

Therfield Parish Council



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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Therfield Parish Council on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30pm at Therfield Chapel.

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Councillors Present: Cllr Andy Osbourne (Chair), Cllr Vanessa Atha, Cllr Tim Jeffries, Cllr Ian Small, Cllr Dave Wealthy, Cllr David Whitby, Cllr Sally Whitby.

In Attendance: Two members of the Public, Cllr Martin Prescott, Cllr. Steve Jarvis, Sarah Wylie Clerk to Therfield Parish Council.

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01.09.24	To nominate, vote for, and approve the nomination of Vanessa Atha to position of Councillor. AO proposed, DW seconded. Council voted in favour. AGREED.
02.09.24	To receive and approve apologies for absence. None.
03.09.24	To receive members declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
04.09.24	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9 th July 2024, and the Chair to sign them as a true record. AO proposed, IS seconded.
05.09.24	To present Councillor JD with thanks. Cllr Julia Duncan not able to attend to receive her gift from the members of the PC. She will attend the November meeting. Note – DW (Dave Whitby) resignation – last meeting.
06.09.24	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. None.
07.09.24	To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC. 1. HCC engagement evening. DW to attend. 2. Martin Prescott: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veolia – new contract with an extra bin (to include dry recycling and

	<p>thin plastic), to start 1st April 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Herts survey – access link here. <p>3. Steve Jarvis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reed End drainage – under way. SJ to chase the plan of works. • Rooks Nest Lane work – scheduled for November to re-address and action general maintenance to ditches etc.. • TJ report on meeting with HCC Highways. School sign re-positioning. Yellow lines around the triangular greens. Will take time to implement. AO put to the Council. Various views from the Council. No definitive decision. Traffic calming measures. Speaking with the school. Decision to be reviewed in six months. • Herts Lynx – funded until the end of 2026. • Grit for the road. Reg Noades has sufficient salt for coming winter and no salt will need to be ordered in 2024.
08.09.24	<p>To discuss matters relating to Heath and Greens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservators meeting on the 12th September – now cancelled. • Quiet month – litter pick. • Natural England. Conservators generally frustrated by new legislative measures. • Ragwort pulling session. • Funding through 106 agreements – Burloes and the Redrow estates to reimburse for the extra wear and tear/ footprint that is levied on the Heath. • Still need a Ranger. • Point of note – Reg Noades – Chapel Green cut successful.
09.09.24	<p>To hear from the Financial Officer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly totals, approval for expenses and invoices received and for prior approval. AO proposed IS approved. • Finance report. • Bank reconciliation. AO proposed IS approved. • Budget spending versus actual. AO proposed IS approved. • Donation to Village newsletter. AO proposed Council unanimously approved. RESOLVED. • Lunch Club MOU. Change wording to include Therfield Parish Council will retain ownership of the shed should the Lunch Club cease. Clerk to confirm insurance cost.
10.09.24	<p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <p>1. Highways and Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See item 07.09.2024 • Rumble strips and 30 mph painted sign on roads – Council in favour – SJ to action. <p>2. Footpaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from member of the Public regarding No.6. TJ to action. Clerk to email complainant. Aware that footpaths 6, 19 and 17 need to be

	<p>reinstated. Farmers aware.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge on footpath to Kelshall from Therfield (no ?) to be repaired. <p>2. Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/01371/FP Tussocks – Martin Prescott and Alex Howard – several months before its called in - ongoing. • Grange Meadow – thanks to all who organised. AO to write a letter to NHDC to raise issues concerning the planning appeal hearing. <p>3. AED: all up to date.</p> <p>4. Any other items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DW – biodiversity. DW to action the next step and how to proceed. 2. The Village Plan. More positive to have a Village Plan than a Neighbourhood one...IS to investigate. 3. David Allard memorial bench – new site. AO proposed, Council voted in favour. AGREED. 4. Notice board replacement. Clerk to action. 5. Lunch storage shed – repositioning. Inclusion in the PC's insurance cover. See item 09.09.2024. 6. RoSPA play safety inspection improvements, including new picnic bench. Quote discussed. Clerk to seek two further quotes and liaise with Trevor Sharp regarding action points. Clerk to ask Ivan for a picnic table for the playground. 7. VE Beacon Day – lighting next year. Clerk to clarify with HAPTC as to requirements.
11.09.24	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only).
12.09.24	<p>Note correspondence received.</p> <p>Email received from member of the Public – refer to point 10.09.24 – Footpaths.</p>
13.09.24	<p>Cllr David Whitby was presented with a gift from the council members in recognition of his dedicated service to the PC over 15 years.</p> <p>To confirm date of next meeting – Tuesday November 12th 2024.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.09 pm.</p>