

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 7pm on Monday 7th September 2020 at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre (Youth Centre) for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Sue Moffat

1st September 2020

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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. To receive Health and Safety reports and Updates as follows:-
 - Report on East Common – JW
 - Report on West Common – IB. A request has been received for a litter bin by the bench at Latchmore Pond?
 - Report Play Equipment – JP. To discuss the condition of rubber matting under the Outdoor gym.
 - Report on The Camp - HO. Large limb fell off a veteran oak by Valley Way steps. Pyramid Consulting advised remedial work within 6 months which will be carried out by Fineland Forestry (£350).
3. Request from West Common residents for (i) Confirmation of unanimous support from GXTC; (ii) CCTV coverage and signage up to Latchmore triangle; (iii) Common Byelaws posted in more prominent positions; (iv) Encourage all incidents to be reported to TVPA.
4. Update on tree thinning on East Common to allow focal trees to grow to their full potential for the future – Quote has now been received - £11,875 with possible extras of £1600+ if deemed to be required.
5. Ponds Update – To agree to proceed with work on Latchmore Pond. Work on New Pond will wait until next year although the dam which mysteriously appeared this year will be removed.
6. Request from the Royal British Legion to plant a Common Beech and a Purple Beech trees on the Common to commemorate VE and VJ Day 75.
7. Request for our usual Fun Fair, Irvin Amusements Ltd (IAL), to use West Common setting up on 21st September and open from 25th to 27th September. IAL will provide a Risk Assessment for users in light of Covid 19.
8. Request to use West Common to shoot a short film.
9. To review outstanding projects: *to be circulated.*
10. Common's Budget: *to be circulated.*
11. To consider projects for next year's budget, 2021-22. Some suggestions:-
 - (i) To agree to co carry out a Tree Survey at the Camp. Last survey was carried out in June 2018. Estimated cost £700. (last time cost was £650 and recommend every 2 years).
 - (ii) Resurfacing under Zip Wire and slide.
 - (iii) Lifting trees along boundary at West Common to stop encroachment on to grass area.
 - (iv) Removal of water lillies on New pond.
 - (v) Holly mulching.
 - (vi) Fosse clearance
 - (vii) Additional £2000 required to improve footpath along West Common from A40 to the football pitch
12. Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers from Anna Sullivan.
13. Review Footpaths
14. Communications

- 15. To note general information received in the correspondence at the Council Office - (i) Congratulations on new gym equipment from a local resident.; (ii) Lord of the Manor has allowed owners of 21 West Common to fence off a small part of the Common adjoining the access for the parking of contractor's vehicles whilst undertaking recent planning permission to create a new access over the Common.**
- 16. To confirm that the next meeting of the Commons Committee will be held on Monday 5th October 2020, 7pm at South Lodge.**