

## TEWIN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Tewin Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.**

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr K. St Pier (Chairman), Cllr B. Evans, Cllr D. Howson, Cllr K. Lawson, Cllr D. Lloyd and Cllr S. Newton.

In attendance:

C. McFarlane (Clerk), East Herts Councillor B. Deering and Herts County Councillor K. Crofton.

**47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Cllr J Sheridan.

### **PARISHIONERS COMMENTS**

Mr J Holding and Mr D Marshall attended the meeting to discuss the 20mph petition which had 525 signatures to date in support of 20mph speed limits in Tewin. The Parish Council outlined the procedure which is to ask Herts Highways to start a consultation for 20mph in Tewin. A survey will be completed by Herts Highways and this will determine the need, the number of accidents and identify specific roads. Residents on roads which are likely to have 20mph limits will be consulted.

**48. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026, copies of which have been previously circulated to Councillors were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**49. NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **50. PLANNING**

#### **Planning Applications**

**3/26/1113/FUL - Seven Pines, Margery Lane, Tewin** - Demolition of bungalow and construction of two dwellings with air source heat pump, EV charging point, cycle and bin store – *TPC Object*

**3/26/1030/VAR - 19 Firs Walk, Tewin** - Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan), 5 (Sustainability of Construction) and 10 (Landscape design proposals) pursuant to planning permission (ref: 3/22/0312/FUL) for (Demolition and replacement of dwelling with associated parking and landscaping): Alterations from approved plans - alterations to Ecology Plan relating to bee bricks, inclusion of a chimney, alterations to landscaping (retrospective) – *TPC Support the local residents views*

**3/26/0764/CLPO - Tall Timbers, Tewin Close, Tewin** - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed garage to replace existing car port

#### **Planning Decisions**

**3/26/1024/CLPO - 23 Bishops Road, Tewin** - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of front porch – *EHC Permission Refused.*

**3/26/1021/NMA - 12 Desborough Drive, Tewin** - Non-material amendment to 3/25/1431/HH, changes to fenestration – *EHC Permission Granted.*

**3/26/0956/VAR - 3 Lower Green, Tewin** - Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission (ref: 3/24/0015/HH/Dated18/03/2024) for (Loft conversion with roof light to rear and erection of single storey rear extension). The amendments include the addition of one more rooflight – *EHC Permission Granted.*

**3/26/0819/CLPO – Gallaway, Tewin Close, Tewin** - Certificate of lawfulness for erection of proposed outbuilding – *EHC Permission Granted.*

**3/26/0875/HH - Caverswall Queen Hoo Lane, Tewin** - Demolition of single storey rear extension with roof terrace, erection of single storey rear extension with roof terrace and glass balustrades, new ground and first floor front windows with glass balustrade added to existing flat roof - *TPC No Comment – EHC Permission Granted.*

#### **Enforcements**

Nothing to report.

#### **Appeals**

Nothing to report.

**New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** – The Parish Council discussed the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan and whether Tewin should have one. They agreed that the cost and the workload are prohibitive and the outcome is not as effective as they would like.

### **51. FINANCE**

#### **Accounts for Payment**

In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations the schedule of payments approved by the Parish Council comprised: HMRC PAYE £1,057.41, Geosphere £132, Open Spaces Society £45, CDA for Herts £40, C McFarlane

£934.31, Xero £44.40, NEST £101.52, Lee Hopkins £40, MJ McQuaid £411, T&J Fire £57.66, EON £18.23, Kirkham Contracting £198, Kirkham Contracting £1,012.36, Kirkham Contracting £1,416.77.

#### **Website**

The new Tewin Parish Council website is now live and a thank you has been given to Felicia Green for all her help.

#### **Insurance**

A complaint following an incident on the patio at the front of the Pavilion during the Classic Car Show has been referred to the insurers.

### **52. HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & TRANSPORT MATTERS**

#### **Lower Green Bus Shelter**

The missing timetable has been reported. Cllr Ken Crofton provided some contacts for reporting these issues.

#### **20mph Petition**

The Parish Council agreed to ask Herts Highways to start the process for assessing whether 20mph limits in Tewin meet their criteria.

#### **Rights of Way Issues**

The Parish Council agreed to put an article to report any works required on any footpaths/bridleways in the parish can be forwarded to the Clerk.

**Footpath 13/17 Gates** – The Countryside and Rights of Way Unit have looked at these and everything is in order.

#### **Churchfield Road Passing Places**

The Parish Council agreed to report the passing place for further top ups of type 1.

#### **Tree in Godfries Close**

A householder has been advised to contact Herts Highways about a large tree on the verge that needs reducing.

### **53. PAVILION & UPPER GREEN**

#### **Weekly Playground Inspections**

Nothing to report.

#### **Wasps Nest**

A wasp's nest was found on Upper Green and Lee Hopkins removed it.

#### **Scrub Behind the Pavilion**

Following a concern raised about the scrub and a fallen tree behind the Pavilion a quote was obtained to remove it. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote of £200 from HBN Trees.

#### **Branches Overhanging the Tennis Courts**

A quote to remove the overhanging branches has been obtained and forwarded to Sovereign (SNG) as they are the owners of the trees.

#### **Fire Extinguishers**

The fire extinguisher service has been completed and two need replacing. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote of £225.11.

#### **Tewin Pavilion CIC**

The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to the CIC for their donation towards the exterior painting of the Pavilion.

### **54. LOWER GREEN**

#### **Openreach**

Almost all phone lines have now been restored thanks to Chris Hinchliff MP and his office for their help.

#### **Village Sign**

The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to Michael Clark for painting the Tewin village sign.

### **55. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The list of works has been reviewed.

#### **Lousehole Bottom Ditch Clearance**

Quotes have been requested from Kirkham Contracting.

#### **Margery Lane Cut ins**

A quote will be requested from Kirkham Contracting.

#### **Bramfield Road**

A tree leaning over the road has been reported to Herts Highways and Ken suggested the Clerk forward him the details. A quote to reduce the tree has been obtained from HBN which the Parish Council agreed to accept.

#### **Pavilion**

Various issues in the Pavilion have been identified and the Clerk will investigate and liaise with the CIC.

Cllr K St Pier agreed to look at the dripping gutter. The dropped soffit will be referred to the decorator. The picket fence will be referred to the Cricket Club.

## **56. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Welwyn Tennis Club**

The Clerk provided details about the grant funding for the Pavilion to Welwyn Tennis Club.

### **Herts Care Services Directory**

Twenty five copies of this have been ordered to go in the village shop and the village hall.

## **57. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Transport**

The Clerk will request the missing timetables for the Lower Green bus shelter.

### **Policing**

Cllr D. Howson agreed to take this role on.

## **58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 7.45pm at Tewin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.