

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

South Lodge, East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD 01753 888018

Clerk to the Council - Mrs S Moffat clerk@gerrardscross.gov.uk

www.gerrardscross.gov.uk



## Minutes of the Commons Committee Meeting held 6pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at South Lodge

**Present:** Cllrs H Orme (Chairman), I Bayliss, C Brown, J O’Keeffe, J Palmiero and J Woolveridge.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Holmes and Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr A Wood and Cllr J Chhokar.

2. **Public Participation** – None.

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

**East Common** – JW reported: - (i) A lot less litter, only 2 bags of rubbish collected; (ii) Underpass - 3 lights still not working and now a yellow handrail has been installed; (iii) After talking to users of the Common, many members of the public are appreciative of the work of GXCV; (iv) Muntjaks are frequently spotted; (iv) HO has litter picked along ditches but need clearing again after the Christmas period.

HO

**West Common** – IB reported that:- (i) Generally looking good. Ponds are full; (ii) HO offered to clean the nature boards; (iii) A Parking sign, opposite West Common close, was removed today for some reason? (iv) IB would like to see wooden posts installed along boundary of bund by bend as previously discussed. Will continue to monitor for vehicle damage; (v) JW reported that dog bin by nature board is regularly overflowing so may need an additional bin. Will monitor the situation. Also check that the Waste Operative closes bin when replacing bin liner.

HO

CLLRS

CLLRS  
SM

**Play Equipment** – JP had nothing to report except the play equipment is well used particularly the new Spiders web.

**The Camp** – HO reported:- (i) Full dog bin bag has been flytipped at top of Camp Road bridleway; (ii) HO and SM had a meeting today with Bulstrode Camp Ltd regards Crabbe Hill ditch being full and overflowing. The ditch is full of dead leaves and as it is close to the footpath the deep water poses a safety hazard. It was agreed that, rather than dredge the ditch, the best solution would be to fill the ditch with gravel so it acts as a soak away. It was also agreed to grind out the large tree stump in GXTC’s part of the car park which would then create an extra parking space. SM to discuss with Bulstrode Camp Ltd contributions towards the costs of these works; (iii) The Fosse clearance is completed for this year and is looking very good. Next year work to continue anticlockwise from Valley Gardens. Pile of logs need to be cut up smaller.

SM

ATC

4. **To consider suggestions for Outdoor gym equipment and for a small train play equipment**

HO presented photographs of the outdoor gym equipment recently installed at Denham. After considering the different types of equipment it was agreed to seek quotes for:- (i) A single Elliptical ‘skiing’ type piece, (ii) A single bicycle, (iii) A single hydraulic lap pulley and (iv) A twister which accommodates 3 persons at one time. The equipment to be arranged in a loose semicircle with matting under the whole area to prevent equipment becoming muddy. Also look at the cost of matting to access the area from the main path.

**Train** - Seek size of the train and quotes.

5. **To review outstanding projects:** Updates:- (i) No fishing sign New Pond, new sign for West Common lay-by have been made and awaiting installation, (ii) Some running posts have metal surrounds at base but all need varnishing, (iii) Tree work as a result of tree survey should commence

in March, (iv) The Camp signs being made by Chilterns AONB – Draft artwork circulated, (v) 2 new litterbins by bus stops along the Oxford Rd – SBDC’s Waste Contract Manager has been monitoring the situation and has seen no litter in these locations so no reason to proceed. GXTC to monitor this for any changes.

**6. Common’s Budget** – It has been calculated that there will be an approximately £20k underspend this year and it was agreed to reallocate this budget towards the outdoor gym and the train.

**7. Report on the latest meeting of the Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers** – No meeting in December.

**8. Review Footpaths** - HO reported overgrown hedges from 3 houses in Orchehill Ave are obstructing footpath along rail track close to Layters Way bridge. SM has already sent house owners letters just before Christmas.

JP reported that the Bulstode park footpath is waterlogged again at the entrance by Main Drive due to 2 water troughs continually overflowing. It has now become so muddy that it is impassable. **SM**

**9. Communication** – None.

**10. To note general information received in the correspondence at the Council Office.** None.

**11. The date of the next meeting** of the Commons Committee will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020, 7pm at South Lodge.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm

Signed.....

Date.....

