



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

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21st July 2022

To Councillors: Christopher Edwardson, Colin Hunt, James Hunt, Sally Hill, Caroline Johnson, Richard Nichols, David Somers, Roberta Sunderland.

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **Finance Committee** of Emersons Green Town Council to be held in **The Council Chamber of Emersons Green Town Council** on **Thursday 28th July 2022 commencing at 1900hrs** for the transaction of the business on the **agenda attached**.

For your convenience, I have attached some useful guidance notes should any of your constituents wish to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I J Lyons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I' and 'J'.

Ian Lyons BA (Hons) HSC RP
Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Emerson's Green Town Council Meetings

Guidance Notes

Recording of Council Meetings

To comply with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, all our Council meetings are open to the public and may be recorded.

For clarity, all types of recording, and use of social media, *are* permitted at our Council meetings, which are always open to the public.

However, out of courtesy, and for practical reasons, we request that visitors who wish to record our meetings provide us with as much notice as possible. For example, our Council Chamber has limited space. Nevertheless, we will do our best to accommodate the media requirements of visitors, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Distractions

In all cases, please *do not* cause a distraction, or you may be asked to leave by the Chair. For clarity, the definition of a distraction is entirely at the Chair's discretion.

As a minimum, please avoid using flash photography or any equipment that creates a loud noise, without prior approval.

Public Participation

During the meeting, public participation will take place *only* during item 5. For practical reasons, this will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. During this item, the public are welcome to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence, regarding the business on the agenda.

To aid the meeting process, Emerson's Green Town Council request that all members of the press and public email their questions in advance to clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk, no later than 1200hrs on the day before the meeting. In this email, the public are asked to confirm whether they will be in physical attendance or require an officer to read out the question on their behalf.

Furthermore, the priority of physical attendance at a Council meeting will be given to the press and those who have sent their public questions in advance, particularly if they are willing to read them out themselves. After that, the remaining seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

At the Chair's discretion, all individual representations will be limited to no more than 5 minutes. During the meeting, the Chair will call for representations from visitors who have indicated that they wish to speak. Similarly, it is also possible for written representations to be received at this point.

Standing Orders

For your convenience, a copy of our Council's standing orders, and all other policy documents, that govern the conduct of our meetings can be found on our website at:

<https://www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/town-council/council-policies/>

Emergency evacuation procedure: Leave via the Emergency Exit within the Council Chamber or out of the Main Entrance and convene in the Town Council Parking Spaces within the Car Park

A G E N D A

Members are reminded that this Council has a legal *duty* to consider the following legislation in the exercise of all its functions: The Freedom of Information Act 2000, The Data Protection Act 1998 & The Equality Act 2010. In addition, the Council has a *duty* to comply with the Local Government Transparency Code (2015). Furthermore, in carrying out the Council's functions, this Council *must* consider the impact of all decisions on reducing crime and disorder in the area and have regard to the protection of biodiversity. Finally, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by this Council for members to follow.

FIN_2022.30 Welcome and Introductions.

To welcome members of the public, introduce all Councillors and guest speakers, describe the emergency procedures, and make any necessary safety announcements.

FIN_2022.31 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. Forms held with South Glos should be regularly updated. A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

FIN_2022.32 Public Participation.

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the committee for a maximum of five minutes per person in accordance with the guidance notes.

FIN_2022.33 Minutes.

Mover: Cllr James Hunt (Chair)

Seconder: Cllr Colin Hunt

Motion: That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2022, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

FIN_2022.34 Outstanding items from the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 23rd June 2022.

To report that:

- Internet banking access has been arranged for Cllr James Hunt.
- Options for savings accounts have been investigated.

- A committed expenditure report for the professional and legal fees budget heading has been conducted – Reg Williams (Strategic Plan).
- Building repairs quotes have been received.
- The IT contract has been renewed.
- The Financial Regulations Policy is still under review.
- A refund for business rates of £19545.34 has now been received from South Gloucestershire Council.
- A budget heading has been created for relocation expenses and is being funded from general reserves.

FIN_2022.35 Bank Reconciliations.

To review the bank reconciliation for June 2022.

FIN_2022.36 Monthly Payments.

Mover: Cllr James Hunt (Chair)

Seconder: Cllr Colin Hunt

Motion: That the monthly payments list, copies having been circulated, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

FIN_2022.37 Budget Monitoring.

To review the income and expenditure by budget heading.

FIN_2022.38 Financial Planning.

To review the long-term planning of the Council's finances.

FIN_2022.39 Contract – Building Repair.

Mover: Cllr James Hunt (Chair)

Seconder: Cllr Colin Hunt

Motion: That the Finance Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to commission a repair project for the Town Council Office building, copies having been circulated.

FIN_2022.40 Contract – Cleaning.

Mover: Cllr James Hunt (Chair)

Seconder: Cllr Colin Hunt

Motion: That the Finance Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to negotiate a new cleaning contract for the Town Council Office building, copies having been circulated.

FIN_2022.41 Financial Regulations.

To review the Council's Financial Regulations Policy.

FIN_2022.42 Grant Applications.
To review grant applications.

FIN_2022.43 Dates and Timings.
To note the next meeting of the Finance Committee is currently scheduled for Thursday 29th September 2022 at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber. To note the time that the business of this meeting was closed.