



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 Tuesday 4th May 2010 at South Lodge

Present: Mr I Gordon (Chairman), Mr P Grimes, Mr D Peters and Mr P Chapman
and Mrs A Mitton (Assistant Clerk)

1 **Apologies for absence** Mrs S Sharma and Mrs J Woolveridge. Action

2 **Review actions from meeting on 6th April 2010.**
Actions were reviewed and tasks have been completed.

3 **Reports**

East Common

JW had provided a written report. She had collected 6 bags of rubbish but the underpass was clean with one light out. She had also collected 4 empty wine bottles.

2 seats on East Common have extensive graffiti on them. John Tuttle is to remove and re-stain benches. JT

The mowing of the commons is good. Plenty of bluebells, mostly Spanish.

There is a metal utilities sign near the telephone box next to the underpass. Clerk to ask BCC to arrange removal. The rubbish bin for this area seems to have gone. Clerk to arrange replacement. AM

Vehicles still parking on grass area next to Colston Court. Clerk to chase JT to put up sign. May also consider wooden posts and lockable wooden barrier similar to that opposite the Parish office if unauthorised parking persists. AM

Play Equipment

SS had provided a written report. All equipment seemed in good order. 2 bolts have been replaced on the sea-saw and the roundabout is working well. Disabled swing squeaking – ask John Tuttle to oil.

Very little litter but ‘no dog fouling sign’ missing. Clerk to ask John Tuttle to replace. JT
JT

A tree behind the path near the play equipment looks dead and has a fungal growth – PC will check to see if action required.

West Common

PC reported that the water table is still high. PC

There is a post without a sign attached on the south side of the football pitch. Clerk to see if a replacement sign is required or if the post should be removed. AM

The Camp

PG reported that it is reasonably clear of litter, the dog bins are fine and only a little dog faeces on the ground. The litter bin is still not been installed by SBDC. Clerk to chase again. AM



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Some evidence of smoking and drinking around first bench to the right on entering the Camp from the Windsor Road entrance. Clerk AM to advise Residents Assoc. and local police officers.

Ancient Tree Report IG and JW met with Sue Jones on 1st May to see how plan could be best implemented. IG will write report. IG

GXCV

PC reported the group met on the 3rd Saturday in April and ivy was cut back around prominent trees on the edge of East Common.

Footpaths

PG reported that some of the paths from the A40 on to East Common were becoming rather overgrown with brambles. The footpath from Valley Way on to the Camp is difficult to negotiate when wet – steep and slippery.

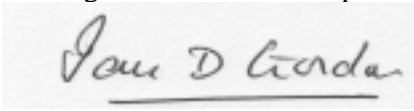
4 **Task list**
No outstanding tasks

5 **Finance**
None.

6 **Correspondence**
Letter received from Mr & Mrs Keizner re trees at Camp entrance. Clerk to acknowledge. AM
Request from St James football team to use pitch on some Saturdays. – They will liaise with Phil Mooney to avoid clashes of dates. They confirm that they are properly insured.
Letter from Valerie Isaacs re West Common access road. IG to inspect. IG
Request from Claire Wright at SBDC to have Chillin' in the Park event on the common 12th & 13th August. Agreed, clerk to confirm. AM
It was suggested the when available the info for this should be put on website and publicised through Youth Committee facebook group.

7. Date of next meeting 7th June at 7.00pm

The meeting commenced at 7.00p.m. and ended at 7.50 p.m.

Signed: 



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