

Therfield Parish Council



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**MINUTES OF THE THERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th 2022 AT 7.30PM THERFIELD CHAPEL
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Present: Cllr Andy Osbourne (Chairman), Cllr Linda Laing (Vice-Chair), Cllr Clive Close, Cllr Julia Duncan, Cllr David Whitby, Cllr Sally Whitby.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council Sarah Wylie.

5 members of the public: Betty Hartley, Mike Hartley, Debbie Jefferies, Tim Jefferies, Nigel Reader.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Steve Jarvis.

1.9.22	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Steve Jarvis. AO proposed LL seconded.
2.9.22	To receive members' declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
3.9.22	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12 th July 2022, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. AO proposed, LL seconded.
4.9.22	To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20 th July 2022, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. AO proposed, LL seconded.
5.9.22	To invite members of the public to address the meeting:

	<p>Debbie Jefferies raised the continuing problem of dog mess around the village. CC to dig out old preventative signs and put them up. To liaise with DJ re position.</p> <p>New litter bin on Hay Green by the bus shelter? No progress from the last time it was requested - Clerk to send chaser email to Steve Jarvis.</p> <p>9.9.22 Sports Club - brought forward to be included within point 5.9.22.</p> <p>NR presented the plans and proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A movable wall between the changing room. • The need for wheelchair access where the existing outside steps are...£300 approx. NR asked for a possible contribution from the Council. • S106 monies - there might be something available - AO to get hold of NHDC to ask for a further grant. JD asked about wheelchair access - confirmed by NR.
6.9.22	<p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <p>The emerging Local Plan - there is a draft available at the moment - it appears to be helpful in highlighting the amount of new builds permitted in the area. It could protect other areas from developments.</p>
7.9.22	<p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <p>Draft a note to the Conservators re Washing Ditch and Chapel Green. AO to action.</p>
8.9.22	<p>To hear from the Financial Officer including; monthly totals, approval for Clerk's salary, and invoices received; also prior approval for new laptop and printer. Proposed LL seconded SW.</p> <p>Cheque tally to be sent to all the Council.</p> <p>Newsletter contribution requested by Gill Abedour. Contributions have been made on previous occasions and other similar requests have to be considered. Council unanimously agreed with the intention to support the Newsletter within its own financial constraints. A contribution of £250 was proposed and other means of funding were discussed. LL to liaise with JA.</p>

	<p>The idea of asking the Village for a contribution towards the cost of production via a leaflet within the next edition was aired. JD to sort.</p> <p>A link to the newsletter on the Parish Council website was suggested - Clerk to ask Simon Brazil what format is needed to be gleaned from the newsletter producers.</p> <p>MH asked if anyone has had access to the accounts for the newsletter? No one has seen them? AO to ask and confirm.</p> <p>Further discussion to be held at the next meeting.</p>
9.9.22	<p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <p>Highways and Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DriveSafe updates - two sessions - the traffic was very light. 7 - 11 vehicles. Concluded that this was because of the school holidays. • 23/08- cars max 44 mph. Sent out 7 letters - 3 letters including a visit. • Maybe another one next week? • Debbie has been in contact with Oliver Heald - a speed van has been given to the Police - we now have speeding as a priority. OH is very aware. • Steve - signs for under 30 mph - Drive Safe leaflets. • Smiley signage - maybe a possibility a of a third sign. <p>Litter pick: scheduled for Saturday 8th October 2022.</p> <p>Grasscutting: good feedback.</p> <p>Sports Hall: planning - discussed in point 5.9.22</p> <p>Village Hall: none.</p> <p>School and playground: fence mended. Waiting for invoice from A Dodkin.</p> <p>Footpaths: Robert Lloyd - he is now in charge - he is sorting - footpath 36- Village Green - 36 Hoops Lane?</p> <p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuthill Court - ongoing - despite the meeting of the 23rd June - no decision notice has been issued - the expiry date has now elapsed. Feedback from the barrister - 50/50 they didn't follow due process and the meeting was not properly minuted. AO to draft a letter to ask that the applicants re submit properly.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadow View - it is all single storey - garage 1.6.m higher than the existing building - an objection to the height on the boundary - it will be next to a Grade 2 listed building. The rest is ok. • The Paddocks - Pedlars Lane - moving the drive way - no objection to the actual building - Highways should take a careful note of the siting of the driveway on an already dangerous bend. <p>Any other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Lane benches - The Bishop family has investigated various options - the Council considered the proposed replacement memorial bench and felt it did not suit a rural setting. LL to liaise with family for an alternative. • Village Notice Board - would anyone like to do them up? • The Beacon - 40 years is enough to be in Hitch's Field. Andy to have a chat with Paul Moss re a alternative site. Reg to help take the beacon down - DW to ask him. Andy to ask Roger Kingsley about the square of land at the end of Mill Lane.
10.7.22	Website - Training and suggestions. Clerk suggested to delay until next meeting when a proper evaluation of the website will be ready.
11.7.22	To discuss roles of Councillors. Move to next meeting. Steve Greenhill no longer an interest. A vacancy is therefore available.
12.7.22	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only). None.
13.7.22	Note correspondence received. None.
14.7.22	To confirm date of next meeting. Tuesday 8 th November 2022.