

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting for the members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held remotely* on **Wednesday, 12th January 2022** 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 Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and K Yabsley.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held using the Zoom conferencing platform. Meeting ID 821 0606 6002 Passcode 409521

To obtain a link to the meeting please email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk by 4pm, Wednesday 12th January 2022.

*In accordance with Minutes 7, 7.1 and 7.2, Delegated Powers resolutions, passed by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 4th May 2021.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2021 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RECOMMEND** they be signed.

5. CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE

To note that as no further restrictions have been introduced by Government in relation to the Omicron variant, regular activities continue to take place at the Town Council's community centres and sports pavilions. However, due to high infection rates bookings for parties and large gatherings are still not being taken and this will remain under regular review.

6. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To note that notice has been given on several allotments, which will be offered to people on the waiting list. ETC now has 12 allotments, 4 troughs and 1 raised bed vacant and in the process of being offered to those on the waiting list.

7. LAKESIDE HEDGE

To note that reports were received in December 2021 that an unknown person/s have been cutting down the hedge located on Lakeside. The situation is being monitored by the Park Rangers and a report has been made to the Police as this is considered criminal damage.

8. TREES AT MILTON ROAD

To note that the three replacement trees funded by ETC have now been planted in Milton Road. Wokingham Borough Council's Senior Specialist for Trees has advised that the trees have been planted at different locations to the original trees due to better soil quality and larger verge sizes.

9. TREE REGISTER

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

10. WBC GARDEN FOREST SCHEME

To note that Wokingham Borough Council has published details of its Garden Forest Scheme, a project designed to encourage residents to plant a tree in their own gardens. The closing to register an expression of interest for a tree is 30th January 2022. ETC is promoting the scheme on its website.

Appendix A

11. ENHANCING THE ENVIRONMENT

To discuss how the Town Council can encourage and support biodiversity on its land. Considerations to include measures such as the planting of bee-friendly shrubs and the creation of insect-friendly habitats.

12. WOOD CHIP BIN

To further consider the installation of a second wood chip bin.

13. SOLAR POWERED LIGHTING

Following the successful installation of solar powered lighting in the Council Offices car park, to discuss the Chairman's suggestion that similar lighting be considered for the skatepark at Sol Joel Park.

14. PUBLICATIONS

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

CCB	E-Bulletin November, December 2021
Earley Orchard Group	Minutes of Annual General Meeting 24 th October 2021
MERA	Minutes 11 th November, 9 th December 2021
Me2 Club	E-newsletter November, December 2021
Berkshire Youth	E-newsletter November 2021

15. PRESS RELEASES

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