

# EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held remotely\* on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020** commencing at 7.45 pm.

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.

*Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held using the Zoom conferencing platform.*

*To obtain the login details please email [administration@earley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:administration@earley-tc.gov.uk) by 4pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.*

\*The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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## **A G E N D A**

*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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.

**4. FISHING SEASON 2020/2021**

To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the 2020/2021 fishing season, which commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and is a popular pastime at Maiden Erlegh Lake. Plus, the additional work which has been undertaken this year, in order to provide guidance to fisherman and Water Bailiffs, in light of Covid-19.

**5. DEFRA RESERVOIR EMERGENCY ONSITE FLOOD PLAN CONSULTATION**

To note that the Deputy Town Clerk and Senior Park Ranger are currently working on a response to DEFRA'S reservoir emergency onsite flood plan consultation, following the written statement of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on 16 March 2020, which states that the government would consult on making a requirement for all large raised reservoirs (registered reservoirs) to have an emergency contingency plan (also known as an on-site flood plan) in place. The government considers such plans essential for maintaining public safety and is considering making the requirement for such plans a legal obligation in England during 2020/21. The Town Council does have a plan in place and work is underway to update it.

**6. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRES**

6.1 To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the work which has been undertaken in the Community Centres whilst they have been closed due to Covid 19.

6.2 To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the recent Government announcement regarding the opening of Community Centres.

6.3 To receive a verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the installation of electronic gates by Maiden Erlegh School, which will affect access to the Silverdale Centre.

**7. MAIDEN ERLEGH RESERVE BOOKLET**

To note the Maiden Erlegh Reserve Booklet provided under separate cover, which has been put together by the Junior Environmental Group with the suggestion of putting it on the Town Council's website for people to download.

**8. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LIBRARY SERVICE CONSULTATION**

To note that Wokingham Borough Council are carrying out a consultation in preparation of the re-opening of Library Services, when Government guidance allows. Wokingham Borough Council anticipate that initial services will be more restricted than normal and services will need to be adapted, so they are looking to gain an understanding from residents on what services are most important to access and what concerns residents have about accessing services safely during the current Covid-19 situation. A short survey can be found at:-

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/?entryid206=521509>. The deadline for response is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and the information has been put on ETC's website.

**9. RADSTOCK SOCIAL CLUB**

To receive a verbal report from Councillor Newton on her site visit to Radstock Social Club.

**10. WOODCHIP BIN**

To note that no further progress has been made on the siting of a second woodchip bin in Earley, due to the current Covid-19 situation and the prioritising of Council staff workloads.

**11. MELDRETH WAY ROUNDABOUT PLANTING**

To discuss the possibility of planting on the roundabout at the end of Meldreth Way.

**12. PUBLICATIONS**

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

Maiden Erlegh Residents Association:	Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2020
BRAMM	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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.