

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012 in Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

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

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

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from East Herts District Councillors L. Haysey and M. McMullen.

PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr E Ephgrave advised that the parking in Cannons Meadow is now unacceptable and inconsiderate as it does not allow access for fire engines or ambulances and is too close to other road junctions. The parking is no longer confined to the beginning and the end of the school day but also during the evening with school events taking place. He has spoken to Tewin Cowper School who advised that they will send a letter out to parents. He has also spoken to the Police and Highways. The Parish Council noted this and discussed it further under Section 125 Highways below.

120. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held 5th March 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

121. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None

122. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – There is a vacancy on the Parish Council which will be filled by co-option.

123. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment - In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments amounting to £1147.10 from the Current Account was approved by the Parish Council.

Election Costs – An invoice for £91.89 was received from East Herts Council for the administration costs relating to the May 2011 election.

VAT Reclaim – A reclaim for £667 has been received.

Pavilion Account – The Parish Council agreed that these funds, currently totalling £9688.07, should be held as a Contingency Fund for the Pavilion and for any capital expenditure deemed necessary.

Tewin Memorial Hall Rates – The Parish Council has been advised that these have gone up and the new rate is £23per meeting.

124. PLANNING

Planning Decisions

3/12/0039/FP – 21 Bishops Road, Tewin – Two storey and single storey rear extension and rear glazed balustrade – TPC No objections but would like EHC to note the neighbour's objections - EHC Refused.

3/12/0038/FP – Land at Rose & Crown, Upper Green Road, Tewin - Erection of detached four bedroom dwelling with access onto Upper Green Road – TPC objected as this area is located in the Tewin Conservation Area and is an attractive leafy spinney which forms an essential part of the rural street scene providing an aesthetic break from rows of housing in this attractive village setting. It provides aesthetic screening for the Rose & Crown car park and is a wildlife habitat. The proposed house will result in an excessive loss of trees and will overlook the neighbouring properties garden and their house. Historically the neighbouring property has had considerable difficulty gaining permission to do necessary works on the trees in the Conservation Area and there has been a recent report of scrub clearance which the Parish Council presume is in accordance with Conservation Officer at East Herts – EHC Refused

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

3/11/1225/FP – Change of use for a temporary 2 year period from 5.1.2012~5.1.2014 of part of a former cattle barn to a function room with associated toilets provided in the adjacent pole barn, including a replacement roof covering to the main barn and installation of photo voltaic panels on the south facing slope – TPC No Comment – EHC Granted

Planning Applications Received

3/12/0107/PT - New BT Telecomm Cabinet – Opposite 2 Grass Warren, Tewin – Withdrawn (Planning permission is not necessary as the cabinet is not located in the Conservation Area).

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.

3/12/0437/LB – Queen Hoo Hall, Tewin - Listed Building Consent for Installation of a glazed door and screen above – TPC No comment.

Certificates of Lawfulness - None

Enforcement Issues: – East Herts Council Planning Enforcement has visited the land behind Godfries Close and Harwood Close and will be writing to the owners.

Sevenacres Development – Taylor Wimpey asked the Parish Council for their input on the naming of the road in the development. The Parish Council advised them that “Sevenacres” would be preferable.

Sevenacres Planning – Documents on this development continue to be added to the East Herts Council website and the Parish Council will continue to monitor these.

East Herts Local Development Framework (LDF) – The East Herts Council LDF Executive Panel met on 29th March to discuss progress on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA).

The following sites in Tewin are being considered and are within the Category 1 boundary:

40/006 = Land next to 16 Grass Warren - the piece of land between Cannons Meadow and Grass Warren, already part of the Riversmead proposal

40/010 = Land to rear 2-12 Hertford Rd - between Hertford Road and Cannons Meadow

40/015 = Land to rear of 17-28 Grass Warren - lockup garages - already part of the Riversmead proposal

40/017 = Land at 49 Upper Green - Sevenacres – part of Taylor Wimpey site

40/018 = 41 & 41a Upper Green rd - Garage and house behind

40/020 = Land Adj to 49 Upper Green - Sevenacres – part of Taylor Wimpey site

40/021 = Land Adj to 74 Upper Green - Permission for a house already.

All site visits are expected to be completed within the next 6 weeks and there will be a formal Stakeholder Engagement consultation when the Parish Council will get the opportunity to comment on the assessment of the sites against the agreed SLAA Assessment criteria. All this information will then be used to inform the Preferred Options Consultation (part of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document) which has to be completed before the end of July.

125. HIGHWAYS

Parking Around Lower Green and Cannons Meadow – Cllr D.Lloyd and Cllr A.Hill agreed to arrange a meeting with PC Andy Woodward and Cllr J Sheridan and Cllr A.Hill agreed to arrange a meeting with Tewin Cowper School to discuss ways of dealing with the parking problems

Upper Green Ditch Clearance – Following a request from a parishioner, Highways were asked to arrange clearance of the ditch as it is silted up. Highways advised that they will dig it out again in the next financial year and hope to do this work before October 2012.

Potholes Outside Rose & Crown - The breaking up of the road has been reported to Highways and they advised that they will send their Area Engineer out to look at it.

Grass Seeding in Godfries Close – Highways advised that they are unable to give any commitment at this time within the current financial year for undertaking any grass seeding at this location.

HCC's /Rural Transport Consultation – This has been received and Cllr K Lawson will review it and circulate a suggested response.

126. PAVILION, PLAYGROUND & UPPER GREEN

Tennis Club and Valuation Office – Nothing to report.

Pavilion Water Testing – The Parish Council agreed to get two more quotes to supply and install a water softener which would eliminate the requirement to annually descale the hot water tank and regularly clean the shower heads.

