



Gerrards Cross Parish Council

South Lodge
East Common
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GERRARDS CROSS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The well-attended Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2010 was dominated by Residents' concerns over parking, the state of the roads, the lack of a footpath over the bridge on Mill Lane and the Tesco store.

PARKING: PC Claire Woodcock said that she and 2 PCSOs spent 1 or 2 hours each day ticketing offenders but many of these were back the next day. She covered Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley and Fulmer and other duties which meant no further time was available to enforce parking. Parish Chairman, David Peters, pointed out the only solution was to make Gerrards Cross a Civil Parking Enforcement area but this could only be authorised by Bucks County Council [BCC]

It was felt that South Bucks District Council [SBDC] continue to be urged to reduce parking fees, ideally with the first half hour free, and BCC be pressed to authorise a Civil Parking Enforcement area to include Gerrards Cross.

Network Rail has planning consent to add 80 extra spaces to the Station Car Park and are arranging this so that a second storey could be added later.

FOOTPATH ON MILL LANE BRIDGE: BCC Councillor Roger Read reported that following a safety audit, BCC have authorised white lines to show where pedestrians should walk on the bridge and agreed to present a petition to BCC for a footpath. Network Rail is willing to transfer land for a footpath to BCC, who are however unwilling to accept it because of concerns about ongoing maintenance costs. Network Rail is not willing to transfer the land to the Parish Council because it is not a Highways Authority.

STATE OF THE ROADS: It was agreed safety was jeopardised by the many potholes; BCC have no plans for resurfacing, just patching. Sponsorship of pothole repairs could be considered.

TESCO STORE: Many residents felt Tesco should be urged to donate a very considerable sum to clean up the village centre after the store was completed.

The request was made to follow Chalfont-St-Peter's example and brighten the Centre with hanging baskets: David Peters said the GX Traders Association was working on this idea.

The Parish Council was asked to support the installation of a lavatory in the town centre, to have benches at the top of hilly streets, to erect street lighting in dark spots, erect a speed awareness sign at the corner by Marsham Lodge on East Common and stop heavy traffic using the road through West Common.

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