall, gates & pillars with lights. Single storey front extension (retrospective) – TPC strongly objects to the single storey front extension (porch) by reason of its scale, bulk and design which appears little changed from the previous application and it remains unduly dominant and out of keeping with the character of the dwelling and the surrounding area. TPC very strongly objects to the wall, gates and lights as there are minimal changes from the previous application. The effect of moving the gates back results in more brick wall being visible and therefore they will continue to not be in keeping with the surrounding semi rural area and result in a detrimental urbanising effect which detracts from the wooded character and appearance of the street scene and from the Green Belt.

In accordance with ENV11 the Parish Council would like East Herts Council to ensure that the original holly hedge which has been removed is replaced with native broad-leaved species.

Whilst some of the lighting has been removed they can be replaced at any time and in accordance with ENV23 the Parish Council would appreciate every effort be made to minimise the light pollution impact on the surrounding semi rural area and the Green Belt and that every effort be made to ensure that there will be no dazzling or distraction of motorists or cyclists using the adjacent road.

TPC continues to receive considerable adverse comment about this site and is fully supportive of parishioner's objections.

### **Planning Decisions**

**3/12/0506/FP** – 42 Orchard Road, Tewin – Demolition of Existing Dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling in accordance with previous planning approval 3/11/1998/FP – TPC agreed to support this application – EHC Granted.

**3/12/0276/FP** - Westleywood Farmhouse, Hertford Road, Tewin - Change of use of three en suite bedrooms for Bed and Breakfast accommodation and removal of condition 9 of 3/99/1693/FP to allow use of the existing garage for ancillary residential purposes (retrospective) – TPC No Comment – EHC Refuse

### **Appeal Submitted**

**3/12/0059/FP** – 23 Lower Green, Tewin – First floor rear extension – TPC No Comment – EHC Refused

### **Certificates of Lawfulness** –

**3/12/1001/CL** – 12 Hertford Road, Tewin – Single Storey Rear Extension – TPC No Comment

**Enforcement Issues:** – Nothing to report.

**3/12/0597/FP** – Sevenacres, 49 Upper Green Road, Tewin – Demolition of Sevenacres house and erection of 28 dwellings (including 18 previously approved) new dwellings (including 11 affordable units). As agreed at the previous meeting a letter has been sent to East Herts Council supporting the changes Taylor Wimpey have agreed.

### **38. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Parish Council agreed to add an addendum to the Code of Conduct accepted at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to include Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. All Councillors have received the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms.

### **39. CO-OPTION**

The Extra-ordinary meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm at Tewin Memorial Hall when the Parish Council proposes to adopt the revised co-option procedure and co-opt a new Councillor.

### **40. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

**Grass Warren** - A broken cover on a gully has been reported to Highways

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**Queen Hoo Lane** – Several potholes were reported to the Clerk at the meeting and will be referred to Highways.

### **41. UPPER GREEN, PAVILION AND PLAYGROUND**

**Tewin Tennis Club Correspondence with Valuation Office** – Nothing to report

**Pavilion Water Softener** – This was installed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The Parish Council agreed to ask the Tewin Pavilion CIC to consider purchasing the salt for the softener.

**Heater Guards & Brackets** – These have been installed.

**Upper Green Footpath** – Cllr K St Pier and the Clerk met with John Hunt and Serena Clay from HCC Rural Estates on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. They advised that they have no objections to the proposed footpath across May Pond Green and will confirm that in writing.

They advised of an adverse possession claim by Taylor Wimpey for a very small triangle on land on the boundary of Upper Green and 56 Upper Green Road. The Parish Council agreed that in view of the very small size of the land it was not necessary to claim ownership.

The front boundary of 56 Upper Green Road was also not in accordance with the Land Registry maps however in view of the landowner releasing land for a footpath the Parish Council agreed that it was not necessary to pursue this further.

**Pavilion Showers** – Two of the showers are dripping intermittently and the Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to clarify the procedure for calling the manufacturer out.

**Fridge** – A quote of £248 was received for transferring the kitchen fridge in the Pavilion on to the unmetered electricity supply. The Parish Council agreed to obtain some more quotes and contact the original electrician.

**Playground Inspection** – The Parish Council agreed to be included in the ROSPA inspection organised by East Herts Council. The cost of the inspection will be £46.55 ex vat.

**New Tables** – The Parish Council agreed that the Tewin Pavilion CIC would be responsible for purchasing these and may be able to get some grant money towards them.

**Playground Inspection** – The nets and the new matting will be installed when the weather permits. Nothing to report from the weekly inspection.

**Weed Spraying** – The Parish Council agreed to contact the Tewin Pavilion CIC to see if they would be able to arrange for this to be completed.

**Trees**- Cllr K St Pier agreed to inspect the dead tree at the back of Upper Green and the top of the tree hanging down on Lower Green next to the Rose & Crown

## **42. LOWER GREEN**

**School Lane Bench** – The Parish Council agreed to accept a quote from Earth Anchors for a bench the same as those on Lower Green at a cost of £543.95 ex vat.

