

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee

held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

19:00hrs on Thursday 6th of March 2025.

Present: Councillors Bobbie Sunderland (Chair), Simon Budd, Abi Cohen, Kelly Allen, Rosemary Shakespeare, Lynne Paraskeva and Andrej Turk.

Absent: Councillor Eli Akatwijuka and Daryl Hembrough.

In attendance: Committee Clerk, Paul Kearsley.

Apologies: None.

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_2024.092 Welcome and Introductions.

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

OS_2024.093 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

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

OS_2024.094 Public Participation.

Minutes: No members of the public were present.

OS_2024.095 Minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Cllr Bobbie Sunderland, supported by Cllr Kelly Allen, and resolved that:

Resolved: The *Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 6th of February 2025*, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

OS_2024.096 Outstanding items.

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. It was agreed to draft a statement regarding the BMX tracks at Rodway Common.

OS_2024.097 Correspondence.

Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

OS_2024.098 Blackhorse Pond.

A brief discussion took place regarding the request for signage and a life buoy, from the students at Blackhorse Primary School.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to raise these concerns again with South Gloucestershire Council as they have jurisdiction over this area.

OS_2024.099 Tree Work Request – Green Lane.

A brief discussion took place regarding the request for work, whilst referencing the Town Council's Tree and Hedge Policy.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to draft a letter to the resident explaining that the request does not meet the criteria for intervention by the Town Council.

OS_2024.100 Tree Work Request – Allotments.

A brief discussion took place regarding the request for work, whilst referencing the Town Council's Tree and Hedge Policy.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to draft a letter to the resident explaining that the request does not meet the criteria for intervention by the Town Council.

OS_2024.101 Dates and timings.

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

On 3rd of April 2025 at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland concluded the formal business of the meeting at 19:52hrs, and announced that an informal 'roundtable' discussion would take place afterward.