

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,
19:00hrs on Thursday 3rd of April 2025.

Present: Councillors Bobbie Sunderland (Chair), Simon Budd, Abi Cohen and Kelly Allen.

Absent: Councillors Eli Akatwijuka, Andrej Turk and Daryl Hembrough.

In attendance: Committee Clerk, Paul Kearsley.

Apologies: Councillors Rosemary Shakespeare and Lynne Paraskeva

Public: Three members of the public were present.

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

OS_2024.102 Welcome and Introductions.

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

OS_2024.103 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

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

OS_2024.104 Public Participation.

Minutes: Members of the public made representation regarding the current circus and the request for a further funfair. Councillors acknowledged the concerns raised.

Notes: Councillors chose to discuss agenda item **OS_2024.108** next.

OS_2024.108 Coles Funfair.

A brief discussion took place regarding the request for a funfair including the impacts to the common land as well as the local community.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee decided not to approve the current request, believing that one large event per season is sufficient for the site. Councillors expressed a willingness to consider a request for next year, but they noted that a site visit would be beneficial as part of the process. Since a fair last used the site, multiple trees have been planted, significantly reducing the available space.

Notes: The members of the public left the meeting and Councillors chose to discuss agenda item **OS_2024.105** next.

OS_2024.105 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 March 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_2024.106 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.

OS_2024.107 Correspondence.

Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

OS_2024.109 Summer Maintenance.

A brief discussion took place comparing the four, redacted quotes, received for the Summer Maintenance work.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to accept quotation number three for a total annual cost of £2,500+vat. Company three was *Town and Country Assets and Services*.

OS_2024.110 Lyde Green Wildlife Corridor

A brief discussion took place regarding the current litter problem, the locations for signs, as well as the size and design.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to bring the costs of 2 x A3 signs along with possible designs to a subsequent meeting. The locations agreed were <https://what3words.com/sushi.hills.rested> and <https://what3words.com/saying.risen.paid>

OS_2024.111 Richmond Road Parking

A brief discussion was had regarding the area of common land and the section that is gravelled with a dropped kerb.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee requests that the Committee Clerk investigate the ownership of the section in question and bring this back to a subsequent meeting.

OS_2024.112 Emersons Way Planters

A brief discussion was had regarding the Town Council owned planters and the importance of keeping these looking good seasonally.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to purchase the bedding plants within a budget of £200 and to refresh the paint on the planters. The planting will be completed by the Friends of Emersons Green Park.

OS_2024.113 Dates and timings.

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

On 8th of May 2025 at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland concluded the formal business of the meeting at 20:34hrs, and announced that an informal 'roundtable' discussion would take place afterward.