

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: Nicholas Keep

Clerk: Carol Fossick

Deputy Clerk: Maria Barber

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Summary Minutes for the meeting held on 24th October 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; JKl:John King; Rev Carol Newnham

Item	Description
1	Apologies for Absence John King (Rev Carol Newman and Clive Hall joined at point 4)
2	Declarations of Interest: (see * * for any relevant minute details) None
3	The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2024 were approved
4	Major items to discuss
4.1	Staffing Discussion on applications received - Views given. Action : CF 'salary negotiable and subject to experience' to be added
4.2	Tennis Section 38 : two applications (a) Shed and (b) Fencing to assist in the resurfacing of two courts. Action : CF to form a reply along the lines of OSS comments noting the factual issues Lease matters discussed. Action : CF to recirculate letter before it is sent out. Any meeting with tennis to be Nick, Colin and CF (to clerk) Moles : CS had dealt with this
4.3	AWL Section 38 : letter was addressed only to Trustees' legal representative. Nothing to the Conservators. Action : We are to tell Greenwoods to remake the points already stated in other correspondence

5	Project/Task updates
5.1	<p>Right of Way : Public Enquiry Chair wants to limit discussions to the terms of the Order being contested and not to the routes feeding into paths under discussion.</p> <p>Budget : £3000 given and half is spent – 1000 pages to be copied professionally.</p> <p>Compliments again to CH for the work he has done on behalf of the Landowning Trustees and Conservators.</p> <p>Forming resolved and noted that CH would be the official representative for the Landowning Trustees and Conservators and attends the hearing in this official capacity as their nominated representative.</p>
5.2	<p>Car park</p> <p>Cost of refurb action plan</p> <p>Option 1. Limestone - budget £1500 PA</p> <p>Option 2. Honeycomb - budget £100k for lower car park</p> <p>Action : CF to do a NE request as Conservators would wish to use limestone (off site material) to infill holes in New Road Car Park which is on SSSI.</p> <p>Views on potential charging (money) EV charging and also containers discussed here.</p> <p>EV charging – update on discussions</p> <p>Action : CS to send CF papers and this can be part of the Ben/CF site plans</p> <p>Solar : probably will be dropped as figures do not work in our favour.</p>
6	<p>Health & Safety, Accidents and incidents</p> <p>Litter by AWL station : CH had offered to see it but not able to go up yet.</p> <p>Action : CH to go on next heath walk to see if still there.</p>
7	Leases, Licenses and Tenants etc
7.1	<p>Licence Fees :</p> <p>CF researched - now to discuss.</p> <p>Action : Leave to November.</p>
7.2	<p>Heath Café</p> <p>Good meeting – minutes circulated</p>
7.3	<p>Golf Club</p> <p>Next meeting with Golf is December.</p> <p>Action : CF and CS to work to consider a scrape around the 7th tee in line with NE suggested trial.</p>

7.4	Rugby BH has met with Rugby. Action : BH to stay in contact.
7.5	Signs – Carol Fossick CF says we have few signs – CF must design a style template/branding is key. Noted. Action : CF can contact HCC to ask about 106 and liaise with FOTH in these early stages. Also discussion on Hay Green white ‘gated’ traffic calming – acceptance by HCC these are on our land and removal discussed. Also discussed Baldock Road two signs at the Hedera Gardens ends of New Road/Therfield Road. Action : CF and CH to continue to press HCC on this
7.6	Therfield School – Sign request for Hay Green. Action : CF can refuse this request – there are other options.
7.7	Sandpit Therfield Green -now gone..
7.8	Containers – Carol Fossick Already discussed by BH. Action : CF and BH will work on project
7.9	Community Engagement – Carol Fossick has draft letter. Action : CF will resend letter and people can comment – when final print and CS will deliver.
8	Events and Requests
8.1	Home Start event 2025 – with drawn.
8.2	NHS van – decline
8.3	Walking football – favourable – need to check details Action : follow up.
8.4	Natural England Action : .Agree - NK will join them
8.5	Natural England – Also for CF to write back and confirm Conservators not obliged to use s28 I power Action : .CF to use CH words.
8.6	Royston in Blue : CF to write back and confirm Conservators able to give permission under s28 (I). Action : .CF to action.
9	Finance Matters
9.1	Accounts and Appointment of Examiners Annual accounts
9.2	Banking

9.3	Rifle Range scrub clearance Agreed Also Tree quote Agreed
9.4	Budget Draw up with 10% uplift in first instance – People can comment and any new Ranger may then also give insight on new actions/steps/needs.
9.5	Carol Fossick – charging for commercial use of heath Action : coming back on November : CF wants to use rear of café where old signs are to have display of who is licenced on the heath etc. And store and reuse heritage signs elsewhere
10	Legal Actions, Disputes, Wayleaves and related issues None.
11	Any Other business None
13	Date of next meetings 28 th November 2024, Black Barn