

Therfield Parish Council



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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th
September 2023 at 7.30pm at Therfield Chapel.

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Councillors Present: Cllr Andy Osbourne (Chair), Cllr Julia Duncan, Cllr Tim
Jeffries, Cllr Linda Laing, Cllr David Whitby, Cllr Sally Whitby.

In attendance: Sarah Wylie - Clerk to the Council, Cllr Steve Jarvis, Clive Hall,
Conservator of Therfield Heath and Greens, Robert Law, Conservator of Therfield
Heath and Greens.

Two members of the Public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Gerald Morris

1.09.23	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Gerald Morris. AO proposed, JD seconded.
2.09.23	To receive members' declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
3.09.23	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11 th July 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record. LL referred items to the next meeting. AO proposed, DW seconded.
4.09.2023 Steve Jarvis 19.35pm.	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. Member of the public - asked for clarity and forewarning of road closures. SJ to pass on feedback.

5.09.23	<p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <p>Steve Jarvis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateways are now installed, highlighting that there is a built up area and reminding motorists of the speed limit. • JD highlighted the speed of the cars within the village - it is still an issue. TJ has spoken to the police. They might put in a speed control but this is a temporary thing. Ongoing. • The Dane End curb is being re-done - badly executed. • GM - report sent to the Council.
6.09.23	<p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clive Hall - Byway 36. Richard Lloyd (Herts County Council Byways), wants to re-surface the by-way. Conservators want only grass and they think it is in the wrong place...map provided. The byway should be to the north of the common and not across it. The aim is to keep the common for the people of the village. Ongoing. • Robert Law - 28th September - Conservators stake holder meeting. AO to attend. • Fox Lane - can we have signs to deter the motorists. Ongoing. • The Conservators decided against any plans for a ramp up to the village green. • Bollards put up on Therfield Hill - a success. • Correspondence concerning Chapel Green. Clive Hall is waiting for Therfield Heath and Greens Ranger to reply - he is in agreement that the cut is not good enough and the aim should be very different. He is appreciative of the situation.
7.09.23	<p>To hear from the Financial Officer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly totals, approval for expenses and invoices received and for prior approval. AO proposed, JD seconded. • Finance report. AO proposed, SW seconded. • Bank reconciliation. AO proposed, SW seconded.
8.09.23	<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. TJ to meet Steve Jarvis and Gary Henning next week. TJ been in touch with the police informing them when the PC meetings are also when DriveSafe is in action - looking for a temporary collaboration. 2. TJ to ask the police to resurrect the school project.

- **Footpaths.** Nothing.
- **Planning:** to discuss any planning items lodged by date of meeting:
 1. Grange Meadow - 23/01885/FP.

Lots of items to be taken into consideration.

Needs to push this as the coalescence between the main part of the village and Hay Green.

Senior Conservation Officer at NHDC agrees with the above.

Therfield is a category A village. It is not a sustainable site for this kind of development.

Numerous applications with a varying number of proposed houses have been rejected previously.

Over a specific site size, should be heard in front of a planning control meeting.

Methods to engage feedback from the village - leaflets to be hand delivered - JD to action.

Statement to be loaded onto the village website together with a hard cop of the leaflet (includes NHDC planning portal URL).

Last date for villager comments to be confirmed by NHDC planning.

- **AED:**
 1. Taken out twice but not used. The pads need replacing - clerk to action.

- **Any other items:**

1. Neighbourhood Plan - this has come up before. It is expensive and you really need someone who wants to do it. A positive outcome is questionable. There are grants available to drive the process. Shall we put it to the community? It is not the responsibility of the PC.

- Ashwell and Pirton have one.
- Wallington is in the process.
- AO to contact Kate Heath from the Wallington Parish for her view.

Refer to point 9.09.23

2. Village Survey - TJ suggested what do the villagers want from the Parish Council? A short survey. Maybe actioned during a gathering next Spring at the AGM. Ongoing.
3. RoSPA play safety report - items outstanding - clerk to email Proludic and arrange a meeting with Trevor Sharp plus a member of the council.
4. D-Day celebrations - Beacon basket to be repaired. Clerk to ask

	<p>Sandon and Wallington for their plans. TJ - we need to get a beacon siting date for the Faure Walkers. Refer to item 9.09.23.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Notice Boards - Glasdon. Clerk to action. 6. Gigaclear - Negative response. Clerk to email contact. 7. Website - TJ - to compile a list of ideas for the website. 8. Councillor email addresses - in progress. 9. TJ - noted that some dog poo signs have been taken down. 10. Litterpick - 21st October 2023.
09.09.23	<p>To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only).</p> <p>Registering of Mill Lane.</p> <p>S106 monies allocation.</p> <p>Probation.</p> <p>Councillor vacancy.</p> <p>Beacon siting.</p>
10.09.23	<p>Note correspondence received.</p> <p>None.</p>
11.09.23	<p>To confirm date of next meeting.</p> <p>November 14th 2023.</p>