

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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To all members of the Commons Committee

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Commons Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Sue Moffat

26th August 2021

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Town Clerk

COMMONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Would Councillors please give any declarations of interest at the beginning of the item on the Agenda.

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Public speaking from residents regarding matters relevant to the meeting's agenda with time allowed as 5 minutes per person.
3. Health & Safety Reports:-
Report on East Common - BP.
Report on West Common - CDC.
Report Play Equipment - JC
Report on The Camp – MB. **To Note:** The Camp is cut once year in order to encourage a wildflower meadow. This year it has been arranged for a local Farmer to cut and remove the grass in September (once flower seeds have dropped) in order to encourage soil conditions low in nitrogen which promotes the growth of wildflowers.
4. Play Equipment.
 - (i) Zip Wire – Work in progress.
 - (ii) Roundabout - Order placed and 4/6 week manufacturing wait.
5. **Woodland Management Plan 2021-23** – The Woodland Management Plan has been reviewed by Pyramid Consulting in June 2021 to cover the period from 2021 -2023 after which a new Management Plan will need to be produced. A meeting has been re- arranged for 7th September to discuss this with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Commons, Pyramid Consulting and Town Clerk as the August meeting was unfortunately cancelled.
6. **Memorial Bench** - Request from Mrs Gordon for a Memorial bench on The Camp. Mrs Gordon's late husband, Ian Gordon, was a councillor for many years on GX Parish Council and was instrumental in the upkeep of the Camp, particularly organising the baling of the Camp being a local farmer.
7. **Request to hold a 'Fungal Foray'** on (probably) 31st October for up to 16 people on the Commons.
8. **Flagpole** – Ornamental base has been ordered and the Flagpole Company will replace this soon when in the area.
9. **Duck House** – At the Council meeting of 19th July 21, under 52/21. To note information received in correspondence at the Council Office –(ii) *A resident has requested for a duck house to be built on Latchmore pond for the safety of the ducks keep getting attacked. The Council agreed.*
As this item was not an agenda item, it is now being raised for consideration by the Commons Committee. Please see Associate Councillor's comments attached from J Woolveridge and in shared Drive.
10. **At the request of Cllr Davey, "Tim and Sarah to review the current Commons maintenance plan to understand if this is still sufficient for our on-going needs and report back the finds at the next meeting.**

11. At the request of Cllr Barnett, ‘**A review of all of the contracts we have in place to enable us to create a tender process**’. (*For information, please see Financial Regulations attached and in shared drive*).
12. **Request from St James Church to host a Community Carol Service in a marquee on the north west side of West common (near to Wildwood Restaurant) on 19th December 2021.**
13. **review outstanding projects:** *as attached and in shared drive.*
14. **To consider projects for next year’s budget, 2022-23.**
15. **Common’s Budget:** *as attached and in shared Drive.*
16. **Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers**
17. **Footpaths** – Update from councillors.
18. **Communications**
19. **To note general information received in the correspondence at the Council Office**
 - (a) Enquiry about impact on parking by users of ‘boot camps’ and free access by organisers;
 - (b) No Parking signs on access roads on West Common need replacing;
 - (c) Complaint that due to the long grass at The Camp dogs are suffering from allergies picked up from the pollen and dogs can’t be seen;
 - (d) West Common Residents Association has been set up.
20. **To confirm that the next meeting of the Commons Committee will be held on Monday 4th October 2021, 7pm at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall.**