

TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

April 2019

Last year East Herts Council adopted its new District Plan. This confirmed Tewin as a Group 2 Village, meaning that there should be no major housebuilding projects during the plan period up to 2033. Successful adoption of the Plan was thanks to the professionalism of the staff at East Herts Council.

But we still have to be vigilant. Developers will try to exploit every chink in the planning rules. An application to build at least five houses on the Fairholme Stables site in Archers Green Road has now gone to appeal.

Also there is plenty of development work on individual houses. If you are planning work, please talk to your neighbours about it. And when building work starts, please try to minimise the disruption to neighbours.

The Parish Council completed its own building project extending the Pavilion on Upper Green. This added extra space in the main function room for the many activities that take place there, extra space in the changing rooms for the cricket team, and a kitchenette for the tennis players. The work was funded by Tarmac via the Landfill Communities Fund, Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All and East Herts Council Communities Activities Grant.

This annual report is an appropriate place to acknowledge the generosity of local resident Geoff Malin, who died last year, and left substantial legacies to several organisations in the village.

As a result of Geoff's generosity, Tewin Stores is pressing ahead with plans to buy the freehold of the shop. This will make it practical for them to make various improvements to the structure of the shop in due course.

Tewin Stores is currently raising the extra money needed to complete the purchase, and is hoping that existing residents of Tewin will also be generous in their financial support.

The Parish Council played a major role in getting the community shop started, and will also be contributing to this purchase exercise.

The character of Tewin is built on the shoulders of its volunteers. Their many activities help parishioners to work and socialise together. Tewin Stores is a major player, since it is open every day.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all the volunteers and staff at the Tewin Stores. We also thank all the rest of the volunteers in the Parish for their contribution to making Tewin such a nice place to live.

In particular, we thank the volunteers who are closely associated with the Parish Council :-

- running the Pavilion on Upper Green
- running the Saturday morning Community Bus
- the Drivesafe Team helping to keep our roads safer
- raising the flag on Lower Green
- maintaining the defibrillators
- watering newly planted trees during the dry weather last year

Finally, thank you for the help and support from the other members of the Parish Council, our two District Councillors, our County Councillor, and our clerk for keeping everything running smoothly.

All Parish Councillors are standing for re-election this year.

The Parish Precept for 2019-20 is £30,500.

All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers and all Council business is decided by a majority vote.

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

Agenda: Please notify the Clerk at least one week before the meeting if you wish to suggest items for discussion at the meeting. The agenda is published on the Notice Board outside Tewin Stores 3 working days before the meeting.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can make comments at the start of the meeting.

Minutes: These are displayed at Tewin Stores, Tewin Memorial Hall and on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk. The minutes are not published until approved and signed at the subsequent meeting.

Meeting Dates and Newsletters: These are published on the website www.tewinvillage.co.uk

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Police Community Team: 01707-354192 - For non-emergency purposes

Herts Highways Fault Line: 0300 1234047 or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk - For fault reporting.

East Herts District Council: 01279-655261 or www.eastherts.gov.uk - For reporting smoke & noise nuisance, flytipping, fly posting, dead animals on the road, stray dogs, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, Environmental Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control, Waste Services, Planning, Tree Preservation Orders, Parking Warden for parking offences.