

## AGENDA

Meeting of the Commons Conservators  
Thursday 25<sup>h</sup> January 2024 at 2pm – 4pm  
Rackliff Centre, 26 Lower Green Road, Rusthall, TN4 8TE.

Zoom link available on request.

1. DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTEREST
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – to appoint a Chair for the ensuing year. In accordance with past practice the Chair should be a Conservator appointed by the Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillors.
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2023 – attached.
5. COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2023, 11 DECEMBER 2023 AND 8 JANUARY 2024 – attached.
6. MATTERS ARISING (NP)
7. MEMBERSHIP – to formally note the Conservators appointed by the bodies specified to serve for the ensuing year:

**Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – one-year term end 31 December 2024**

Councillor Martin Brice  
Councillor Nicholas Pope  
Councillor Jayne Sharratt  
Councillor Pamela Wilkinson

**Freehold Tenants – 3rd year of three-year term until 31 December 2024**

Stephen Lacey  
Ian Marshall  
Chris McHugh  
Clare Sinha

**Manor of Rusthall – 2nd year of three-year term until 31 December 2024**

Paul Burnett  
Ewen Cameron  
Amii Errington  
Corin Thoday

8. RISK MANAGEMENT – Update from Clerk and Ranger
9. CLERK’S REPORT– attached
10. ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND WORK SCHEDULES – for approval and adoption (GS and DC)
11. RANGER’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL WORK PLAN – attached
12. FINANCE REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT - attached
13. UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE COMMONS – attached (CE)
14. MARKETING AND PR REPORT - attached (GS)
15. TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY – for approval, document attached (GS)
16. AMENITY GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – update (DC)
17. EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL – Sussex Lund and Freehold Tenants, documents attached (DC and IM)
18. ANNUAL REVIEW FEEDBACK- (CS)
19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
  - i) Update on the plans for the new path at Happy Valley (DC)
  - ii) Proposed cycle path from Langton Green to Tunbridge Wells centre (GS)
20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02846/FULL | Erection of detached dwelling, hard and soft landscaping and access from Hungershall Park | 1 Hungershall Park Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 8ND.

Response on behalf of the Commons Conservators as follows:

On behalf of the Commons Conservators, I would like to highlight that the proposed development is located adjacent to Tunbridge Wells Common, designated as a Local Conservation Area and registered as Village Green (VG22). The proposal is sympathetic to the local ecology and is clearly an important aspect of the plans, which is to be commended.

Our Ranger feels that having the entry/exit point for the new development off Cabbage Stalk Lane, instead of Hungershall Park would reduce the impact on habitat availability and potential wildlife corridor links. However, if this isn't possible, he would like to ensure that the substrate and materials used for the proposed new driveway from

Hungershall Park utilises materials that are ecologically beneficial and as environmentally friendly as possible.

Considering the proximity of the location to Tunbridge Wells Common, the Commons Conservators would like to remind the applicant that no tools, equipment or materials can be stored, and no vehicles can park, on the Common.

UPDATE: Application refused.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25 APRIL 2024

EXEMPT SESSION – Please appoint someone to take minutes.

- Salary review