

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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7th January 2026

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 14th January 2026** commencing at 7 pm.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: N Brock (Chair), R Ahlawat, A Bassett, A Bradley, R Browne, R Cook, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and A Newton

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 15th October 2025 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. **ANNUAL FEES & CHARGES REVIEW – 2026/27**

To consider the Town Council's fees and charges 2026/27 for services provided and agree on recommendations to Full Council.

Details of current charges are available on the town council website and additional information has been provided to Members for reference.

5.1 Mays Lane Cemetery

To consider the charges for 2026/27 for Mays Lane Cemetery. For comparison, details of charges at other local cemeteries have been provided. Members to **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation.

Appendix A

5.2 Culver Lane Allotments

To consider the charges for allotments, any changes to take effect in January 2027. Members to **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation.

Appendix B

5.3 Hall Hire

To consider the hall hire charges for 2026/27. Members to **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation.

Appendix C

5.4 Fishing Permits

To consider the fishing permit charges for 2026/27. Members to **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation.

Appendix D

5.5 Sports Pitch Hire

To consider the sports pitch charges for 2026/27. Members to **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation.

Appendix E

6. **SOL JOEL PARK**

6.1 Parking Request

To consider a request from MERA that the overflow car park in Mays Lane be made available for parents and students of Maiden Erlegh School and Aldryngton Primary School. Members to discuss and **RESOLVE** accordingly.

Appendix F

7. **CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS**

7.1 Raised Beds & Troughs

To review the provision of raised beds and troughs.

Appendix G

7.2 Thefts

To receive a report on recent thefts of produce from the allotments and to note the actions taken.

Appendix G

8. **BIODIVERSITY UPDATE**

To receive an update on the Town Council's biodiversity work.

Appendix H

9. **OPERATIONS MANAGER – REPORT**

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager.

10. **PHONE BOX PROJECT**

To receive an update on the Silverdale Road phone box project.

Appendix I

11. **TOWN COUNCIL QUESTIONS AT WBC MEETINGS**

To receive and consider any councillor requests for specific questions to be submitted to WBC meetings. Members to also agree the WBC meeting to which the Town Clerk is to submit the question.

Members to **RESOLVE** if required.

12. **PUBLICATIONS**

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

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| Involve Community Services | E-newsletters – October, November & December 2025 |
| Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) | E-newsletter – December 2025 |
| Friendship Alliance | E-newsletters – December 2025 |
| Me2 Club | E-newsletter – December 2025 |

13. **PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

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