The Parish Council was advised that a hand held laser gun would be the most accurate way to read the water temperatures in the pipes in order to comply with Legionella testing requirements. The Parish Council agreed to get a quote.

Heater Guards – The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote to supply four wall mounted heater guards with sloping tops and also agreed to order replacement support brackets for the heaters as well. The Parish Council agreed to allocate £80 for the fitting of these items and repairing the holes.

Hedgerow Planting – Following advice from the Woodland Trust and Margaret Knight the Parish Council agreed with the Pond Committee that the saplings should be planted out along the back of Upper Green in November with protection.

Playground Inspection – Nothing to report on the inspections.

Football Posts – These have been moved to their summer position.

Football Pitch Restoration – The Club advised the Clerk that they will be restoring the pitch over the next few weeks. Cllr J Sheridan will liaise with the Club.

Football Clubs – The Parish Council took a vote on whether to allow the Gosling Junior FC (Seniors) on the pitch next year. The vote was carried against allowing them back with 1 vote for allowing them back, 3 votes against and 3 abstentions. The Parish Council was not critical of the way the Gosling Junior FC (Seniors) conducted themselves during the past season, but had re-evaluated the criteria that the Parish Council will apply when considering whether or not to give permission for a club to use Upper Green.

Annual Risk Assessment – This was completed on the 26th March by Cllr A.Hill, D.Lloyd, K St Pier and the Clerk. The following works have been identified to be passed on to another organisation:-

- Repair the rails around Grass Warren and the potholes on the access road to the garages(*Riversmead notified*)
- Repair potholes on access road in Godfries Close (*Riversmead/Highways requested*)
- Replacement Salt bin outside Tewin Stores (*Highways chased*)

The following works are the responsibility of the Parish Council:-

- Bus Shelter opposite Rose & Crown – Approx 12 tiles need replacing
- Telephone Box – Door doesn't shut and roof needs painting (*Cllr K St Pier*).
- Lower Green Bank – Householders asked to prune hedges further back (*Cllr D.Howson*)
- Seat – School Lane – To be removed (*Cllr A.Hill*)
- Seat – Outside Tewin Stores needs repainting (*Cllr J Sheridan*)
- Pavilion – Double glazing door needs fixing (*Clerk*)
- Pavilion – New Light bulbs (*Clerk*)
- Pavilion – Fire alarm check (*Clerk*)
- Pavilion – Emergency Light needs new light bulb – (*Done by Cllr K St Pier*)
- Playground – New matting and nets – in progress (*Cllr A.Hill*)
- Goal Posts – Move to summer position – in progress (*Done by Cllr A.Hill*)

Pavilion/Upper Green – A hirer of the Pavilion has requested permission for a bouncy castle on Upper Green. The Parish Council agreed to this providing the hirer was advised that it is “at the hirers own risk”, is not covered by the Parish Council's insurance and adequate care is taken over the cable ensuring it is not a trip hazard. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Pavilion CIC advising them of this decision.

127. CORRESPONDENCE

Parking on Lower Green – A parishioner advised that the parking around Lower Green was impeding visibility for driver, pedestrians and children. The Parish Council noted this and will raise it with the PC Andy Woodward.

Riversmead Housing Association – The new Executive Director for Riversmead is Paul Huckstep.

East Herts Association of Parish & Town Councils – Meeting on 24th April at 7.30pm at Widford Parish Hall.

East Herts Rural Parish Conference – Meeting on Friday 14th September 2012 at Much Hadham Village Hall.

Tewin Cricket Club – They would like the Parish Council to consider a new larger storage solution. The Parish Council agreed to respond reiterating the decision at the Parish Council meeting on 9.5.2011 asking

the Cricket Club to provide a design and a location plan for the shed and to advise that the Cricket Club will have to be responsible for any rates that may arise and as well as for insuring the contents of the shed.

Information Request under the Model Publication Scheme – A request has been received and the documents sent by email as requested.

Community Oil Buying Scheme – CDA for Herts have asked the Parish Council to publicise their scheme.

North Road Cycling Club – They will be holding a Cycle Race on Sunday June 24th starting from Lower Green. They confirmed that parking will be at the Memorial Hall and the Bowls Club

Digswell & Tewin Schools Fun Run – This will be held on Sunday 13th May starting from Lower Green at 2pm. They have been advised to park considerately and many will be parking at the Plume of Feathers.

128. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Tewin Charities Trustees – Nothing to report.

Transport – The bus timetable from Welwyn Garden City to Hertford is missing from the bus stop outside the Rose & Crown.

Tewin Website – Nothing to report.

Tewin Memorial Hall – Nothing to report.

Policing – Nothing to report.

Parish Paths – The broken kissing gate at the back of the church yard on FP18 has been fixed by the landowner.

The gate on FP17 by the Bowls Club has had the metal catch repaired by a member of the Bowls Club. Further works on FP30 have been reported to Tom Goldsmith, Countryside Access Officer.

129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm on Monday 14th May 2012 in Tewin Memorial Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 10.30pm.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS March 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)

Ref:	PROBLEM.	DATE RAISED	COMMENTS
1	Surface Dressing of Main Road through Tewin	2009	H/W Locality Budget ??
3	Salt Bin Outside Tewin Stores – Needs replacing and filling	28.4.2011	Chased 5.9.11 Chased 3.10.11 Chased 7.11.11 Chased 5.12.11 Chased 13.1.12
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	
6	Potholes – Outside Rose & Crown	2012	
7	Ditch – Outside Upper Green	2012	To be completed before Oct 2012

