

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee

held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

19:00hrs on Tuesday 4th of June 2024.

Present: Councillors Bobbie Sunderland (Chair), Simon Budd (Deputy Chair), and Graham Hutter.

Absent: None.

In attendance: Committee Clerk, Paul Kearsley.

Apologies: Councillor Kelly Allen.

Public: None.

Notes: The meeting began at 19:00hrs. All resolutions are passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

OS_2024.001 Election

Minutes: A single nomination was received for Councillor Bobbie Sunderland to be elected as Chairman.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Graham Hutter, supported by Cllr Simon Budd, and resolved that:

Resolved: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland be the Chairman.

OS_2024.002 Election

Minutes: A single nomination was received for Councillor Simon Budd to be elected as Deputy Chairman.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Graham Hutter, supported by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, and resolved that:

Resolved: Cllr Simon Budd be the Deputy Chairman.

OS_2024.003 Welcome and Introductions.

Minutes: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland welcomed everyone present at the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

OS_2024.004 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

Minutes: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland reminded members of the requirement to declare an interest.

OS_2024.005 Public Participation.

Minutes: No members of the public were present.

OS_2024.006 Minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Simon Budd, and resolved that:

Resolved: The *Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 2nd of April 2024*, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes: The minutes were signed at the meeting by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland.

OS_2024.007 Outstanding items.

Minutes: At the invitation of the Chair, the Committee Clerk circulated a summary of the work undertaken as a result of the resolutions and action points from the previous meetings.

OS_2024.008 Correspondence.

To note official correspondence to the Committee.

Minutes: Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

OS_2024.009 Community Award

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the local residents' dedication to litter picking and possible award options including Bristol Blue Glass and certificates.

Action: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland to discuss with the residents and see if an award would be appreciated. The Committee Clerk to research possible award options and bring this to a subsequent meeting.

OS_2024.010 Rodway Events.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the past tradition of a Circus being held at Rodway Common.

Action: Cllr Simon Budd to discuss with the Clerk`s assistant and gather information about the history and background of how the event took place and bring this to a subsequent meeting.

OS_2024.011 Lyde Green Herbicide Use.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the photographs taken of the aftermath of herbicide use around Lyde Green Primary School.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Simon Budd, and resolved that:

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to write to the company concerned, expressing our serious concerns over the level of herbicide use.

OS_2024.012 Highways, Stone Wall.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the Heras fencing and the broken wall on Rodway Hill.

Action: The Committee Clerk to reach out to South Gloucestershire Council to find out their plans for the walls repair.

OS_2024.013 Tree at Rodway Common.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the tree survey report and specifically the Sycamore tree at Rodway Common.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Graham Hutter, and resolved that;

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to commission the further investigation into the diseased tree, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.014 Rodway Common bike tracks.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the rebuilt bike tracks at Rodway Common.

Action: Cllr Simon Budd to invite a BMXer to a subsequent meeting to share their perspective. The Committee Clerk to research what can and cannot be done on the common land.

OS_2024.015 Johnson Road, Dog Litter Bin.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the usage and importance of regular collection.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Graham Hutter, and resolved that:

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to commission the extra weekly emptying of the dog bin, example documents having been circulated.

OS_2024.016 Tree planting.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the tree planting plan proposed by South Gloucestershire Council.

Action: The Committee Clerk to confirm with South Gloucestershire Council that the Open Spaces Committee approves the planting plan.

OS_2024.017 Emerson Way Roundabout.

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the damage done to the roundabout and the corresponding A432 Badminton Road M4 overbridge closure.

Action: To await the completion of the A432 Badminton Road M4 overbridge and then bring this agenda item to a subsequent meeting for further review.

OS_2024.018 Frequency of meetings

Minutes: A brief discussion was had regarding the benefits of more regular meetings.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Graham Hutter, and resolved that:

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to amend the Open Spaces meetings to monthly, adding a further meeting in September and November 2024, and to review this again at the December 2024 meeting.

OS_2024.019 Dates and timings.

Minutes: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland announced that the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee was scheduled to take place:

Tuesday the 30th of July 2024 at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

Finally, Cllr Bobbie Sunderland concluded the formal business of the meeting at 20:30hrs, and announced that an informal 'roundtable' discussion would take place afterward.