

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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25th February 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 4th March 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 14th January 2026 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. **CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS**

5.1 **Raised Beds & Troughs**

To note that these have been promoted by the Allotment Association and the rate of uptake has improved.

5.2 Allotment Competition Guidelines

To review the guidelines for the annual allotment competition and agree changes, if any, before judging starts later in March.

Appendix A

6. MAYS LANE CEMETERY

To receive a report on the work undertaken to extend the Cremated Remains Interment section at Mays Lane Cemetery.

Appendix B

7. COMMUNITY CENTRES

7.1 Maiden Place Community Centre

7.1.1 Car Park Wall

To note that the repairs to the car park wall are nearing completion. To also note that contractors will be installing cycle rails in two areas, these will serve as a practical way of protecting the new wall from vehicle damage.

7.2 Centrepoint Community Centre

7.2.1 Bike Workshop

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the ETC Bike Workshop project.

8. MEADOW PARK

To receive a report on plans to upgrade the play equipment at Meadow Park.

Appendix C

9. OPERATIONS MANAGER – REPORT

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager.

10. LODDON VALLEY RAMBLERS – ROUND EARLEY ROUTE

Loddon Valley Ramblers are working on creating a new 15 mile walking route around the Earley boundary. They have requested that the Town Council add the walk to the others it hosts on its website.

Cllr A Long has been engaging with Loddon Valley Ramblers on this project in a personal capacity but has requested that this arrangement be formalised.

Members to consider the request and **RESOLVE** that Cllr A Long engage with Loddon Valley Ramblers in his capacity as town councillor.

11. PHONE BOX PROJECT

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

Appendix D

12. COMMUNITY EVENTS

12.1 Town Mayor's Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 8th April the Town Mayor will be holding a Coffee Morning at Maiden Place Community Centre to raise funds for her chosen charity, Pets as Therapy. The event will be attended by representatives from the charity and several PAT dogs will also be there. As well as enjoying coffee and cake and meeting the PAT dogs, there will also be an opportunity to take part

in a free bunting making workshop run by students from the University of Reading. Attendees will be invited to help make bunting for the University's centenary events being held later in the year.

Appendix E

12.2 Moveability

Members to discuss the possibility of ETC providing Moveability sessions at one of its community centres ('Seated Chair Exercise plus a Social Cuppa'). Town Clerk to provide details.

13. CRESCENT CENTRE

Cllr N Brock, as Chair of the Council, and the Town Clerk met with representatives of the Crescent Centre to discuss how the two organisations could work together. Cllr Brock to give verbal update.

14. 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.

15. PUBLICATIONS

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

Huntley & Palmer's Allotment Association	E-newsletter January 2026
Involve Community Services	E-newsletters – January & February 2026
Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB)	E-newsletters – January & February 2026
Friendship Alliance	E-newsletter – January 2026

16. PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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