

Therfield Parish Council



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MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th
November 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 Gerald Morris, Robert
Law, Conservator of Therfield Heath and Greens.

Seventeen members of the Public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Steve Jarvis

1.11.23	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Steve Jarvis. AO proposed LL seconded.
2.11.23	To receive members' declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. TJ highlighted he was connected to planning application 23/02417/FP. Council noted and approved.
3.11.23	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12 th September 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record. AO proposed JD seconded.
4.11.23	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. Planning in point 08.11.23 brought forward. AO proposed JD seconded. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tussocks -23/02417/FP. See attached note.• Grange Meadow - 23/01885/FP. Refer to item 8.11.23.• Tuthill - APP/X1925/W/23/3324095. Refer to item 8.11.23.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consistent problem of potholes and straw clogging lanes - Rooks Nest Lane, The Causeway, Heath Road. SJ to action - refer to item 5.11.23. 2. Missing Thefield sign as you come past the turning for Meadow Way. SJ to action. 3. The problem is people speeding as they leave the village. What can be done?! Ongoing. 4. Children safety signs - Kim Chappell - AO to ask SJ.
5.11.23	<p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rooks Nest - potholes and blocked drains. SJ emailed the following "I have been investigating how we get the gullies cleaned in Rooks Nest Lane (and other locations which get missed every time because they claim to need traffic management). I have just heard that there is to be a special programme of cleaning gullies in rural lanes across the whole county to address this problem, which should help, but I do not have any more details yet". Ongoing. 2. Gerald Morris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsells Park winery - hopefully planning will be granted. First harvest in four years. • Cabinet in Reed - planning breaches outstanding. Ongoing. • New hours of availability at NHDC - staff retention is not at an optimum. • Street Cleaning - Janet Lowden at NHDC is the contact.
6.11.23	<p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <p>Robert Law:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washing Ditch Green - the probationers progressing with the Cat Wright Ranger. 2. Heath itself - relatively few problems. 3. A moratorium on the number of benches. 4. Bollards are going to be extended on the left on New Road as it has been such a success. 5. Bench in memory of David Allard.
7.11.23	<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. LL approved SW seconded.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance report. LL approved SW seconded. • Bank reconciliation. LL approved SW seconded. • Budget - Council to consider - to be decided upon meeting January 2024. Council voted in favour. • Precept to be set and approved in January's meeting. Council voted in favour. • Internet Banking. Clerk to action. • PAYE for Clerk - Clerk to action.
08.11.23	<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 has been in touch with the Police re dangerous driving through Therfield - they are aware and they know where the drivers live. 2. Posters - Police assembly at the school and hopefully the Council will pay for the printing...AO to liaise with Tara McGovern. • Footpaths <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sally - footpath - cleared at footpath 36. The state of the footpath next to the playground was highlighted - Sally to contact HCC first with a possible backup of probation service. • Planning: to discuss any planning items lodged by date of meeting: In addition to points raised in item 4.11.23. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grange Meadow - 23/01885/FP. Appeal - ongoing. 137 objections. To go before the Planning Control Committee in February to discuss. LL has requested that all developments should be made clear to the Council. Chances of it being removed from the Local Plan? Minimal. 2. Tuthill - APP/X1925/W/23/3324095. Appeal - ongoing. 3. Tussocks -23/02417/FP. Planning response to be sent from the Council. 4. Nine Elms - 23/02354/FPH. No comment. 5. Hay Green Farm - 23/02459/FP. PC not consulted because this is change of use from agricultural land. NHDC stating unlikely to become building land! 6. AO and LL to arrange a general "get to know" meeting with Alex Howard at NHDC. • AED - new PADS bought. • Any other items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neighbourhood Plan. Costly and the worth is questionable - Kate Heath from Wallington Parish to attend January meeting to discuss

	<p>with the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Village Survey. Ongoing. 3. RoSPA play safety report - items outstanding. Clerk to contact Playdale as they are responsible for the older items and arrange a quote/meeting with Trevor Sharp. 4. Notice Boards. Clerk to investigate options. 5. Website and the Hub. Comprehensive feedback from TJ. 6. Email addresses. Clerk to action. 7. AGM - Clerk to send out possible dates for April 2024. 8. DW to ask John King re beacon 9. Clerk to ask what the various groups in the village have planned for D-Day. 10. Mill Lane - ongoing. 11. Get Bullards to quote for Chapel Green. Clerk to action. 12. AGM date to be decided 13. To send out future dates meetings. Clerk to action.
09.11.23	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only).
10.11.23	Note correspondence received. None.
11.09.23	To confirm date of next meeting. Tuesday 9 th January 2023.