

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**

Clerk: Carol Fossick
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Summary Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 25 February 2021 via Zoom – 19:05 start after stint holders' election

In attendance : Clare Swarbrick (CSW), Ben Harrop (BH), Clive Hall (CH), Colin Smith (CS), Neil Guttridge observing (NG), Robert Law (RL) Carol Fossick (CF) as clerk

1/2/21 **Apologies for Absence**
None.

2/2/21 **Declarations of interest:**
None

3/2/21 **Approve the minutes of January 2021**
Approved

4/2/21 **Matters arising not covered in the agenda**
The election result of the stint holder election meeting (19:00 – 19:05) was confirmed as Mr Colin Smith
(Explanatory note: Mr Guttridge's 3-year term as stint holder conservator had ended and he did not re-stand. Mr Smith's 3-year term as SDDR conservator had also ended and he stood for re-election into the stint holder vacancy).

Neil Guttridge was thanked by the Chair and Conservators for all his hard work and advice as a Conservator over the many years of his involvement in the group.

Work commitments prevented the Rector from taking up the post historically reserved for the Rector of Therfield and so this place would be vacant.

The role of Chair needed to be voted upon.

Clare Swarbrick was voted in as Chair for a further 1-year period.

5/2/21 **Major items to AGREE**

i. Finance

Draft accounts circulated. CH was thanked for the significant work done in drawing up this document.

ii. Work on Therfield Resident Common Land Swap

Discussion on mechanics and costs. Noted that there were local benefits in both size more useable land to the Therfield community. Discussion that Local Parish

Council are aware of the proposal and in principal anticipate an enhancement.
Discussion of next steps.

iii. Bollards on the New Road/Therfield Road

Problems on the Therfield Road were increasing and, in the summer there were several instances of dangerous parking. Conservators have been given a grant to co-fund bollards and parties had worked with Highways/HCC to formulate a solution. Discussion and clerk was instructed to draft the necessary application for permission.

iv. Fallen Tree Therfield Road

Incident discussed and clerk instructed.

6/2/21 Leases and Tenants

Heath Café – Works, Marques etc

Discussion of s38 application and permissions for works etc. Contact to be made to move matters forward positively. Request to erect temporary marquees as per 2020. Conservators approve this (clerk to remind Café owner to follow other rules and requirements).

7/2/21 Heath and Grounds maintenance

Footpath 9 and 10 under discussion. HCC had been in contact and there would be follow up. Bird nesting season almost about to start –work may need to wait until later in the year. Land in question had suffered fly tipping – need to look into the costs of clearing etc. Will continue to work with HCC on this matter.

8/2/21 Other items to discuss

i. Building maintenance – Heath Cafe

Discussion re annual roof inspection and proposed electrical work. Clerk instructed to confirm arrangements.

ii. Review of Conservators/Trustee/Staff Policy

No comments – the policy was therefore agreed as drafted.

9/2/21 New Events Permissions and Correspondence

- Request for weekend coffee bar – declined
- Church Hill sign is in progress – to be followed up
- Concern about PT and use of trees etc – to be followed up
- Personal Training and Dog Walking – costs to be left unchanged.

10/2/21 Actions/Updates from previous meetings

Further discussion on Redrow and the chalk to update Conservators.

11/2/21 Any other business

None

12/2/21 Date of next meeting 25 March 2021