

# Therfield Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Therfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm at Therfield Chapel.

Present: Cllrs; C Close, J Duncan, L Laing, M McGloin, A Osbourne (Chair) D Whitby and S Whitby.

In attendance: H Stubbings (Clerk) Cllr's G Morris & S Jarvis and 4 members of the public.

1.03.20	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cynthia Coombe	
2.03.20	To receive Members Declarations of Interest. - None	
3.03.20	To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. The approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr M McGloin and seconded by Cllr L Laing - <b>resolved.</b>	
4.03.20	Matters Arising not appearing on the agenda a) Community lunch – no crockery fee until 2021. Next lunch 25 <sup>th</sup> March. Entertainment being planned. b) Website development – MM talking to Simon Brazil, it was proposed and 2nded to take forward the project of setting up a new website and to obtain relevant quotes - <b>agreed</b> c) Grant to FOTS – the donation to FOTS had not been acknowledged. The PC have received two complaints about not being able to gain access to the burial ground via the school. Whilst this is not a matter for the PC a letter regarding the problem will be sent to the head teacher and pastor of the Chapel asking them to agree a suitable solution to the problem.	MM Clerk
5.03.20	Chairman's Report. AO thanked MM for Chairing the previous meeting. a) Luton Airport Consultation. Therfield won't be affected by the increase of flights. There will be a hearing on the 18 <sup>th</sup> March at Kimpton, Cllrs were encouraged to attend if they could. b) The Police rural meeting had been informative. c) AO gave praise to the Community Lunch team. d) Thanks to those who had cleared tree debris following the recent storms.	
6.03.20	To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. a) Resident near Tuthill was concerned about the use of the yard; car storage, buried oil tank, cars being dismantled. In excess of 100 vehicles. Also floodlight. b) Over growing hedges, at the top of Pedlars Lane are a hazard. c) Polite ask of Mrs N Henderson, Bell House to cut the hedges. d) New drains along Pedlars Lane; now sludge up and require emptying. Baldock Road, Royston very dirty.	GM & SJ Clerk AO to report
7.03.20	To discuss VE Day celebrations. A small team of residents are putting together a programme for the day. The event will be held on Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May, mainly in the church. Children style street party, Swing band to play appropriate music. Advert in village newsletter. Free village event. The PC allocated £500 to the event. Prop MM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> DW, - <b>agreed.</b>	
8.03.19	To receive the RFO's report including financial risks and assets register. The Financial Risks and Assets Register were approved.	

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9.03.20	To review the 2019-2020 and Draft 2020-2021 budget. The increase to the Clerks salary was agreed in-line with NALC recommendations. Prop MM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> AO – agreed. It was agreed to review the Safety Officers salary at the next meeting. It was agreed to continue to use S Bullard & Son as grass cutting contractor for the churchyard and play-park for the coming season, assuming process remained the same. New tenders for grass cutting had not been sought as they had been reviewed in 2019.	<b>Next agenda</b>
10.03.20	To approve accounts for payment. Including; clock service, Stubbings salary, Herts independent living; lunches, deposit for band. Total of £610.09 Proposed by Cllr AO, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Cllr MM – <b>agreed</b>	
11.03.20	To discuss matters relating to the Playground. Weekly safety checks continue to be carried out. Re-fixing of matting will take place once it's a little drier.	
12.03.20	To discuss matters related to the Heaths and Greens. The planned meeting with Conservators will take place now that their elections have taken place. There appeared to be broad agreement to cut the Greens.	<b>AO</b>
13.03.20	To discuss matters relating Foot Paths and Parish Paths Partnership. The Clerk had written to Julia Clark re the outstanding repairs – no action so far. There had been no response from Mr Goddard re the rotten bench.	
14.03.20	Highways. a) Cllr Jarvis clarified that there were three sites with one SID machine which was moved around the locations. b) Rooks Nest Lane repairs taking place. c) A Flood Risk Review had taken place outside The Limes d) Drainage in Police Row, Reed End and patching in 2020-2021 budget. e) Grips on Dane End	
15.03.20	To discuss any Planning applications. a) Pound House – no objection	
16.03.20	To discuss the sale of land in Meadow Way. The village boundary had been moved to allow for the Meadow Way site. The PC will check the new Local Plan to see where the boundary is now shown. The houses for part ownership/part rental on Oak Tree are proving to be expensive. It was suggested that any future affordable housing built should have a higher level of rental outlets than properties for sale.	
17.03.20	To discuss matters relating to North Herts & Herts CC. Therfield is not designated as a Village for growth. Ivy Farm development; some mature trees had been illegally cut down, preservation orders had been placed on the remaining ones. There is a new scheme for funding of rural bus services. Cllr Morris stated that the new 'local plan' would probably not be approved until late 2020.	
18.03.20	To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> May. Photos of village activities. LL & Clerk to send out invites to local organisations.	<b>LL &amp; HS</b>
19.03.20	To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda (Information only) a) Royston District Transport b) Website b) Safety Officers fee	
20.03.20	Note correspondence received/sent.	
21.03.20	Date of next meetings – 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 8 <sup>th</sup> September and 10 <sup>th</sup> November.	

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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