

Therfield Parish Council



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MINUTES

**Minutes of the Meeting of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th
January at 7.30pm at Therfield Chapel.**

**Councillors Present: Cllr Andy Osbourne (Chair), Cllr Julia Duncan, Cllr Linda Laing,
Cllr Ian Small, Cllr David Whitby, Cllr Sally Whitby.**

In attendance: Cllr Steve Jarvis.

Members of the public - 2.

**Apologies for absence: Cllr Tim Jeffries, Cllr Gerald Morris, Sarah Wylie - Clerk
to the Council.**

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1.01.24	To vote in new member of the Council - Ian Small. AO proposed, JD, LL, DW, SW seconded.
2.01.24	To receive and approve apologies for absence. AO proposed, LL seconded.
3.01.24	To receive members' declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
4.01.24	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14 th November 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record. AO proposed, LL /DW seconded.
5.01.24	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Betty Hartley. Q. Proposed changes in recycling collections? SG - Explained the new bin system.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO - report white Mercedes man - 3rd Jan/time 8.30am ish on HayGreen, Therfield. Young lady on horse with cyclist, driving too fast, got out of car and became aggressive towards rider until cyclist intervened.
6.01.24	<p>To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children safety signs. - Triangle statutory - slight issue in sighting SG to discuss with highways, no budget until April. There may be issues with any sign on the south side of the school as it may have to be on part of a green which belongs to the Conservators. • SG - Tree clearing in Fox Lane, priority. • Work programme, Baldock road to entrance site start -22nd Jan. • Gully cleaning to start in March. • Discussion about additional Therfield signs on new gates. • New worked planned for Reed End flooding, not sure when, copy of plan of what is being suggested. Requested by IS - SG agreed.
7.01.24	<p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Washing Ditch Green. To be scheduled by Conservators, due to weekend request. • Agreement needed for grass cutting costs with Conservators. AO to action.
8.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To hear from the Financial Officer including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monthly totals, approval for expenses and invoices received and for prior approval. AO proposed, LL seconded. 2. Finance report. AO proposed, LL seconded. 3. Precept Of £6,700. AO proposed. Council seconded. RESOLVED. 4. Bank reconciliation. AO proposed, LL seconded. 5. Budget. To be decided at the 12th March meeting. 6. Internet Banking. Ongoing with clerk.
9.01.24	<p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways and Police • Footpaths - SW - Boatman blocked Chris Ward contacted to clear. • Planning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 23/02896/FP Slate Hall - no objections. 2. Grange meadow - consultants asked to resubmit various points. Public meeting possibly 23rd February. LL to phone planning. • AED - AO reported nothing needed until Sept 2025. • Any other items:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neighbourhood Plan - Kate Heath addressed the meeting. See notes. 2. Village Survey - ongoing. 3. Beacon update. - DW repairs approx. £300 plus delivery, pole 8 metres. Agreed costs - AO proposed, JW seconded. 4. AGM/Newcomers Meeting date - proposed date 17th May 2024. AO to contact other organisations. 5. RoSPA play safety report - Playdale - ongoing report at next meeting 6. Notice Boards - look at alternative materials, ie: like bench sited at Mill Lane. Clerk to action. 7. Email addresses - Clerk to report at next meeting. 8. D Day celebrations - collaborative event? Beacon lighting IS to ask organisations. DW to register with Beacon Organization.
10.01.24	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only). Items listed.
11.01.24	Note correspondence received. None.
12.01.24	To confirm date of next meeting. Tuesday March 12 th 2024. Meeting closed 9.03pm

Talk from Kate - Rushden/Wallington Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan - Appendix to local plan

Suggested it provides formal record of what village says it wants and needs, collective views of villagers about how they think, potential to influence future planning applications on, what, where, and how development looks.

Kate can signpost - if needed.

What the experience looks like:

Q. Why - main reason village moved from cat C to B in local plan, cat C no development, cat B permits infill.

Q. Farmyard sites in Wallington - both taken out of agricultural use, obvious potential for future development. Felt would be over-ridden by any developer, to give best representation to residents on anything to come.

Neighbourhood Plan does not have to be in the whole Parish.

HAPCTT training course attended for planning, (recommended)

Leaflet village, calling for volunteers, (total 12 people involved in different stages)

Major land owner involved on advice of HAPCTT (no influence of process), working group, no voting powers, not a committee.

1. Designate area for neighbourhood plan. Do before applying for funding.

2. Funding - tender process (consultant recommended by Ashwell. Alison (Urdly?) pre-application.

3. Suggested able to do within funding available, basic grant £10,000 further £8,000 for additional add-ons (design codes done by consultant)

Engage Parish with surveys and consultations, target plan to a specific set of priorities, provide support evidence.

Disadvantages

Time spent.

Rumour mill can overtake the facts, misinformation.

Volunteers may have own agenda.

Needed

Chair person plus volunteers/working group members for research, data gathering, surveys, drop in events, drafting plan content, designating spaces, talking about merits and benefits, (wildlife, heritage assets, nature, etc...)

Meetings were monthly through major parts of process,

NHDC will help with designation in first instance.

Consultant will keep plan on track and provide assistance, wording etc.. for acceptance of plan.

Priorities of Plan - Provides formal record of what village says it wants and need, collective views of villages about they think on:

Green spaces, views, village in agreement, what do the Parishioners want?