



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

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23rd July 2024.

To Councillors: Bobbie Sunderland (Chair), Simon Budd (Deputy Chair), Graham Hutter, and Kelly Allen.

Dear Councillors,

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 of July 2024 commencing at 19:00hrs** 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.

Of course, if you cannot attend for any reason then please send me your apologies by letter or email.

Joannæ Bryant

Joanne Bryant PSLCC CiLCA
Town Clerk

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, Emersons 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 **30th of July 2024**

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.

OS_2024.020 Welcome and Introductions.

To welcome members of the public, introduce all Councillors and guest speakers, describe the emergency procedures, and make any necessary safety announcements.

OS_2024.021 Declaration of Interest - 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_2024.022 Public Participation.

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_2024.023 Minutes.

Motion: That the *Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on 4th of June 2024*, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

OS_2024.024 Outstanding items.

To receive an update from the Committee Clerk.

OS_2024.025 Correspondence.

To note official correspondence to the Committee, copies having been circulated.

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

OS_2024.026 HM Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Plaque.

Motion: That the Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to obtain quotes for the approved design and specifications of the Memorial Plaque.

OS_2024.027 Dibden Lane Allotments – Water Trough Cleaning.

Motion: That the Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to commission the cleaning of the water troughs, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.028 Land Near Green Lane.

To discuss adding to the wildlife corridor with the land acquisition opportunity near Green Lane.

OS_2024.029 Rodway Common bike tracks.

To review the response from the South Gloucestershire Council, Commons Officer.

OS_2024.030 Tree at Rodway Common.

Motion: That the Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to commission the felling of the diseased tree, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.031 Allotment Rent.

Motion: That the rent for a whole plot is increased by increments of £3 each year over the next three years.

OS_2024.032 The National Allotment Association.

Motion: That the Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to sign up the Town Council to the National Allotment Society, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.033 Community Initiative – Bulb Planting.

To discuss engaging the community with a bulb planting initiative.

OS_2024.034 Springfield Park

To discuss the landscape improvement options and how the Open Spaces Committee can support the renovation project.

OS_2024.035 Sainsbury`s Trolleys.

To discuss the email response from Sainsbury`s regarding the abandoned trolleys throughout the community.

OS_2024.036 Emersons Green Common – Tree Roots.

To discuss the exposed tree roots along the path at the common.

OS_2024.037 Crocus Road Dog Bin.

Motion: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to install a new dog bin, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.038 Water troughs at the allotment.

Motion: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to commission a new water trough, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.039 Dates and timings.

- To note the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee will be on:
Tuesday 10th of September 2024 at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RECOMMENDED: That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – public excluded from meeting to discuss a staffing matter, and commercially sensitive and confidential business matter.

OS_2024.040 Allotment Management Policy.

Motion: That the Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk and the Town Clerk to create an Allotment Management Policy, including a Vulnerable Tenant section, documents having been circulated.

- 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.