

## **The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens**

The Therfield Regulation – Registered Charity No. 277881

Minutes of the Meeting of the Residents of the Special Drainage District of Royston held on Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.15pm in Parish Church Therfield

### **Agenda**

#### **In attendance 6 Conservators and approximately 200 members of the public**

1. To read the Notice of Meeting. The clerk read the notice of the meeting. The Chairman explained the need to move to the parish church for health and safety reasons due to the number of attenders.
2. Apologies. Received from Teddy Faure-Walker
3. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held 23rd February 2017. Agreed.
4. To Elect one Conservator to fill the vacancy. There were two nominations. Clive Hall and Colin Smith. An election took place with persons eligible marking ballot papers. These were scrutinized and counted by observers for both candidates and observed by two residents of Therfield. The result was announced as Clive Hall 56, Colin Smith 106 with 7 spoilt ballots. Colin Smith was declared elected to serve for three years.
5. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens. The report is attached.
6. To take questions from Residents of the Special Drainage District and the residents of Therfield. Royston town Councillor Rod Kennedy after giving thanks to the Conservators for the work, raised the question of the width of Briary Lane. He was concerned about the forthcoming planning application for 120 houses on the Heath Farm. This would require taking part of the Heath on the west side of Briary Lane. The chairman replied that the Conservators were aware of the application but had been unable to speak of it for reasons of confidentiality. When the planning application was received the Conservators would study it carefully. As trustees of the charity they needed to take great care and study all aspects of the application.  
Questions were asked about the contractors working on the Heath. Chairman explained obtaining fixed prices for conservation work was difficult. Comments about the quality of the work carried out were welcomed.  
It was suggested that a diary of events and contact details were placed on a noticeboard outside the Heath sports club.  
Former Conservators Douglas Ferguson asked that the next AGM be held in Royston.  
A leaflet publicising and explaining the Heath was suggested.  
The suggestion for forming “Friends of Therfield Heath” was well received.  
Councillor Kennedy had already indicated to the Conservators he wished to form such a group.

The question was asked about how the Conservators dealt with conflicts of interest. The chairman said conflicts of interest were declared at each meeting.

Thanking everyone for their attendance and interest the chairman closed the meeting at 8 PM.

7. Date of the next meeting. February 2019