

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Minutes of the Commons Committee held at 7.25 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 in the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre

**Present:** Cllr. T Greenfield (Chairman), Cllr. N Barnett, Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr. S Davey, Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee.

**In Attendance:** Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr. B Peck, Cllr. A Wood, Cllr. B Holborn, Associate Cllr J Woolveridge.
- 2. Public speaking from residents regarding matters relevant to the meeting’s agenda with time allowed as 5 minutes per person.** – No public present.
- 3. Health & Safety Reports:-**
  - East Common** – No report sent in.
  - West Common** – Cllr Da Costa emailed a report highlighting the following issues:
    - There is graffiti on the bench that needs removing – Town Clerk to ask the contractor to remove it.
    - The bin by the pond is broken and may need replacing.
    - The bin located in the woods by the pond needs to be emptied.
  - Report Play Equipment** – Cllr J Chhokar reported (i) The zip wire is working better but still is not going all the way to the end. The Town Clerk has contacted the contractor and waiting for confirmation of a date for a site meeting to discuss the zip wire and the roundabout. Cllr Davey and Cllr Greenfield to attend the meeting; (ii) The Council agreed to purchase a new cradle swing approximately costing £800.
  - (ii) Cllr Davey and Cllr Greenfield to bring alternative play equipment quote for consideration – Cllr Davey has not received the quote yet. Cllr Davey to forward the quote to the Councillors.
  - Report on The Camp.** Cllr Bracken confirmed that the waste collection issue looks like it has been resolved and the bins have been emptied. Cllr Bracken informed the Council that there seems to be more rubbish being disposed of at the entrance to the Camp from Windsor Road entrance and will monitor the situation. The Town Clerk confirmed that clearance work at the Fosse has commenced.
- 4. Gerrards Cross Commons - Tree Planting for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.** – A site has been chosen for the planting of the sessile oak on West Common. The order has been placed for the tree and should arrive shortly. The Town Clerk to order a tree guard and circulate the wording for the plaque.
- 5. Gerrards Cross Commons – To consider purchasing a bench for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee** – The Council agreed to buy the bench at a cost of £996 +VAT +Delivery. The Town Clerk to find out the installation cost and report back to the Council. Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Bracken and the Town Clerk to find a suitable location for the bench in the location of Latchmore Pond.
- 6. Tree Survey Report** – The Town Clerk to seek three quotes for the tree maintenance work required as set out in the tree survey report.
- 7. To review outstanding projects** –
  - The Lidar sign for the Chiltern Hillfort Project – The Council agreed to discontinue this project because it is taking too long. The Town Clerk to remove from the spreadsheet.
  - The new notice board has been installed. The Town Clerk to remove from the spreadsheet.
  - Upgrade the footpaths – The contractor will start work in April.

- Play equipment – Cllr Davey to send update on the second proposal.
- Memorial bench – The Town Clerk to order.
- Tree planting as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations – The Sessile Oak has been ordered, planting site has been identified and Town Clerk to source a tree guard.
- The tree survey – The Town clerk to get three quotations for the tree maintenance work set out in the report.

The Funfair have agreed to come for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Town Clerk to confirm how many days. It was agreed that the fair will have to set up in its usual location because the lorries will damage the path / grass if they set up at the far side of West Common. The Town Clerk to inform the West Common Resident Association of the agreed funfair arrangements. It was agreed for the stage to be set up on East Common.

- 8. Commons Budget** – Noted.
- 9. Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers-** The Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers met and have cleared some of the holly and started to cut the trees back that were highlighted in the playground report. The Town Clerk suggested that the volunteers cut back any ivy growing round the trees at future meetings.
- 10. Footpaths** – No reports.
- 11. Communications** – Request from the GX Fun Run Committee to set up marquees the day before the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. This was agreed.
- 12. To note general information received in the correspondence at the Council Office** – Two Cherry Trees have been planted on the West Common without permission being granted. The Lord of the Manor has contacted the resident that planted them. The Town Clerk to follow up with the Lord of the Manor, take some photos and report back to the next Commons Committee Meeting.
- 13. To confirm that the next meeting of the Commons Committee will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.30 pm following Planning at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.**

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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