

The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens

The Therfield Regulation Trust
c/o Royston Golf Club, Baldock Rd, Royston, SG8 5BG
Registered Charity No. 277881
Chair: Clare Swarbrick

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Summary Minutes for Thursday 9th July 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

- 1.10/20 **Apologies for Absence:** none
- 2.10/20 **Declarations of interest:** none
- 3.10/20 **Approve the minutes** of 25th June 2020: There has been a delay in the minutes being produced but these will be written by the Temporary Clerk and circulated.
- 4.10/20 **Matters arising** not covered in the agenda: none
- 5.10/20 **Actions/Updates from previous meetings**
- i. Gladmans review: CH reported that he has almost completed his work of the draft objection. He will then send this to BH for checking before it is circulated to the rest of the group for comment before it is submitted.
 - ii. EiR/FOI: CSw declared an interest. CH advised that the outgoing Clerk had carried out a search of relevant documentation. It was agreed that the search should be expanded to include named individuals to ensure that all information held was captured. It was agreed that the Conservators would review the response prior to it being sent.
 - iii. Chalk track: BH advised that there had been a communication error resulting in the chalk being placed on the site. The landowner of the site the chalk was removed from has agreed to cover the cost of testing a sample. Assuming that there is no contamination then permission could be sought from Natural England to make repairs to the tumuli. There was discussion around potential safety issues of the pile but it was felt that it did not pose a danger.
- 6.10/20 **Finance**
- i. Accounts update: CSw advised that the Trustee Report has largely been drafted and that she is awaiting some additional information. The finance information is complete and will be sent to the Conservators.
It was felt that the bank account signatories may need to be reviewed and also all other financial information.
- 7.10/20 **Stakeholder Management**
- i. Review rent – some information had been provided regarding present levels of operation but the Conservators felt they needed more information on access to Government grants or other funds that might have been made available. It was agreed that CSw and LM would send email requesting more information.
 - ii. McDonalds – CSw reported that the situation is calmer now.
 - iii. Golf Club update – It was reported that the new bar has been set up to meet current requirements.
 - iv. Rugby and Cricket Club update: Cricket training had restarted.
 - v. Police update - RL advised that he is in frequent communication with the police who are making regular patrols on Friday and Saturday nights. There is also an issue with remote controlled cars which will be referred to them to investigate.
 - vi. There was mention of enquiries regarding the use of the heath for trading and fitness. A Fitness Permit Application would be sent out as appropriate but the request for

trading would need to be considered further. It was noted that the use of the land by the ice cream van needs to be finalised by Clerk/BH.

4.10/20 **Heath and Greens Maintenance**

- i. Dustbins: BH advised that he is still investigating possible bins to be used in a central bin area near the car park. However, there was further discussion around this causing more problems than it solved. It was agreed that this should be discussed in detail at a future meeting.
- ii. There was a discussion regarding the deterioration of the Lankester Hill area as this is no longer grazed. In particular hawthorn and elder are becoming an issue. CSw advised that Natural England have been in contact to arrange a meeting. A meeting with Natural England would be arranged shortly.

9.10/20 **Any other business:**

- i. Incident: CSw advised that the accident with the barbed wire does not involve land under the responsibility of the Conservators. However, there had also been an incident in the car park when a lady had injured herself in a drainage gully. CSw has visited the site and feels this is an unfortunate accident and that changes to the gully would not be helpful. These accidents have highlighted the need for an incident log. CSw and LM would take this forward.
- ii. CH talked of meeting he had regarding the possibility of the deregistration of land at Hay Green and exchange for another piece of land which is more accessible. The group asked for further details including a detailed map to be presented at the next meeting. CH to investigate.

10.10/20 **Date of next meeting** 23rd July, 7pm-8pm