

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 on **Wednesday, 11th January 2023** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public attending the meeting are requested to wear a face covering.

In order to reduce the risk of spreading any winter viruses, if you are experiencing symptoms we would ask that you do not 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, C Smith, 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. **ALLOTMENT AWARD WINNERS**

The Chair to present an award to the runner-up in the Culver Lane Allotment Awards 2022. To note that the holder of the first placed allotment received their award at the Mayor's Reception in December.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 2nd November 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

6. HUGE EARLEY LITTER PICK

To note that the Huge Earley Litter Pick will be taking place on Sunday 26th March 2023. It will follow a similar format to last year and preparations are underway.

7. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

7.1 Planting

To note that more snowdrop bulbs have been ordered as well as 100 hazel tree whips which will all be planted around the nature reserve between now and March.

7.2 Lake

To note that the Park Rangers and the Wednesday volunteers will be creating around a dozen more floating platforms for the lake between now and March. These will assist nesting birds to raise their young safely, free from disturbance from pedestrians and dogs.

8. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To note that, following discussions with representatives from the Allotment Association regarding the electricity supply to the trading shed, permission has been given for them to install a solar panel on the roof of the structure.

9. SOL JOEL PARK

To review the situation regarding parking issues at Sol Joel Park, primarily those arising from the Berkshire Youth Development League football matches on Saturdays.

10. BUS SHELTERS

To note that two replacement bus shelters have now been installed in Church Road, outside 134a, and The Drive/London Road. The next two shelters that will be replaced are the leaning one on Beech Lane and the shelter on Gypsy Lane/ Brookside Close which is in poor condition.

11. NOTICE BOARDS

To note that two new notice boards have been ordered. They will replace the missing boards at Beech Lane/Wilderness Road and at Sol Joel carpark. The new notice boards are green, powder coated aluminium with a lockable covered section for council use and an accessible, covered section for public use. Incorporated in their design is the town council name and logo.

12. CORONATION

To discuss ways in which the town council could mark the occasion of the King's Coronation in May.

13. ASSETS - UPDATES

To receive updates on matters relating to the Silverdale Centre, Centrepoint and the transfer of Sibly.

14. POST OFFICE CLOSURE

To note that the post office at McColls in the Asda complex closed on 8th December 2022. The nearest alternatives are FAD on Silverdale Road and Maiden Place.

15. WBC TREE STRATEGY – CONSULTATION

To note that Wokingham Borough Council is inviting comments on its draft Tree Strategy, details available on the Engage Wokingham Borough website. The consultation ends on 22nd January 2023.

16. PUBLICATIONS

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

Berkshire Youth	E-newsletter – November 2022
Me2 Club	E-newsletter – November; December 2022
CCB	E-newsletter – December 2022
The Friendship Alliance	e-newsletter 30 th November; 14 th December 2022
Involve Community Services	e-newsletter 18 th November; 2 nd December; 16 th December 2022

17. PRESS RELEASES

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

18. 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 items 19 and 20 on the Agenda.*

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the confidential Minutes of the Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on 2nd November 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

20. MAYS LANE CEMETERY

To consider a confidential matter related to burial charges.