

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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23 February 2022

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, 2nd March 2022** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public attending the meeting are requested 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 is asked not to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: N Brock (Chair), A Bassett, G Bhangra, M Eastwell, D Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews, A Newton 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. 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 12th January 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

To note that Cllr Alison Newton has stepped down as Chair of the Amenities and Leisure Committee, Cllr Nicola Brock was elected the new Chair at the Council meeting of 9th February 2022.

To elect a Vice Chair for the Amenities and Leisure Committee. Members to **RESOLVE**.

6. MEETING TIMES

To consider a change to the start time of meetings of the Amenities and Leisure Committee to bring it into line with other Council meetings. Members to **RESOLVE**.

7. OPERATIONS MANAGER

To receive a short report from Earley Town Council's new Operations Manager, Max Brown.

8. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To note that allotment inspections will resume in March. These are carried out by ETC officers and a member of the Allotment Association.

9. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

To note that the Deputy Town Clerk has completed the new Emergency Onsite Flood Plan, as required under revised DEFRA regulations. The document is currently with ETC's lake engineer for checks and will then be lodged with DEFRA.

10. EARLEY TREE REGISTER

To receive an update from the Earley Tree Register working group.

Appendix A

11. NOTICEBOARDS

To receive a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on work carried out on the town council notice boards.

Appendix B

12. HELP – HUGE EARLEY LITTER PICK

To note that this year's Huge Earley Litter Pick (HELP) will take place on Sunday, 3rd April 2022.

Town Council officers have been organising this event for 23 years, assisted by members of EASI and the EEG. As usual, the litter picking teams will be based out of the Interpretation Centre. Promotional material will be produced, detailing how residents can volunteer to join in.

13. 'NO MOW MAY'

To note that Earley Town Council will be taking part in Plantlife's 'No Mow May' as part of our efforts to support pollinators. Areas at several town council sites will be set aside for the project and we will be encouraging residents to do the same.

www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may

14. PLATINUM JUBILEE

To discuss ways in which the town council may wish to mark the historic occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

15. PUBLICATIONS

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

CCB	E-Bulletin February 2022
MERA	Minutes of Executive Committee 10 th February 2022
Fields in Trust	E-Bulletin February 2022
Involve	E-newsletter 14 th February 2022

16. PRESS RELEASES

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

17. 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 18 on the Agenda.*

18. COMMUNITY CENTRES

To receive an update from the Town Clerk on Silverdale Community Centre and Centrepoint Community Centre.