

## The Conservators of Therfield Heath and Greens

The Therfield Regulation Trust

c/o Royston Golf Club, Baldock Rd, Royston, SG8 5BG

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### **\*Summary August minutes for the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 at 7pm at the Black Barn**

Abbreviations may be used to identify individuals:

Chair or NKe: Nick Keep, CSm: Colin Smith; CHa: Clive Hall;

BHa: Ben Harrop; RLa: Robert Law; JKi: John King; CN: Rev Carol Newnham

Item	Description
1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> JK and CN sent their apologies.
2	<b>Declarations of Interest: (see * * for any relevant minute details)</b>
3	<b>Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b> July meeting minutes Approved with two amends.
4	<b>Major items to discuss</b>
4.1	Staffing See Job Descriptions The potential hiring of a previous Clerk was discussed and agreed with the current Clerk continuing as a deputy and the advertising of a Ranger position.
4.2	Natural England and SFI Application Update from meeting 10am on Teams 22 <sup>nd</sup> August NK updated the meeting regarding the cutting of the gallops. Mowing twice a year between July 31 <sup>st</sup> and October 31 <sup>st</sup> was granted more generally across some "units". The Conservators can cut in August next year.
4.3	Tennis Emails were discussed in detail. NK to follow up.
4.4.	Autumn Cutting and Scrub Ragwort is particularly bad this year. Van Stomp have removed a considerable amount,

	<p><u>Golf Club Cutting proposals see paper</u></p> <p>See email</p> <p>Conservators approved 1-5 of the proposal re strimming/ spider but advise to hold off re 6.</p>
4.5	<p>106 and Planning</p> <p>The new Clerk to pick this up when she starts</p>
4.6	<p>Hedge Gap opposite New Redrow Entrance</p> <p>It was agreed to tidy the existing gap.</p>
5	<p><b>Project/Task updates</b></p>
5.1	<p>ROW</p> <p>Papers</p> <p>CH has a written a response and will liaise with Greenwoods. The paper must be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> September with the enquiry scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
5.2	<p>Affinity water emergency works</p> <p>AW would like to fence off the area and require a licence.</p>
5.3	<p>Bollards Therfield Road</p> <p>Please note the above.</p>
6	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety, Accidents and incidents</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
7	<p><b>Leases, Licenses and Tenants etc</b></p>
7.1	<p>Heath Café</p> <p>The scaffolding is due to be installed at the end of the month. The new roof build will take approximately three weeks.</p> <p>CS is in the process of investigating solar panels, the logistics, car charging.</p>
7.2	<p>Golf Club</p> <p>Agreed by the Conservators for the Golf Club to use a drone for their video.</p>
7.3	<p>Rugby</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
7.4	<p>Tennis</p> <p>See above</p>
8	<p><b>Events and Requests</b></p>
8.1	<p>Royston Runners</p> <p>Application and emails</p> <p>The route for the Harvest run on 22<sup>nd</sup> September is unsuitable because of the potential wear of Church Hill. There is also the issue of needing NE permission.</p>

8.2	Festival area - grass cut Emails discussed regarding grass.
8.3	Lawsons Circus Set up from Mon 9th Sept. Performances Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Take Down Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept. CS to add info to the Heath socials.
8.4	Volunteering Day Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept proposed. Clear Scrub and Tor Grass in Two hills area. All Conservators approve this proposal.
9	<b>Finance Matters</b>
9.1	Accounts and Appointment of Examiners July accounts
9.2	Banking
9.3	Budget See Budget 2024
10	<b>Legal Actions, Disputes, Wayleaves and related issues</b> Nothing to report.
11	<b>Any Other business</b> Open Meeting Presentation- PDF of last year and early draft Powerpoint in papers. Conservators to respond to NK with any additions to this. CH met with to discuss a potential event next summer. It will require an s38. The Fox and Duck – will write to them regarding village green land use.
13	<b>Date of next meetings</b> 7pm 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 Upper Town Hall Open Meeting and SDDR by-election. (subsequently cancelled no candidates for election). 7pm 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 Black Barn