

Therfield Parish Council

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Chairman Andy Osbourne



Draft Minutes of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm
via zoom remotely.

Present: Cllrs; C Close, J Duncan, L Laing, A Osbourne (Chair) D Whitby and S Whitby.

In attendance: H Stubbings (Clerk) Cllr's S Jarvis and G Morris, R Law; Conservators and 3 members of the public.

1.01.21	To receive apologies for absence. None.	
2.01.21	To receive Members Declarations of Interest. None.	
3.01.21	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10 th November 2020 20 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. The approval of the Minutes were proposed by Cllr A Osbourne and seconded by Cllr L Laing - resolved.	
4.01.21	Matters Arising not appearing on the agenda a) Village Greens & Church yard grass - to be discussed later in the meeting. b) Policy on public conduct - no further action. c) Millennium sign - AO to produce a project plan. Bank the cheque from Thespians and inform them of action. d) Website update, launch in February newsletter. e) Notice Board repair in progress. f) Community phone & COVID - currently the community phone is with JD, and on 24/7 re-advertise in newsletter. g) School Gate - access is still incorrect. Cllr Close offered to give his name for access. CC to talk to Pastor of Chapel. LL/AO - prop. h) Empty housing stock	AO LL JD CC JD > GM
5.01.21	Chairman's Report. Circulated earlier to Councillors.	
6.01.21	To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. a) The current road closures in the village are due to Openreach installing fibre optic	
7.01.21	To accept the RFO's Finance report. Proposed AO 2 nd CC	
8.01.21	Recap on agreed 2021-22 budget and precept. Send precept to NHDC finance department.	HS
9.01.21	Accounts for payment. Including; Salary; Prop Cllr AO and 2 nd by Cllr LL - resolved.	
10.01.21	To discuss matters relating to the Playpark. Everything seems to be in order and the play park remains open for use. Cllr Whitby will ask for the safety reports to be sent to the Clerk.	DW
11.01.21	To discuss matters relating to Heaths and Greens a) Q A A Parishioner asked if a management plan regarding the cutting of greens in the village had been drawn up with the Conservators? Along with the agreed regular cutting of Hay Green it had been agreed to cut Hoops Green at the end of the season. This cut had not taken place partly due to the weather, nor had the area of Boat 36. Robert Law from the Conservators agreed to talk to the contractor. RL reported that negotiations were ongoing with two residents regarding	

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	access and boundaries. RL also reported that usage of the Heath has doubled during COVID and parking is a huge issue.	
12.01.21	To discuss matters relating Foot Paths and Parish Paths Partnership. The date for the Spring litter pick will be March 6 th . A letter from a neighbouring village resident had complained about misuse by horse riders of paths etc. Cllrs Whitby and Jarvis had both walked the foot-paths mentioned and had found no evidence of horse-riding activity. The Clerk will respond to the resident.	SW HS
13.01.21	To discuss matters relating to highway, including flooding, grit & litter bins. a) It was proposed by Cllr AO and 2 nd by Cllr LL to purchase a new grit bin up to the value of £150 for Meadow Way – agreed . b) Litter bin on Hay Green; Cllr Close would investigate who emptied the village bins. The Conservators would be happy for a bin to be sited by the bus shelter.	
14.01.21	To discuss planning applications a) Land west of Tuthill - Cllrs Laing and Morris offered to contact planning to ascertain the status of the S106 on the site.	LL/GM
15.01.21	To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC Cllr Morris reported that there are very few planning applications in process at the moment. The Local Plan is moving forward, although it's out of date already. Cllr Jarvis reported that SID had been moved from Police Row to Tuthill. Parking on New Road near the Heath; the land is part owned by HCC and Conservators. Installation of bollards on the west side of the road will need to be funded from next year's highway budget. There are some grants available via SJ for this year. Drainage gullies are being emptied at night to prevent hold up on roads during the day. During the recent rains Dane End had become more like a river than a road. Councillors pointed out the dumping of matter in some areas, which can only be seen once the water abates. SJ will investigate further. A505 safety improvements to be implemented in 2021.	SJ
16.01.21	To adopt the LGA Code of Conduct. Councillors agreed that they had read the new LGA Code of Conduct and agreed for it to be adopted by Therfield Parish Council. Prop AO Read and agreed by Councillors - agreed	
17.01.21	To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda a)Millennium sign b)Village news-letter donation £250 - £500 c)School gate, d) Churchyard grass.	
18.01.21	Note correspondence received. A grant application had been received from Royston & District Community Transport. This item will be held over to the next years budget.	
19.01.21	Date of next meetings; 9 th March, 11 th May, 13 th July, 7 th September, 9 th November 2021. Annual Village Meeting, 8 th April.	

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

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