

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,
19:00hrs on Thursday 5th of June 2025.

Present: Councillors Bobbie Sunderland, Kelly Allen and Simon Budd.

Absent: Councillors Eli Akatwijuka and Daryl Hembrough.

In attendance: Committee Clerk, Paul Kearsley.

Apologies: Councillors Andrej Turk, Abi Cohen and Lynne Paraskeva.

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_2025.016 Welcome and Introductions.

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

OS_2025.017 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

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

OS_2025.018 Public Participation.

Minutes: No members of the public were present.

OS_2025.019 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 8th of May 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_2025.020 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_2025.021 Correspondence.

Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

OS_2025.022 Litter bins – Additional empties

A brief discussion took place regarding the importance of local litter bins and the consequences of overflowing bins.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to add an additional weekly empty to the two litter bins, at a total annual cost, per bin of £203.82.

OS_2025.023 Parish Memorial Space.

A brief discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of each suggested location.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee recommends that the preferred location for the proposed installation is opposite the new senior school on Honeysuckle Road. Should this site prove unavailable, the Committee's second choice would be the alternative location further along Honeysuckle Road.

OS_2025.024 Allotment Gate

A brief discussion was had regarding securing the gate in times of high wind.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk purchase the Standard Surface Bolt at a cost of £19.89, and complete the installation.

OS_2025.025 Dates and timings.

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

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

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland concluded the formal business of the meeting at 19:34hrs, and announced that an informal 'roundtable' discussion would take place afterward.