



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Full Council

11th April 2019, Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council

Present: Councillors: R Nichols (Chairman), S Al-Hassan, S Budd, S Hill, C Hunt, C Johnson, P Morgan, U Shepherd, D Somers, C Wilkins & B Wiltshire

Attendees: Mrs C Davidson (Town Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and advised of the evacuation procedure

593. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors J Adams, R Hunt, P Todd & I Wiltshire. Cllr T Cannard was absent from the meeting.

594. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Budd declared an interest in the C in the Park Grant application at item 600.

595. Public Participation

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

596. To Approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 14th March 2019

It was **Resolved** that the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting of 14th March 2019.

597. Outstanding Items from These Minutes

The Clerk advised that she has been liaising with residents in relation to the concerns about the Science Park planning application.

Proposals are awaited from South Glos Council for new Council Office signs.

598. Correspondence and Actions Required

- Bristol Orienteering Klub – Requesting permission to hold an orienteering event on 29 May 2019 throughout the area of Emersons Green and Rodway Common. HQ and parking to be located at Johnson Road pavilion. SGC has approved the event. Members approved this event.
- St Peter's Hospice – Letter of thanks for the grant award of £2000.00. Noted by members.
- Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire – Letter of thanks for the grant award of £2,000 and their Impact Report for 2018. Noted by members.
- South Gloucestershire Council – Request to use the Council Chamber as a polling station for the European Elections on 23rd May. Considerable discussion was had about this and it was **Resolved** that the Council approves the use of the building for this purpose but that a charge of £20 per hour is implemented. The Clerk was asked to negotiate this with South Gloucestershire Council.

Action: Clerk to negotiate charge with SGC

599. Risk Assessment

The current Risk Assessment was circulated to members. It was noted that no items have been added since the last review. Quotes are currently being obtained for the replacement of bollards and fencing and will be considered by the Open Spaces Committee.

It was **Resolved** that the Risk Assessment is approved and signed by the Chairman.

600. Grant Applications

To consider the following application as recommended by the Finance Committee:

- C in the Park - £400 towards the provision of a free family fun day. Cllr Budd declared an interested in this item. It was **Resolved** that this grant is approved.
- Lyde Green Community Association - £500 towards the Summer Sizzler. It was **Resolved** that this grant is approved.

Action: Clerk to arrange payment of the grants

601. Community Project

Members noted at this time there is no progress in relation to the Youth Library or Skatepark lease.

The Clerk will chase up both matters before the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact SGC

602. Events Committee

Cllr Budd advised that the Committee had a meeting prior to this one.

The Family Disco that was held yesterday was successful with 39 children attending.

Summer events will be held at Lyde Green Hall due to the fact Emersons Green Hall and the Library arrange their own events. The following activities have been booked:

- 29th July – Circus Skills Day
- 8th August – Visit by Bristol Zoo
- 10th August - Wildlife Walk (In Emersons Green)
- 12th August - Twin wave Music Workshops
- 22nd August – Fizz Pop Science Workshops
- 29th August – Visit by Bristol Zoo

The Clerk advised that there were some negative comments on social media about age restrictions for the disco. A discussion was had about the age ranges and it was noted that these are required for safety reasons. The Clerk will take guidance from the activity suppliers in relation to this with the activities being aimed at primary school aged children.

Councillors are invited to attend these events however they do not need to be “manned” by the Council as parents and carers will be required to attend.

The Summer Sizzler takes place on 13th July and Mangotsfield Festival on 8th June. Ideally the Council would like to be represented at these events so members were asked to let the Clerk know if they can attend.

Action: Councillors to let the Clerk know if they can attend events

603. Planning Committee

Members reported that consideration has been given to the fuel tanks at the Science Park with a response being received from Brian Glasson. This response will be considered at the next meeting.

A proposal for 400 Edward Ware houses in Pucklechurch was considered with the committee objecting on concerns over access. The plan also includes a land swap for a portion of Lyde Green Common which is totally unacceptable.

604. Finance Committee

Members reported that the Committee had considered the Insurance Policy and on receiving information from Came & Co Brokers switched the Policy to Hiscox Insurance which provides sickness cover within the Keyman Insurance cover. In addition to this the Grant Applications were considered.

605. Open Spaces Committee

The Chairman reported as follows:

- A quote from Downend Men in Sheds has been approved for the provision of floral planters which Elmwood Nurseries will plant up.
- A portaloo has been installed at the allotments
- A skip is due to be delivered at the allotments shortly which will be used for non-compostable waste from the allotments
- A meeting is arranged with a contractor about fencing at the allotments
- A planning application has been submitted in relation to cutting back an Oak tree
- Brandon Hire has started the summer maintenance program. Members were advised that work on Rodway Common has started but may need to be expanded as some areas have been missed.
- Discussion has been had about bulk purchasing bollards. After further discussion about the number of bollards and security of such this has been referred back to the Open Spaces Committee.

606. Items to Report

- Manor Road from Bridge Road upwards is a mess with litter – to be reported to Streetcare
- Friends of Emersons Green Park have applied to SGC for funding for a noticeboard. The Clerk advised we have had an application from them for Insurance.
- Do we have a date when Sainsbury's Local will start building? No but residents can contact Sainsburys for more information.
- It has been reported that antisocial behavior at the retail park is increasing and that the Sainsburys security guard was assaulted earlier this week. The Clerk advised she has had some information from Lyde Green Neighborhood Watch in relation to ASB so is going to invite the Police to attend the June Full Council meeting.
- Rodway Hill House has paving in the front of it which has been damaged by vehicles. This is the responsibility of the land owner. The Clerk asked for pictures to be sent to her so she can inform Enforcement.

The Chairman informed members that he is unable to attend the Annual meeting on 16th May and several other Councillors advised of the same. After some discussion it was **Resolved** that Standing Orders be suspended and that the Annual meeting of the Town Council takes place at 19.00 on Monday 20th May 2019.

607. Date of next meeting: 20th May 2019, 19.00, Council Chamber

The Chairman thanked those members who are not re-standing for their work on the Council and closed the meeting at 20.00.

After the Chairman had closed the meeting 3 representatives of Avon & Somerset Police arrived and apologised they were late, but they had attended the Wick Parish meeting beforehand.

Members asked about the ASB incident at Sainsburys and were informed that several young people (aged 10/11) would be getting visits from the Police to discuss their recent behavior. The Police are very keen to nip this in the bud.

Members asked if it was felt the Youth Outreach work had reduced the ASB. The Police advised that ASB has been low of late and they were not aware of the Youth Workers. The Clerk was asked to request that the Youth Leader contacts the Police to discuss problems in the area. The Clerk was also asked to request that the Youth Workers concentrate on the Outreach Work rather than work at the community hall with existing users.

Members asked if the Police are aware of drug problems in Boscombe Crescent. The Police are aware of issues in Valley Gardens which may extend to Boscombe Crescent and are doing some work around this area.

Lyde Green Common is still suffering with problems from scrambling bikes. The Police and SGC are aware of this and trying to tackle the problem. The area has been advertised on social media as a meeting place which has exacerbated the situation.

The Chairman thanked the Police for attending and requested that they attend the June meeting. The Clerk will email them with the date.

Members left at 20.16