EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Name: Cllr Bobbie Sunderland

Date: 4th December 2025

Signed: Original Signed

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee

held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,

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

Present: Councillors Abi Cohen (Deputy Chair), Kelly Allen, and Daryl Hembrough.

Absent: Councillors Eli Akatwijuka and Andrej Turk.

In attendance: Committee Clerk, Paul Kearsley.

Apologies: Councillors Bobbie Sunderland, Simon Budd, 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_2025.059 Welcome and Introductions.

Minutes: Cllr Abi Cohen welcomed everyone present at the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

OS_2025.060 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.

Minutes: Cllr Abi Cohen reminded members of the requirement to declare an interest.

OS_2025.061 Public Participation.

Minutes: No members of the public were present.

OS_2025.062 Minutes.

Resolved: The *Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on **2nd of October 2025***, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Chair.

OS_2025.063 Outstanding items.

At the invitation of the Deputy 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_2025.064 Correspondence.

Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

OS_2025.065 Allotment Oaks.

A brief discussion was had regarding the oak's impact on the site, associated risks, and the subsequent enquiries.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee approves the recommended removal and the response to the enquiry, including the suggested additions.

OS_2025.066 Rodway Common Wall.

A brief discussion took place regarding the research into the alternative options to protect the vandalised wall.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to erect the black steel trellis and additional ivy planting, with a budget of £450.

OS_2025.067 Local Climate and Nature Action Plan. (LCNAP)

It was agreed that the review of the LCNAP be deferred to a future meeting to allow consideration by a greater number of Councillors.

OS_2025.068 Emersons Green Lane Speeding.

A brief discussion was had regarding the installation of a sign and possible leaflets.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to request further information from South Gloucestershire Council regarding the allowances and constraints for signage. The Committee also requested that a leaflet regarding signposting concerns is drafted and circulated via email.

OS_2025.069 Crocus Road Dog Bin.

A brief discussion was had regarding the evidence of waste being left and the lack of available bins in the area.

Resolved: The Open Spaces Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to install a dual purpose bin at the location at a cost of £672.68. As well as the annual cost for a once a week empty of the bin at £211.64.

OS_2025.070 Dates and timings.

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

On **4th of December 2025** at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

Cllr Abi Cohen concluded the formal business of the meeting at 19:56hrs, and announced that an informal ‘roundtable’ discussion would take place afterward.