

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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Short Form Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 26 November 2020

In attendance : Clare Swarbrick (CSW), Ben Harrop (BH), Clive Hall (CH), Colin Smith (CS), John King (JK), Neil Guttridge (NG), Robert Law (RL) and also for part of meeting Vincent Thompson (VT), Carol Fossick (CF) as clerk

1.11/20 Apologies for Absence
None

2.11/20 Declaration of Interest
Declarations received from CSW regarding section 106 monies (Gladman site) and from Clive Hall regarding the Common Land Rectification Application of November 2020. Both would abstain from commenting on these discussions.

3.11/20 Approve Minutes of 22 October 2020

4.11/20 Matters arising not in the agenda
Therfield Road Parking problem (discussed as AOB) and Golf resuming (entered as 7.11/20 (xi) – fence and hedge added to Redrow homes item.

5.11/20 Heath and Greens Maintenance (VT in attendance)

- Discussion of the grazing of Church Hill and the limitations of the Act in terms of permitted grazing times. Grazing has not happened due to issues with the sheep being bothered and long term plans still to be sorted.
- Winter and Summer work schedules are being prepared.
- Volunteer work plan in operation
- Chalk – Redrow contacted.
- Litter and Dog Bins – still getting complaints

6.11/20 Major items to AGREE

I. Scarifier and work planning

Need to pull together the information held into one document. Advised that West of Therfield Road could be grazed but over the road the land was ungrazable due to the volume of visitors and risks of vandalism. Other areas discussed and agreed that the spreadsheet needed more work. Conservators had not been successful in getting monies from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund. There was second round of funding coming up.

II. Redrow Homes & Fence and Hedge

NHDC were consulting local groups regarding the trees and other matters. Conservators wished no more trees to be removed and any replanted should be maintained and replaced if the new trees die. Discussion about the road crossing where it met with footpath 17.

In relation to the fence and hedge there was a 10-year permission for a double wire fence to protect the hedge planted. Some hedge planting is newer as there was replacement planting undertaken. The hedge was taking a while to establish as it was on poor chalky soil. An extension was desirable in order to protect it.

III. Finance

Figures discussed.

IV. 106 Monies (*CSW interest noted*)

Need to monitor actively.

7.11/20 Other items to discuss

- Common land extension : no objection.
- Sun Hill Common : Working with group
- Tennis club house (new) : Awaiting more information
- Tennis club Trees : Attended meeting to hear options on this.
- Affinity Water : Long background – awaiting further information.
- Golf Club Signs: New location of the ‘agreed’ signs needs to be discussed.
- Golf restarts : 2 tees Looking at the carparking issue in light of recent highways meeting.

8.11/20 New Events/Permissions/Correspondence etc

- Orienteering – new date provided in papers – event approved in Oct.
- Running Event Enquiry – can now be given the new enquiry form
- Football training Enquiry – can now be given the new enquiry form
- Insurance : provisions to be reviewed.
- Listing magazine : happy to contribute articles about the heath and greens
- Golf Cam is up and running
- Gliders : discussed and clerk asked to reply as instructed.

9.11/20 Actions/Updates from pervious meeting

None

10.11/20 Any other business

Therfield Road Parking : now becoming a real issue for residents and road users. Meeting with Highways has been held and further information expected.

Elections: government have stated no elections until May 2021 due to current Covid restrictions. This will be raised as an agenda item in December in order to deal with Feb 2021 situation.

11.11/20 Date of Next Meeting

Moved to 17th December 2020 7pm – 9pm by Zoom.