

Therfield Parish Council



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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Therfield Parish Council on Tuesday 8th
November at 7.30pm at 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.

Members of the public: Betty Hartley, Mike Hartley and Clive Hall, Conservator of Therfield Heath and Greens.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Steve Jarvis, Tim Jeffries, Cllr Gerald Morris, Robert Law, Conservator of Therfield Heath and Greens, Colin Smith, Conservator of Therfield Heath and Greens.

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| 1.11.22 | To receive and approve apologies for absence. Steve Jarvis, Gerald Morris, Robert Law, Colin Smith, Tim Jeffries. AO proposed, LL seconded. |
| 2.11.22 | To receive members' declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None. |
| 3.11.22 | To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th September 2022, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. AO signed. Outstanding - LL chased the seeding of the mound in the playpark - Clerk to chase Trevor Sharp. |
| 4.11.22 | To welcome and vote in Tim Jeffries as Councillor. AO proposed - JD, LL, DW, SW - voted in favour - one abstain. Clerk to drop the paperwork around and file. |

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| | <p>To discuss and confirm the role of the Councillors:</p> <p>TJ - Website and DriveSafe. DW - Litter pick and DriveSafe. CC - Highways and DriveSafe. LL - Planning, Community Lunch, The Newsletter and Conservators. SW - Footpaths. JD - County Council. AO - School and Conservators.</p> <p>Website to reflect this - TJ to action.</p> |
| 5.11.22 | <p>To invite members of the public to address the meeting. Betty Hartley - flooding by Mardlebury Manor - Steve Jarvis and Highways to be made aware. CC to action. Potholes - everywhere. Steve Jarvis and Highways to be made aware. CC to action.</p> |
| 6.11.22 | <p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Jarvis attended the Police meeting along with members of the Council. He will bring up the gateways, yellow lines, replacement speed signs - Haywood Lane, Kelshall Tops, The Causeway at his next meeting with Highways. • Speed bumps were discussed but considered too expensive. • Cars parked along Hay Green should be parked in their garage spaces? JD to action. • Gerald Morris - raw sewage - treatment plants cannot cope with the volume. AO to write to Thames Water, NHDC, and Oliver Heald to have the treatment plant to be updated. • Salt needs to be ordered for the Winter months - Clerk to ask Steve Jarvis and let Reg Noades know as he is the delivery recipient. • Note that purple bin collection will move to every three weeks from 2025. |
| 7.11.22 | <p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Conservators' workshop at 7pm on Tuesday the 29th November. 7pm in Therfield Chapel. • Details of the proposed workshop for advertising within Therfield Village to be provided for by the Conservators - CH to action. • Clive Hall highlighted he will be working with the people at the Homestead for improved access from the road. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new 'No Parking' signs on the pyramid grass - Section 38 - AO to formalise and submit. • Ivan to improve the parking signage at the pub and thus decrease road parking around the green - AO to speak with him. |
| 8.11.22 | <p>To hear from the Financial Officer including; monthly totals, approval for expenses, Clerk's salary, and invoices received and for prior approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution by the Council towards the Therfield Village Newsletter - £250. • Clocks estimate to replace rusty elements of the clock - Linda to chase the War Memorial charity - then we will decide on how to proceed. AO proposed, LL seconded. • School request for funding - put forward a donation of £150 on provision of the invoice - Andy to action. AO proposed and JD seconded. • To also include approval for the 2023/2024 Precept. Approved in principle Clerk to receive training from Helen Stubbings and Sandon RFO on how to draft the Precept for approval. AO approved, LL seconded. |
| 9.11.22 | <p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways and Police: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from the Police meeting - (included in point 6.11.2022). Future checks must include The Causeway - very good meeting with the police - speed checks to be undertaken - Andy has been in contact with the Crow - Andy to take photos and write some text and give it to them. 2. Lynsey Catt from Letchworth Police is running the project. 3. Chris Braebrook has left. 4. Hannah Moss is the replacement. • Footpaths - Robert Lloyd has renewed some of the signs and posts. • Planning, AED: to discuss any planning items lodged by date of meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 22/02789/FPH Slate Hall - no objection. 2. Tuthill - have moved the decision notice date for the fourth time - now it is beyond the 4th Nov. The Local Plan is hoped to be adopted 8th November. • Any other items: Mill Lane bench purchase agreement - various options. Linda to negotiate with Vera. AO proposed and JD seconded. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Notice Boards - Clive to ask Andrew Dodkin.to re paint and clean the glass. • Beacon update - No progress concerning the repositioning, but it needs to be taken down asap. AO and CC to discuss. |
| 10.11.22 | Website - Training and suggestions. Linda has asked Tim to take the lead. Clerk to ask Simon to put up the Chairman/s report on the website. |
| 11.11.22 | To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only). None. |
| 12.11.22 | Note correspondence received. To acknowledge reply to Mike Sterland. To acknowledge receipt of email from, and reply to, Charles Archer. |
| 13.11.22 | To confirm date of next meeting. 10 th January 2023. Meeting closed at 8.49pm. |