

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

**The Therfield Regulation Trust  
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## **Summary Minutes for Meeting Thursday 27 May 2021 in person at Black Barn**

### **Apologies for Absence**

One conservator

### **Declarations of interest:**

Noted at the relevant agenda item (see \*)

### **Approve the minutes of the meeting on 22 April 2021**

Approved

### **Matters arising not covered in the agenda**

None

#### 1. Affinity Water Letter

Affinity Water indeed to make a section 38 application. Discussion that there would still be a right of way over the land near the sheds/pumping station. Thoughts on moving all of path 9 /10 to avoid the water station and to bring it onto the 'desire line' path.. Follow up plan set out.

#### 2. Rats and the Carpark

Rats are entering bins and eating wheat (are hungry) ; several seen on golfing green in search of water and climbing car tyres. If poison is restarted, we will update the website.

#### 3. TRASKA Parking

\* 1 Conservator Declared interest: family are members and /or involved in the sports clubs there \*

Noted that cars parking had increased (peak around 100) . Normal cricket events seems to be able to accommodate cars within the carpark. Other events cars did overflow. Similar problem in fact is seen by the Fox and Duck – parking is crowded and it will be both pub users and walkers. Seems to be getting worse . Noted could discuss with TPC attention if not resolved.

#### 4. Cricket and Rugby

\*1 Conservator Declared interest : family are cricket club members and /or involved in the sporting teams\*  
All had read the proposal. Need to resolve how groups could share the space. NHDC should still be involved with a hope that together we can all work towards better pitch space for Royston sports. Also an issue to raise at the JAC.

#### 5. Bike Sheds

Discussion of these. Funded by council who are keen to encourage cycling etc. See if the colour could be changed to green and for more details etc. Key was to establish if it would be well used and wanted and could it be installed. Discussion of locations – near café/near road.

#### 6. Leases and Tenants etc

Café : working on this – Conservator had been to visit. Discussions on rent and also the issue of under tenant and space. Problems with Plan A and B in the lease. Need to work to resolve this.

## Golf Club

- 1 x Conservator Declared an interest : member of golf club\*

Advice on value agreed to proceed. Re buggies there had been much discussion.

## 7. Heath and Greens

- Cheryll Update on (Habitat) Management Plan

There had been a meeting with NE – discussed the Management Plan. Clarification of how funds are used to support this : ie only towards pre agreed work projects which NE would then reimburse, and these payments could be ‘staged’ throughout the process. However, what would be the end outcome. Wary of risk of making unrealistic promises – few pots of money out there. If Head of Conservation took on the role of writing the plan then we need to move on that. Could be produced quicker and also focus on the SSSI issue

- Trees -dead trees in the rear woods. Tree Survey in 2 weeks time. All sites being worked on heath and greens -
- New Gates : proceed.
- Barriers at the 15<sup>th</sup> : to stop erosion – work can proceed : will need a Common Land (Exempt Works) order completed
- Walk on the heath /greens – dates being discussed.
- Black Poplar Trees : September cut also discussed need for a s38.
- Chalk track –completed form U1 and got EA caseworker on this to assist us.

## 8. **Finance**

Figures and information exchanged and updated.

## 9. **Other items to discuss**

- Seed Collection : **approved.** .
- Election : set a timetable. Perhaps wait until lockdown is being lifted – also to avoid any school holiday period.
- JAC meeting – look to set date.

## 10. **Actions/Updates from previous meetings**

Updated on some matters .

## 11. **Any other business**

Lorries – two – are overnighing in the car park – need to be asked to leave;’  
FOTH need a meeting with Conservators

**Date of next meeting : 24 June 2021**