



Gerrards Cross Parish Council

South Lodge, East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD
Clerk to the Council - Mrs Diana Hepburn-Park

Minutes of the Commons Committee Meeting Held 7.00 pm on Monday 1st March 2010 at South Lodge

Present: Mr I Gordon(Chairman), Mrs S Sharma, Mr P Grimes, Mrs J Woolveridge, Mr Peter Chapman, Mrs L Campkin and Mrs A Mitton (Assistant Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence** – Mr D Peters Action

2 **Review actions from meeting on 1st February 2010.**
Actions were reviewed and tasks have been completed.

3 **Reports**

East Common

JW reported she had collected 7 bags of rubbish but the common was looking good. She did find an area on the footpath opposite St James where some people had gathered and left two vandalised black and white plastic bollards and some cans which she removed. The underpass is very clean with all lights working.

Gorse has been cut back at the A40 Crossroads. JW to check this is satisfactory before invoice is presented to Full Council. JW

Play Equipment

SS advised that she thought a tree had come down near the play area. Needs to be checked. SS

West Common

PC reported that he had cleared the logs from opposite the Bull Hotel.

New Pond water level is very high at the moment. 6 bird and bat boxes near the pond have been knocked down out of the trees and PC has removed debris. Clerk to contact Claire Collins to ask if she has noticed any bat activity in the area. DCHP

The litter bin between the pond & the A40 has lost its outer casing. Clerk to ask SBDC to replace. DCHP

The reeds around New Pond have been cut back.

Ditches need clearing of litter but it was decided to leave this until the summer.

The Camp

PG reported that he had removed some litter which had been exposed by cutting back edges. There was some additional litter near the Valley Way footpath.

Still no litter bin at the Windsor Rd entrance. Clerk to chase SBDC. DCHP



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There are some red & white barriers at the Crab Hill entrance that need to be removed. Clerk to ask BCC. DCHP

The work at the Camp entrance is still not satisfactory. The sides of the trees have not been cut back 1m as requested and the foliage around the gate needs to be cut back to clear it. The country hedge has been planted but is too long- extends over fosse and under the conifers. Clerk to ask contractor to rectify before invoice is paid.

IG asked all committee members to read the Treework report on the ancient trees on the Camp and this will be discussed as a separate agenda item at the next Commons meeting with a view to setting up a working party. DCHP
ALL

GXCV

10 volunteers met on 23rd January. A great deal of Holly was cut back near the Play Area and trees that had been brought down by the recent snow were cut up and removed.

Footpaths

JW reported that footpath 23 was very wet and slippery.

4 **Fun Run finance request.**

It was agreed in consultation with the Chairman of the F&GP committee to recommend a donation of £300 to Full Council as a contribution towards the administrative costs of the Fun Run.

5 **Task list**

No outstanding tasks

6 **Finance**

Latchmoor Garden Care:-

Invoice 590 -Clearing Water Tower footpath £375 - agreed

Invoice 591 -Cutting reeds at New Pond £140 - agreed

Invoice 592 – Gorse removal at A40 crossroads - £170. JW to check this is satisfactory before invoice is presented to Full Council JW

7 **Correspondence**

Request from Rotary Club to use the area of Common next to Colston Court for parking for the Classic Car show at the Memorial Centre on Wednesday 25th August. Agreed. Clerk to reply. DCHP



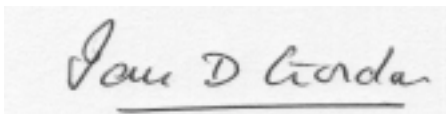
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8. Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6th April** at 7.00pm

The meeting commenced at 7.00p.m. and ended at 7.45 p.m.

Signed:



15th March 2010