

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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Minutes of the Commons Committee Virtual Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 4th January 2021

Present: Cllrs H Orme (Chairman), N Barnett, I Bayliss, C Brown, J Chhokar J O'Keeffe, J Palmiero, A Wood and J Woolveridge.

In Attendance: Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence –

2. Public Participation – None.

3. To receive Health and Safety reports and Updates as follows:-

East Common – JW reported: - (i) Square holes are appearing in the grass by the Youth Shelter. Monitor the situation to check not being made by an Exercise Class; (ii) Silver birch needs removing (Under Oak tree); (iii) A request has been made for play equipment for disabled children. A swing or a roundabout was suggested. AW added could ask the Community Board for funding.

West Common – IB reported:- (i) All looks good but the tent is still in the woods; (ii) Tree fallen down opposite Miller Place; (iii) He had an enquiry for using a metal detector which he explained was not allowed on the Common; (iv) Lots of bits of wood need clearing up at New Pond; (v) NB reported concrete post laying on grass. HO has already reported this and action required; (v) CB reported a bin has been set alight by West Common.

Play Equipment – JP reported:- (i) All looks fine and is being well used. SM sent RoSPA report to ATC for them to carry out the necessary repairs; (ii) SM reported playgrounds remain open under the present Corvid-19 Government Guidelines; (iii) NB enquired about the safety surfacing under the Zip Wire. SM responded that this is being scheduled for some resurfacing in next year's budget.

The Camp – HO reported:- (i) The Fosse clearance work has been carried out. Also, the brambles around the periphery have been cut back and is looking good; (ii) Artwork for the Camp sign from Chilterns AONB. Org has been received. Now awaiting the text; (iii) Valley Way steps have been reported and reviewed monthly since early last Summer-2020. Repairs and remedial works as agreed have still not been carried out to this pedestrian access to the Camp and its condition has over time degraded considerably. Unless a firm date is confirmed by SM ASAP an alternative contractor and quite must be obtained with a confirmed start date.

4. Climate Change and GXTC - Wild flower meadows - Next step - A cultivation licence is required to plant wild flowers on highways verges. Also seek quote to carry out the work. NB has used a contractor for this type of work and able to provide details. Important to ensure there is continuing maintenance. Also need to involve local residents living in the flats by Gaviots.

5. To consider of introducing a new style of litter bins on the Commons – Deferred until the next meeting.

6. To review outstanding projects: Noted. Points highlighted:- (i) The Camp: Information sign - awaiting text; overhanging conifers – SM was to visit owners after Christmas but in view of the continuing Corvid-19 restrictions will now send a letter; puddling at bridleway entrance – Ask ATC for a date to repair; Valley Way Steps – as already discussed; (ii) Commons – holly mulching still scheduled for 26th January, date required for playground repairs.

7. Common's Budget – Noted.

8. Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers – No meeting held in December and probably not another one until February due to Corvid-19 restrictions.

9. Review Footpaths – (i) ES sent in a written report that fallen tree across Bridleway 3 has now been cut up so bridleway passable again.

10. Communication – None.

Action

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11. The date of the next meeting of the Commons Committee will be held on 1st February, 2020.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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