**Tewin Stores** – Tewin Stores advised the Parish Council that they would like to keep the signs around the village. These "permanent" existing signs require planning permission from EHC and also permission from HCC as owners of the highway, and they may create a precedent for other local businesses installing unauthorised signs. The Parish Council agreed to write to Tewin Stores advising them to remove the signs and also support the shop in their endeavours for a permanent sign on the Highways finger post on the B1000.

**Swallow Hole** – On 26<sup>th</sup> June a swallow hole appeared on Lower Green opposite Cannons Meadow which Cllr A.Hill arranged to be filled in. Cllr A. Hill reported that at the bottom of the hole was a broken drain which may be the cause. The Parish Council agreed to advise Highways.

**Hertford Road** – Opposite 12 Hertford Road the verge is very wet and the Parish Council agreed to report this to Highways as it may be connected with the broken drain under Lower Green. Some cobble stones outside 9 & 11 Hertford Road are loose which the Parish Council agreed to report to Highways.

## **43. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Hire of Upper Green** – Cllr A.Hill proposed and Cllr B.Evans seconded the motion to not hire Upper Green out to Tesco's for a Corporate Day. The motion was carried with three votes for and 2 votes against.

**Classic Car Show on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012** - Friends of Tewin advised the Parish Council that the field for parking is no longer available and that public parking will take place on Upper Green. The Parish Council agreed.

**Cannons Meadow Parking** – A complaint was received about cars parking with all four wheels on the pavement. This has been reported to PCSO Karen Broad and the Parish Council asked whether Godfries Close, Harwood Close and Tewin Hill could also be visited by the PCSO.

**BT Pole** – A BT pole outside 39 Upper Green Road was reported to Open Reach as it was leaning at a significant angle. Open Reach advised that engineers had visited the site and the pole was safe.

**Gas Inspection Cover** – Opposite 37/39 Upper Green Road a gas inspection cover is at a 45 degree angle and in danger of being knocked by passing lorries. British Gas was advised and has visited the site.

**BT Art Box** – A parishioner suggested that Tewin Cowper may like to take part in this competition. The Parish Council agreed to pass the suggestion on to the school.

**Defibrillator** – A parishioner suggested that this could be put in the telephone box. The Parish Council agreed to find out some more information about costs and grants.

**FP13 Diversion** – The landowner has asked Sue Rumfitt Associates to carry out a public consultation on their behalf about diverting the path where it goes through Millennium Orchard. A consultation will be sent out in due course to the Parish Council and notices put up on site inviting comments from the public.

**New Barnfield, Hatfield Planning Application** – Tewin Parish Council agreed not to comment.

**Older Age Services** – The Parish Council agreed to send EHC the contact details of organisations in the Parish that arrange activities for older residents.

**Part-night Street Lighting** – From July, some street lights are going to be turned off between midnight and 6am. It is assumed that this will include Harwood and Godfries Close.

**River Mimram** – Oliver Heald MP advised that the Environment Agency is in discussion with Veolia about a 50% licence reduction and the feasibility of stopping pumping completely at Whitehall Pumping station subject to compensation amounts being agreed.

**Sevenacres** – Taylor Wimpey requested that the hours that delivery trucks come through the village be increased during the summer holidays, from the current 9.30am till 2.30pm (in order to avoid the school

run) to 8am until 4pm. The Parish Council agreed that the morning curfew of 9.30am should remain due to rush hour traffic but the afternoon curfew to be moved to 4pm during the school summer holidays.

#### **44. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Tewin Charities Trustees** – Nothing to report.

**Transport** – Nothing to report

**Tewin Website** – Nothing to report.

**Tewin Memorial Hall** – The Parish Council agreed to thank the fete organisers for leaving Lower Green very tidy after the fete.

**Policing** – A Neighbourhood Policing meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Minutes from the last Locality Policing Meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 have been circulated.

**Parish Paths** – The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the landowner regarding support for an official paid diversion of Footpath 30.

#### **45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July followed by the Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 at 7.45pm in Tewin Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55pm.

#### **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS June 2012**

**Fault line: 0300 123 40 47**

District Team: 01992 526900

Assistant District Manager: Eralp Yucelt

Area Engineer: Vicki Leggett

Veolia/ Three Valleys Water 0845-7823333 (fault/leak reporting)

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>PROBLEM.</b>	<b>DATE RAISED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1	<b>Surface Dressing of Main Road through Tewin</b>	2009	H/W Locality Budget ??
2	<b>Bridge Reflectors</b> in Churchfield Road (nr B1000) – White lining & chevrons to be repainted & reflective discs/paint on bridge	2009	
3	<b>Line Markings</b> – Missing on School Lane	2009	
4	<b>Potholes – Outside Rose &amp; Crown</b>	2012	
5	<b>Ditch – Outside Upper Green</b>	2012	To be completed before Oct 2012