

**Summary minutes for the meeting held on
22nd May 2025 at 7pm at the Black Barn**

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies received
2	Declarations of Interest: (see * * for any relevant minute details) None
3	Last meeting's Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2025 approved.
4	Major Items / Discussion / Decisions
4.1	Standing Orders Clerk had offered out an opportunity to be involved (a consultation) Resolution/Action Two small changes then standing orders adopted.
4.2	AWL Follow up Note of that meeting was within papers. Resolution/Action Clerk to write to AWL to follow up on matters raised.
4.3	Football Container Meeting held on 14 April and details noted. Resolution/Action It was agreed that Clerk to progress with parties involved
5	Steering and Guidance re Projects and Tasks 2025 Project Ideas need to be socialised to help us formulate the 2025 programme and the budget.
5.1	Archery Total rent agreed in April but the rental split was not defined. Resolution/Action Land rent set and the rest of the cost is for the container.
5.2	Drop off Zone A drop off zone was proposed and the 14 stakeholder/spots groups consulted have had 4 weeks to reply. Resolution/Action

	There is no need to change the plan. Approved but will only proceed when time/costs permit.
5.3	THIS IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK
5.4	<p>Washing Ditch Pond Sign</p> <p>Proposed a sign to protect our equipment/ enable issues with the life saving ring to be raised with us. Small sign - small cost.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>All Conservators agreed the proposal - Clerk to complete.</p>
5.5	<p>Tennis Signs</p> <p>Tennis sign discussions. Comments noted regarding the wording that Tennis suggested. Clerk had suggested alternative</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Clerk to revisit and recommend wording closer to her suggestion.</p>
5.6	<p>Gym Signs</p> <p>There is/are +3 more signs that the lease permits : The amount of signage to be limited to those in the lease.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Clerk instructed to write a letter.</p>
5.7	<p>Golf Signs</p> <p>Golf request for additional signs including short discussion on role of course marshal.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Signs to be revisited/redrafted. Clerk to coordinate.</p>
5.8	<p>HCC Brown Tourist Sign</p> <p>Clerk suggests we proceed with suggested sign 'Therfield Heath' only as issue of logos and symbols is increasing cost and delaying matters. If later others want/need a sign - because three brown signs are not adequate - that party can seek their own at costs. Agreed that it was a worthy expenditure (not withstanding use of sat nav).</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Conservators approved the sign and cost. Clerk to move on to asking HCC to proceed with the signs and payment /installation on the locations shown and shared.</p>

5.9	<p>Planning Response: 25/00388/FPH</p> <p>Feedback from NHC provided. Conservators discussed the application and agreed that a response was to be made.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Clerk to write letter as instructed.</p>
5.10	<p>Planning Response : 25/00829/FPH</p> <p>No objection to the build but seek a planning condition regarding common land.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Conservators approved the draft letter.</p>
Extra	<p>Pre planning Gladman</p> <p>Update the group on the location and layout information in circulation</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Agreed that this was something Conservators needed to be aware of and monitor given that there could be an impact upon the heath visually and in terms of ecology also. Would be considered at the relevant time.</p>
5.11	<p>Picnic zone POW project proposal</p> <p>The concept being agreed in April – this paper now proposes a more defined spend and suggested items.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>The items so shown are in line with expectation and the Clerk and CS may proceed with this project up to the outline budgeted sum as and when possible.</p> <p>Clerk needs to do a consultation with the Xmas tree seller.</p>
5.12	<p>Therfield Heath Car Park Height Barrier</p> <p>Design fine other items were also sought/suggested.</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p> <p>Prepare a fully formed project to include the whole planned set of works.</p>
6	Policies
6.1	<p>2025 POLICY REVIEW : Complaints that generate inside the group</p> <p>Resolution/Action</p>

	This policy will return in June with changes that the HR committee agree need to be made.
6.2	<p>Heath Use Form</p> <p>A review of this form following the lack of public WC on site and to ensure that suitable information is given to guests by event organisers/arrangements made</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>Conservators agreed the new version.</p>
7	Events and Requests requiring Conservator Guidance
7.1	<p><u>Christmas Tree 2026</u></p> <p>Contact from this hirer</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>It was resolved that no change is needed except the charge.</p>
7.2	<p><u>Royston In Blue</u></p> <p>Additional requests following approval (cars on the heath)</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>Conservators gave permission for additional vehicles in the Car park, not on the Heath itself.</p>
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8	Informative (Conservators can ask questions if they wish)
8.1	<p>Accounts and Budgets</p> <p>The Accounts and Accounting processes are GREEN (all in order)</p>
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8.3	<p>INFORMATION ONLY</p> <p>List of Projects and Status</p> <p>All projects in progress - in need – or on hold (see list)</p> <p>No comments made.</p>
8.4	<p>INFORMATION ONLY</p> <p>Clerk's Written Information</p> <p>No comments made.</p>

8.5	INFORMATION ONLY Ranger's Written Information Ranger sounded out the option to carry out small regular fires for bramble. Ranger needs to prepare a paper. The Ranger would like to conduct rapid grass assessments
8.6	INFORMATION ONLY Staff Holidays No comments made.
8.7	INFORMATION ONLY Event Planning June Newsletter regarding Events No comments made.
9	Date of Next Meeting - 7pm, 26 June 2025, Black Barn
10	AOB Scrub Management and Ragwort Conservators are provided with the 2025 work timetable and costing. A plan is being prepared for presentation in June. <u>Walk FOTH and Ivy Farm residents</u> Fine : Conservators gave permission. Clerk to confirm by email. <u>Other FOTH Matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk June 11th Wednesday night • Big Green Weekend • School Visit follow up - Ranger to follow up. <u>Drones and Golf Club</u> Consent was given by the Conservators for the use of the drone, subject to the conditions outlined for health and Safety and ecological reasons. Clerk to confirm

Rugby Mitigation proposal

It was resolved that further time is needed for full consideration - Clerk must go back and ask for measurable measures - and this matter to move to section 4 of the June agenda forthwith.

Pickleball (Tennis)

It was resolved that the Conservators have no objection. Clerk to reply.