



EMERSONS GREEN  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee**

**held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council**

**1900hrs on Tuesday 6th September 2022**

- Present:** Councillors Simon Budd, Patricia Morgan, David Somers, Roberta Sunderland.
- Absent:** Councillor Stephen Bassett
- In attendance:** Committee Clerk, Richard Hull.
- Public attendance:** None.
- Apologies:** None.
- Notes:** The meeting began at 1900hrs. All resolutions are unanimous unless stated otherwise.
- Minutes:** For procedural reasons, item **OS\_2022.1** was withdrawn.
- OS\_2022.2** **To appoint a Chairman for the current municipal year.**
- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), supported by Cllr Patricia Morgan, and resolved that:
- Resolved:** Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor) is appointed as the Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee for the municipal year.
- OS\_2022.3** **Declaration of interest – Localism Act 2011.**
- Minutes:** There were no declarations of interest.
- OS\_2022.4** **To receive representations from the press and public.**
- Minutes:** No members of the press or public were present.
- OS\_2022.5** **To approve the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 meeting.**
- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:
- Resolved:** The Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**Minutes:** The minutes were signed at the meeting by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor).

**OS\_2022.6 Outstanding items from the previous minutes.**

**Minutes:** The Committee Clerk informed the meeting that he will request quotes to plant a tree at Blackhorse Road common.

**OS\_2022.7 Correspondence.**

**Minutes:** There was no correspondence.

**OS\_2022.8 Recycled plastic bollards.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), supported by Cllr Roberta Sunderland, and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to install up to 30 bollards as proposed, documents having been circulated.

**OS\_2022.9 Planters.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Roberta Sunderland, supported by Cllr Patricia Morgan, and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee agrees to the Friends of Emersons Green Park planting up the planters in Emerson Way as proposed, documents having been circulated, with a budget of £300.

**OS\_2022.10 Dual purpose bin.**

**Minutes:** The Committee noted a request for a bin at the entrance to Emersons Green Park that is near to the Langley Arms.

**Action:** Cllr Roberta Sunderland agreed to do a motion request form.

**OS\_2022.11 Herbicides and pesticides.**

**Minutes:** The Committee noted the proposals provided by Cllr Roberta Sunderland to implement a strategy to reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides by the Council's allotment tenants. Following this it was resolved that:

**Resolved:** Cllr Roberta Sunderland and the Committee Clerk will prepare a survey to send to the allotment tenants to find out current practices and to assess how open tenants would be to becoming pesticide and herbicide free.

**OS\_2022.12 Allotments evening.**

- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:
- Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee hold an allotments evening as proposed, documents having been circulated.
- Action:** The Committee Clerk to invite Chris Sunderland to do a talk, on the work of the Friends of Emersons Green Park, at the allotments evening to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> November depending on his availability. Cllr Roberta Sunderland may also talk about reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides.
- OS\_2022.13**      **Green Lane signage.**
- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Roberta Sunderland, supported by Cllr Patricia Morgan, and resolved that:
- Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee renews and reviews the signage in Green Lane as proposed, documents having been circulated, with a budget of £4,000.
- Action:** Cllr Roberta Sunderland volunteered to obtain a quote for the signage and to design one or more signs to replace the ones at Cave Grove to put to the committee.
- OS\_2022.14**      **Mangotsfield Rural Parish Council (MRPC) signage.**
- Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), supported by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), and resolved that:
- Resolved:** The Committee Clerk gets quotes to replace the signs that refer to MRPC, documents having been circulated.
- Action:** The Committee Clerk to include in the quote requests an extra three signs each for the “No Parking” and the “Bye Law” signs to hold as spares.
- OS\_2022.15**      **Hedges at the allotments.**
- Minutes:** The Committee Clerk referred the Committee to a plan of a strip of land, between a property in Meadgate and the allotment site, which is owned by a building company.
- Action:** The Committee Clerk to arrange a site visit for the Committee to view the allotments from the residents’ garden at 1400hrs on 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- OS\_2022.16**      **Den in Green Lane.**

**Minutes:** The Committee Clerk referred the Committee to plans that show there is a strip of land between Green Lane and the properties in Berkeley Way that is owned by four building companies. Based on a plan provided by Cllr Roberta Sunderland showing the location of the den it would seem that the den is on the land owned by the building companies and not in Green Lane.

**Action:** The Committee may view the area whilst doing another site visit.

**OS\_2022.17** **To note the date and time of the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.**

**Minutes:** The date and time of the next Open Spaces Committee meeting was noted as:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

The formal business of the meeting closed at 2120 hrs.