

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee is due to be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading on **Wednesday, 4th March 2020** at 7.45 p.m.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: A Newton (Chair), A Bassett, G Bhangra, N Brock, M Eastwell, D Hare, D Ireland, A Long, S Matthews and K Yabsley.

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The first twenty minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to pose questions to the Council. If there are no questions, the Council will commence business forthwith.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.

4. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

4.1 Community Request

To consider a request from the Aisha Mosque for an allotment, to be used as part of its Reading Mosque Garden Project. The Town Clerk to provide further details.

4.2 School Visit

To note that pupils from Radstock Primary School will be visiting the Culver Lane Allotments as part of a school project.

5. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

5.1 Susan Smith Memorial Bird Hide

To note that the memorial bird hide will be officially opened on Wednesday 1st April 2020. The Town Mayor will be in attendance.

5.2 Lake Inspection

To note that the professional annual lake inspection has been carried out. No significant issues were identified by the Reservoir Engineer. The annual testing of the Penstock valve will take place later this month.

6. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRES

6.1 Centrepoint Community Centre

To note that the office space and foyer, previously occupied by the After School Club, is scheduled for redecoration prior to new hirers being sought.

6.2 Community and Youth Meetings

To note that the following dates have been set for meetings of the Community & Youth Sub-Committee: 29th April 2020, 24th June 2020, 30th September 2020 and 18th November 2020. Meeting themes are still to be confirmed and details will be published on the Town Council website.

7. ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

7.1 Play Equipment

To note that the annual ROSPA play inspections at Sol Joel Park and Meadow Park have been carried out. All equipment was rated either low risk or very low risk and minor remedial works have been completed by the Town Council's grounds maintenance officers.

7.2 BMX Track at Paddick Drive

To note that the annual ROSPA inspection of the BMX track has been completed and no significant issues were raised.

8. EARLEY SCARECROW TRAIL

To note that the Earley Scarecrow Trail will be taking place in October, this year's theme is 'Historical Figures'. To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk on Town Council support for the event.

9. BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

9.1 Waste Resources

To note that the Town Council has agreed to store a small number of black recycling boxes, food waste caddies and caddy liners at the Town Council offices in Radstock Road on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council. Local residents can already obtain food bags, garden bags, blue bags and dog bags from the Help Shop at the Town Council offices and this latest move will enable them to also obtain replacement waste receptacles from the same location.

9.2 Fly-tipping

Councillors have reported successes with the new, online fly-tipping reporting initiative operated by Wokingham Borough Council. Incidents of fly-tipping should be reported to <https://selfservice.wokingham.gov.uk/services/flytipping/> and WBC will arrange for their removal and provide progress updates to the person reporting the incident.

10. HUGE EARLEY LITTER PICK

To note that this year's Huge Early Litter Pick will take place on Sunday 29th March 2020. Groups of volunteers, led by the Town Council's Park Rangers and members of EASI, will be working in multiple locations between 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4:30pm. Owing to the increased interest in this event over the past few years, the number of starting points has been increased:

- Maiden Erlegh Reserve - meet at Interpretation Centre, Instow Road
- Maiden Place – meet at the playground in Carnival Field off Kilnsea Drive
- Chalfont Area – meet at Sutton Seeds Bowling Club car park off Chalfont Way
- North Earley – meet at the layby near Kwik-Fit at Pitts Lane by Shepherds Hill
- Sol Joel Park – meet at the overflow car park at Mays Lane (PM ONLY).

11. BEAT THE STREET

To receive a verbal report from Councillor Newton on the Beat the Street scheme.

12. PUBLICATIONS

To note that the following items have been received and are available for viewing in the Council Offices:

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| Maiden Erlegh Residents Association: | Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 th February 2020 |
| Earley Adopt-a-Street Initiative | Spring 2020 Newsletter |

13. PRESS RELEASES

To determine whether any of the foregoing items shall form the subject of a special press release.

14. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To RESOLVE that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press are temporarily excluded and are asked to withdraw for item 15 on the Agenda.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.