

AGENDA

Meeting of the Commons Conservators
Thursday 27th April 2023 at 2pm – 4pm
Rackliff Centre, 26 Lower Green Road, Rusthall, TN4 8TE.

1. DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTEREST
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. UPDATE FROM TWBC PLANNING – Best practice Management Plans, ecological enhancement opportunities for the Commons, value of public consultation, how an effective Management Plan aids S106 developer contribution requests.
(David Scully TWBC Landscape and Biodiversity Officer)
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2023 AND 13 MARCH 2023 (BUDGET APPROVAL) – attached
5. COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 MARCH 2023 AND 27 MARCH 2023 – attached
6. MATTERS ARISING (IM)
7. CLERK’S REPORT– attached
8. RANGER’S REPORT AND WORK SCHEDULE. – attached
9. FINANCE REPORT (AGREE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AGAR PRIOR TO AUDIT) - attached (ALG)
10. UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE COMMONS – attached (CE)
11. MARKETING AND PR REPORT - attached (GS)
12. RISK MANAGEMENT – Summary document with full risk register for optional background reading (CS)
13. EVENTS (GS)
 - i) Request from Hospice in the Weald to hold a family fun run on race day, in addition to their 5km and 10km runs on Sunday 17th September 2023.
 - ii) Request from Hospice in the Weald to hold their family fun run, 5km and 10km run on Sunday 15th September **2024**. Details are the same as in previous years.

14. SIGNAGE

Signage associated with the Hospice in the Weald family fun run, 5km and 10km run.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Conservators to approve extension of agreement to sub-let Linden Park Cricket Club (PB)

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00542/FULL | Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of new single storey rear orangery, and removal of first floor side window | Wood End Major York's Road Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 8NY

Response on behalf of the Commons Conservators: While the Commons Conservators neither object or support the application, they wish to remind the applicant that the land on either side of the access drive is part of Tunbridge Wells Common, registered Village Green (VG22). As such we have a legal obligation to protect the land and wish to reiterate that no vehicles can park or tools, machinery or materials can be stored on the land.

We have concerns that vehicles have been parking on the Common already, noting the comment made by Mr Hill, other reports from our community and our own observations and as such feel that this work will only exacerbate the problem and cause further damage to the Common.

If the application is approved our Ranger will be paying close attention to this area and will alert the applicant to any breaches that he observes. As such we hope that suitable plans can be made for access, parking and storage.

Should the applicant wish to discuss arrangements further they are advised to contact the Clerk for the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators on email, gemma.stapeley@twcommons.org

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 JULY 2023 - Rackliff Centre, Rusthall.

EXEMPT SESSION – Please appoint someone to take minutes.

- Clerk's job title