

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading on **Wednesday, 3rd November 2021** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and are asked to email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk in advance of the meeting to advise of their attendance. This will assist us with planning appropriate seating arrangements for the meeting.

Members of the public attending the meeting will be required to wear a face covering and we recommend that a Lateral Flow Test is carried out prior to the meeting.

Anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or in receipt of a positive test result **MUST NOT attend.**

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 Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and K Yabsley.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS – ANNUAL AWARDS

The Town Mayor to present the awards for the annual Culver Lane Allotment competition:

- Runner up – Best Allotment 2021
- Runner up – Best Allotment 2021
- Winner – Best Allotment 2021

4. PUBLIC FORUM

To receive any questions from members of the public attending the meeting. The Public Forum shall not exceed 15 minutes. If there are no questions, the meeting shall commence forthwith.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 8th September 2021 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

6. CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE

6.1 Council Facilities

To note that regular activities continue to take place at the Town Council’s community centres, hirers are advised to take sensible precautions whilst using the facilities. The pavilions continue to be available for use by the football teams who are advised that precautions around space and hygiene should continue to be observed.

7. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To discuss increasing the fees for an allotment, any increase to take effect from January 2023 (current fees are displayed on the Town Council website). Plot fees are determined a year in advance, the allotment year runs January – December. Historically, inflationary increases have been applied but fees were frozen for 2021 and 2022.

Members to **RESOLVE** accordingly.

8. MEADOW PARK

8.1 Replacement Swings Project

To note that the replacement swings and new safety surfacing have been installed and a post installation safety inspection has been conducted.

9. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

To note that the Town Council’s Water Bailiffs organised a charity fishing match which was held at Maiden Erlegh Lake on 10th October 2021. The event was popular, all fishing bays were sold out, and £375 was raised for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

10. GREEN EVENTS – ‘26 to COP26’

To note that the series of environment-themed events and activities organised by Earley Town Council in the run-up to COP26 have proved very successful. To receive a report from the Town Clerk on the project.

11. TREE REGISTER

To receive any available updates from the Town Council’s Tree Recording Group.

12. WBC’s 250,000 TREES PROJECT

To receive a report on WBC’s 250,000 trees project.

Appendix A

13. PUBLICATIONS

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

MERA	Executive Committee Minutes - 14 th October 2021
LINK Visiting Scheme	Autumn Newsletter
Friendship Alliance e-newsletter	13 th October
Involve Community Services e-newsletters	October 2021
Fields in Trust e-newsletter	18 th & 21 st October 2021

14. PRESS RELEASES

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

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To **RESOLVE** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and are asked to withdraw for item 16 on the Agenda.

16. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.