

The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens

**The Therfield Regulation Trust
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Registered Charity No. 277881
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Summary Minutes of meeting held at Black Barn and Zoom on 24 June 2021

Apologies for Absence

1 absent
2 people attending by Zoom.

Declarations of interest:

No changes

Approve the minutes of the meeting on 26 May 2021

Approved

Matters arising not covered in the agenda

None

Major items to AGREE

Working with other land users

Discussion on how best to work with other tenants and land users to make sure that all were aware of procedures and that we could work effectively whilst undertaking works and projects on the heath. Conservators to follow up as needed.

Bike stand

Photo of the style (toaster rack) provided – aesthetically this is agreed and agreement to proceed on to purchase.

New Blue Land (KC)

Summary given from when the land was transferred post extension of A505. Action to write to clarify ownership as it was under the management of the Conservators and now within the heath following successful application to HCC.

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Leases and Tenants etc

Working with tenants through the difficulties caused by Covid. Working with tenant to resolve question from HM Land Registry on plan and to ensure that lease's content was clear for all as we needed to work from this document.

Working with tenants to ensure that the special status of the land – and it's common land designation was understood and enjoyed by all.

Report back from Head of Conservation regarding new areas of pasque flowers and steps already in hand to ensure that these were protected and allowed to flourish.

Looking at ways for golf bunkers to be relined without use of plastic as a long term aim to reduced/remove from the site. Golf have investigated the more traditional ways that could now be used again.

Decision to cut land near to Therfield Road Small Car park to enable people to sit on the grass if they wish.

Discussion of meeting with Natural England to obtain advice and information on HLS matters as there is some mis match and Natural England could advise and clarify for us.

Working with sporting groups to work towards the return of cricket onto the Heath. Land is common land but also the land is well used by recognised sports teams. Long term there may need to be better provision which may need input from NHDC.

7/6/21

Heath and Greens

- i) Trees : Awaiting report. Some trees had been tagged around the recreation ground. Conservators will work toward implementing any the tree report/ plan. Will speak informally to neighbouring land owners where there are any concern about their trees but our report will only give advice for the trees on our land holding.
- ii) Rats : positive - rats are going.. End date agreed– bait will be removed on day 35.
- iii) Barrier at the 15th. Barrier can go up for up to one year. However stock shortages means this is on hold.
- iv) Seed collection : no comments made at NE meeting and so this can occur under the condition provided and agreed to.

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Other items to discuss

Discussion of other subsidiary matters.

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New Events and Permissions

- (i) Various event Letter to go to NE to seek overarching advice on all.
- (ii) School Picnic
- (iii) Glider Form
- (iv) Filming form

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Finance

- o Upgrade LCN emails : approved.
- o Update Tresorit : approved

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Actions/Updates from previous meetings

Met FOTH - suggested for a meeting on
Bollards - Clerk liaising with Caseworker.
LL visit – All in order and group appraised.

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Any other business

- Precept : discussion
- Elections : Date discussed
- July Open meeting – Conservators to set date
- Rabbits : discussion
- 2020 grass cutting – we need to have the invoice.

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Date of next meeting : 22 July 2021

(clerk away 24 July – 31 July)