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Minutes of the Commons Committee held at 7.30pm on Monday, 16th May 2022 in the Memorial Centre

Present: Cllr. T Greenfield (Chairman), Cllr. A Wood, Cllr. C StuartLee, Cllr. J O’Keeffe, Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. N Barnett, Cllr. C Da Costa, Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr B Holburn. **In attendance:** Associate Cllr Lisa Lindvall

Apologies for absence: Cllr. B Peck.

Cllr. A. Wood, Chairman GXTC

16th May 2022

Declarations of Interest are requested at the beginning of each item.

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. B Peck

2. Public speaking from residents: none

3. Health and Safety Reports:

(i) East Common: none

(ii) West Common: Cllr. C Da Costa reported an attempt to set fire to the table near the turning circle. Lids are being removed from dog bins.

(iii) Play Equipment: Cllr. J Chhokar reported that it is hoped to have the faulty roundabout replaced, possibly an accessible one. ATC had promptly fixed the missing nut and bolt on the climbing frame. The zip wire continues to cause problems. It appears to have been wrongly installed. We may contact Wickstead to look at it as the original supplier is not being helpful.

We are currently considering two options for a new piece of play equipment aimed at older children. This is likely to be Wickstead’s Matrix K5. A climbing wall may be added to it.. The Chairman asked for a breakdown of all costs (purchase and maintenance of new equipment) to be presented at the next meeting. We had hoped to spend £60K on this project but we are no longer likely to get the expected £30K from the Community Board. The Chairman emphasised the need for all councillors to get involved in asking the Community Board for grants.

(iv) The Camp: A complaint had been received about branches and grass cuttings being left by a resident's back gate. A letter will be sent to residents to remind them that they should not dump grass cuttings behind their back gates. The Deputy Clerk will be asked to contact Jennie Gordon and look into a location for the bench in memory of Ian Gordon and report back to Council.

4. The Commons – Ponds: It was agreed to spend approx £8K on the removal of Norfolk reeds and rogue water lilies from New Pond and on clearing the growth behind the duck house on Latchmoor Pond.

5. The Commons – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bench: After the departure of our Clerk, Sue Moffatt, many questions remain unanswered. Cllr S Davey will attempt to find any emails about this bench (to be provided by Ogilvies) and ascertain whether or not it has been ordered.

6. Tree Survey Report: We are unsure as to whether or not a quotation was received for a tree survey report. Cllr S Davey will investigate this and possibly obtain a new quotation – to be brought to next meeting.

7. Review of outstanding projects: Nothing to report other than checking whether Highways UK have upgraded the paths

8. Commons Budget: No update yet. The reconciliations showed that some monies had been left over.

9. GX Conservation Volunteers: Nine people have met and cleared holly etc from West Common. It was suggested that we might ask for volunteers on our GXTC noticeboards or on our website

10. Footpaths – update from Councillors: Bulstrode Way has been dealt with.

11. Communications: D of E awards: Cllrs Holborn and Greenfield to liaise with the new Deputy Clerk about signing off young litter pickers.

12. Correspondence: We have received written complaints about the fitness groups (boot camp) on the common. Their equipment is encroaching on to the playground area. Cllr S Davey will speak with them on Saturday.

13. Date of next Commons Committee meeting: This will be held on Monday 20th June 2022 at 7.30pm following the Planning meeting at The Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross.

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