



## **Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee**

**held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,**

**19:00hrs on Thursday 2nd of April 2026.**

**Present:** Councillors Bobbie Sunderland (Chair), Simon Budd, Abi Cohen (Deputy Chair), Lynne Paraskeva.

**Absent:** Councillors Eli Akatwijuka, and Andrej Turk.

**In attendance:** Environmental Services Manager - Paul Kearsley.

**Apologies:** Councillors Daryl Hembrough, Andy Cowie, and Kelly Allen.

**Public:** Two members of the public were in attendance.

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

### **OS\_2026.001 Welcome and Introductions.**

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

### **OS\_2026.002 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.**

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

### **OS\_2026.003 Public Participation.**

**Minutes:** The members of the public were in attendance to listen.

### **OS\_2026.004 Minutes.**

**Resolved:** The *Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 5th of March 2026*, copies having been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**OS\_2026.005 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\_2026.006 Correspondence.**

Correspondence and responses were noted by the Committee.

**OS\_2026.007 Dibden Lane Allotment Plot.**

A brief discussion was had regarding how a Town Council allocated plot could benefit the local community.

**Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee requested that the Committee Clerk contact local groups to gauge the level of interest in the community allotment plot and to report back to a future meeting, together with an estimate of officer time required.

**OS\_2026.008 Emersons Green Lane Speeding.**

A brief discussion took place regarding the importance of additional signage in the location and the alterations requested by South Gloucestershire Council.

**Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee delegated authority to the Committee Clerk to complete the installation of the signage with a total budget of £600 +vat.

**OS\_2026.009 Wildlife Recovery Sign.**

A brief discussion took place regarding the content of the sign suggested by South Gloucestershire Council.

**Resolved:** The Open Spaces Committee considered the sign to be ambiguous, with “do not disturb” unclear, and felt it could be confusing for users of Rodway Common or attract more curiosity. They agreed that an information board would be a more effective alternative.

**OS\_2026.010 Dates and timings.**

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland announced that the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee was scheduled to take place. On **7th of May 2026** at 19:00hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.

Cllr Bobbie Sunderland concluded the formal business of the meeting at 19:50hrs, and announced that an informal ‘roundtable’ discussion would take place afterward.