

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## To all members of the Commons Committee

You are hereby invited to attend a VIRTUAL meeting of the Commons Committee **6pm** on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

**LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89392980410>**

*Sue Moffat*

1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

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## 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. To receive Health and Safety reports and Updates as follows:-
  - Report on East Common – JW
  - Report on West Common – IB.
  - Report Play Equipment – JP.
  - Report on The Camp - HO.
3. At the request of Cllr Orme – Climate Change and GXTC.
  - (a) **Help Native Pollinators Locally** - Friends of the Earth advocate helping native pollinators such as bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, wasps - locally. We need our pollinators, they are in decline due to Habitat loss, Pesticides and Climate Change. This initiative would have a wide appeal, let's raise awareness.
  - (b) **Local Authorities have a duty to Conserve Biodiversity.** Suggest - the Camp here but for wider appeal: Community meadows / areas specifically planted and kept for pollinators; using council owned land- road verges, central reservations.  
<https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/>  
<https://cdn.buglife.org.uk/2020/07/2.BuglifeCommunityMeadowspackHOWTOCREATEACOMMUNITYMEADOWweb.pdf>  
<https://cdn.friendsoftheearth.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/Helping%20pollinators%20locally.pdf>  
Proposal – Plant up sections of the grass triangular verge opposite the Apple Tree PH (A40) with specific wildflowers to attract pollinators.
4. To note response from Plantlife – No sign of starfruit which was last seen at New pond in 1998 and Latchmore pond 1993. At the time of the visit 3/9/2020, the water in Latchmoor was opaque with blue-green algae, suggesting that it is in receipt of high levels of nutrient from somewhere, perhaps road run-off. The pond has had restoration work in recent years, which is all to the good, but to fully restore the biodiversity potential of the pond, both the road run-off and nutrient source need to be eliminated. New pond has been colonised by the invasive non-native aquatic New Zealand pygmy-weed (Crassula). In the process of developing a biological control ( See report in appendix in Shared Drive).
5. To note the Annual Playground Inspection Report (as in Shared Drive) and the Town Clerk to take appropriate action to address issues arising. (See report in appendix in Shared Drive).
6. Request from GX Rotary Matins to change the date of the Santas Fun Run from 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December and to use the new hardstanding area on West Common by the turning circle for their small Santa float on Saturday and Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Dec) mornings
7. To review outstanding projects: See shared Drive.
8. Common's Budget: See Shared Drive..

- 9. Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers - No meeting held in November.**
- 10. Review Footpaths**
- 11. Communications**
- 12. To confirm that the next meeting of the Commons Committee will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7pm.**