

Therfield Parish Council

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Chairman Andy Osbourne

Draft Minutes of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.40pm via 'zoom'
Present: Cllrs; C Close, J Duncan, L Laing, A Osbourne (Chair) D Whitby and S Whitby; left the meeting at 8pm.

In attendance: H Stubbings (Clerk), Cllr's G Morris; left the meeting at 8.15 & Cllr S Jarvis; joined the meeting at 8.15 Colin Smith, Robert Law – Conservators, L Bogie, B & M Hartley, P Clarke, Vanessa Gillespie; members of the public.

1.05.21	To receive apologies for absence. PC C Brabrook	
2.05.21	To receive Members Declarations of Interest. None	
3.05.21	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 th March 2021 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. With the addition of omitted planning applications being added the approval of the Minutes were proposed by Cllr L Laing, seconded by Cllr S Whitby – resolved.	
4.05.21	Matters Arising not appearing on the agenda a) Litter bin – Clerk to contact NHDC b) Community phone – no calls had been received for some weeks so it was proposed to cease the use of the phone but to put a note in the Newsletter to remind parishioners that they were welcome to contact Councillors. c) AED – this device is available to anyone; item in the Newsletter to assure residents and visitors alike. d) Repairs to play-park; these have been actioned e) Parish Council membership – ongoing	JD LL
5.05.21	Chairman's Report. The Chairman circulated his report which thanked all the Councillors and Clerk for their help and assistance over a challenging year.	
6.05.21	To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. There were no public questions or comments.	
7.05.21	To discuss matters relating to Heaths & Greens and cutting schedule. The Conservators were thanked for undertaking the first cut to all the greens in the village, there had been many positive comment Cllr Duncan asked about maintenance to the surface of Hoops Lane; the long grass around the posts; Cllr DW offered to strim around these, and the one annual cut in September/October, last cut, which hadn't happened last year? RL agreed to have the grass heap outside 1Hay Green removed and to talk to local landowners about disposal of grass from cuts. Bollards along New Road on the west side of road through the woods and for 200m at 4m intervals are to be installed in this financial year. Waste bins in the New Road car park are being poison baited as rats have become a problem. A Tree & Greens Survey is to be conducted shortly and will identify ownership of land, including Hoops Lane and who is responsible for the upkeep of the lane.(possibly 17 th May) The Conservators were pleased to announce the appointment of a new Outreach Officer (Cheryl Wilson) for 2 days a week.	DW RL
8.05.21	To approve the Annual Accounts for y-e 31 st March 2021.	

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	<p>S106 criteria as it appeared to be outside the site boundary and was largely made up of boundary hedging.</p> <p>Councillors who objected to the application; JD, LL, CC, DW, AO.</p> <p>Cllr A Osbourne agreed to draft a letter of objection</p>	
17.05.21	<p>To discuss highways.</p> <p>Since the re-opening of the pub there had been a spate of dangerous and inconsiderate parking around Pedlars Lane and the pub green.</p> <p>Cllr Close also reported the parking outside the cricket ground; with vehicles parking on the footpath blocking pedestrian access so that walkers etc using the path had to walk in the road. It was agreed to contact the local police and parking enforcement officers.</p>	AO
18.05.21 GM SJ	<p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <p>20mph speed limits are becoming more likely in villages.</p> <p>Patching and resurfacing ongoing. Improvements to drainage at Dane End has taken place.</p>	
19.05.21	<p>To discuss whether to hold annual assembly meeting.</p> <p>JD chat to other organisations for a joint event.</p>	JD
20.05.21	To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda (Information only)	
21.05.21	Note correspondence received.	
22.05.21	Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13 th July, 7 th September & 9 th November	

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

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