



GENERAL INFORMATION

POWERS AND DUTIES

Councils have many powers and duties they can use and the ones provided in Emersons Green include:

- Allotments
- Bus Shelters
- Footpaths
- General Spending on anything deemed to benefit the community (Capped fund)
- Land
- Litter
- Signs

The budget for the council comes primarily from the council tax payers in the town (the Precept), with the remainder from rent, grants and small income. The council is audited every year. Councillors are unpaid and being a Councillor is a positive way to be involved in the community.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

The Office is in the Village Hall and is staffed by the Clerk, Cate Davidson and assistants. The office is open from 09.00 – 12.00 and 13.00 – 16.00 daily. Due to meetings and staff training this may vary so if you specifically want to meet with a member of staff please book an appointment.

The office can be contacted by:

Telephone: 01454 862180

email : clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Post or person: Emersons Green Town Council, Village Hall, Emerson Way,
Emersons Green, Bristol BS16 7AP.

The Town Councils website address is www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE

We produce a newsletter with councillors' names and 'phone numbers on the back page. Material for inclusion is welcome. The council website is updated on a regular basis. Contributions and suggestions are always welcome. Links to public information are well received and we welcome feedback.

MEETINGS

Councillors are expected to attend council meetings and if unable to do so tender their apologies.

Full Council meets on the second Thursday of every month, apart from August, at 7pm in the Jefferies Room at the Village Hall. The agendas for and minutes of meetings are available on the website one week before the meeting. It should be noted that Draft minutes are subject to amendment.

In addition to the monthly town council meeting there are also several committee meetings which may be subject to change. Current committee meetings are as follow;

Planning Committee meets twice a month on a Monday at 10.30am.

Open Spaces & Allotments Committee meets six times each year on a Tuesday at 19.00

Finance Committee meets on the last Thursday of every month at 19.00

There is also an Events Working Party which meets on an ad hoc basis.

We have representatives on the following:

- Public Transport group
- Town & Parish Council forum
- Emersons Green Library and Downend Library user groups
- Avon Local Council Association
- South Glos Heritage Forum.

We also have a Tree Warden and Pigeon Liberation Warden.