



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

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24th May 2023

To Councillors: Dave Somers (Deputy Mayor), Simon Budd, Alka Mehta-Graham, Pat Morgan, Bobbie Sunderland.

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **Open Spaces Committee** of Emersons Green Town Council to be held in **The Council Chamber of Emersons Green Town Council** on **Tuesday 30th May 2023 commencing at 1900hrs** for the transaction of the business on the **agenda attached**.

For your convenience, I have attached some useful guidance notes should any of your constituents wish to attend the meeting.

After the meeting, there will be the usual opportunity to share parish notices and other useful information with colleagues. I do hope that you can attend.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Hull

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Clerk's Assistant

Emersons Green Town Council Meetings

Guidance Notes

Recording of Council Meetings

To comply with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, all our Council meetings are open to the public and may be recorded.

For clarity, all types of recording, and use of social media, *are* permitted at our Council meetings, which are always open to the public.

However, out of courtesy, and for practical reasons, we request that visitors who wish to record our meetings provide us with as much notice as possible. For example, our Council Chamber has limited space. Nevertheless, we will do our best to accommodate the media requirements of visitors, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Distractions

In all cases, please *do not* cause a distraction, or you may be asked to leave by the Chair. For clarity, the definition of a distraction is entirely at the Chair's discretion.

As a minimum, please avoid using flash photography or any equipment that creates a loud noise, without prior approval.

Public Participation

During the meeting, public participation will take place *only* during this item. For practical reasons, this will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. During this item, the public are welcome to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence, regarding the business on the agenda.

To aid the meeting process, Emerson's Green Town Council request that all members of the press and public email their questions in advance to clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk, no later than 1200hrs on the day before the meeting. In this email, the public are asked to confirm whether they will be in physical attendance or require an officer to read out the question on their behalf.

Furthermore, the priority of physical attendance at a Council meeting will be given to the press and those who have sent their public questions in advance, particularly if they are willing to read them out themselves. After that, the remaining seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

At the Chair's discretion, all individual representations will be limited to no more than 5 minutes. During the meeting, the Chair will call for representations from visitors who have indicated that they wish to speak. Similarly, it is also possible for written representations to be received at this point.

Standing Orders

For your convenience, a copy of our Council's standing orders, and all other policy documents, that govern the conduct of our meetings can be found on our website at:
<https://www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/town-council/council-policies/>

Emergency evacuation procedure: Leave via the Emergency Exit within the Council Chamber or out of the Main Entrance and convene in the Town Council Parking Spaces within the Car Park

A G E N D A¹

Members are reminded that this Council has a legal *duty* to consider the following legislation in the exercise of all its functions: The Freedom of Information Act 2000, The Data Protection Act 1998 & The Equality Act 2010. In addition, the Council has a *duty* to comply with the Local Government Transparency Code (2015). Furthermore, in carrying out the Council's functions, this Council *must* consider the impact of all decisions on reducing crime and disorder in the area and have regard to the protection of biodiversity. Finally, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by this Council for members to follow.

Beforehand To welcome members of the public and introduce all Councillors and guest speakers.

The Chair, or a delegated officer, will be asked to describe the emergency procedures and make any necessary safety announcements.

OS_2023.001 Election.

To receive and consider nominations for the position of Chairman.

OS_2023.002 Election.

To receive and consider nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman.

OS_2023.003 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. Forms held with South Glos should be regularly updated. A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

OS_2023.004 To receive representations from the press and public.

Members of the press and public will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the committee for a maximum of five minutes per person in accordance with the guidance notes.

OS_2023.005 Minutes.

Mover: Cllr Dave Somers (Deputy Mayor)

Second: TBC

Motion: That the Minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 7th March 2023, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the chairman.

¹ All items listed are routine business at the discretion of the Chair, unless otherwise stated.

OS_2023.006 Outstanding items from the previous minutes.

To receive an update from the Committee Clerk.

OS_2023.007 Correspondence.

To note official correspondence to the Committee.

Mover: Cllr Dave Somers Deputy (Mayor)

Seconder: TBC

Motion: That the Open Spaces committee approves the letter to Vinney Green Children's Home, copies having been circulated.

OS_2023.008 Lyde Green common

To debate the future of Lyde Green Common.

OS_2023.009 Mangotsfield Folly

To note any updates from the site visit.

OS_2023.010 Allotments evening 17th October

Mover: Cllr Dave Somers Deputy (Mayor)

Seconder: TBC

Motion: That the Open Spaces committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to organise the allotments evening.

OS_2023.011 To set a date for allotment judging and plot inspections

Councillor Dave Somers requested this agenda item on 19th May 2023.

OS_2023.012 Dates and timings.

- To set a date for allotment judging and plot inspections.
- To note the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee will be on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.
- To note the time that the business of this meeting was closed.

At the discretion of the chair, Councillors may be invited to make Parish announcements, and take part in a general discussion after the meeting.