

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held remotely* on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2020** 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 Hare, D Ireland, A Long, S Matthews and K Yabsley.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held using the Zoom conferencing platform. To obtain the login details please email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk by 4pm, Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

*The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

AGENDA

The first twenty minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to pose questions to the Council. If there are no questions, the Council will commence business forthwith.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY CENTRES & BUILDINGS

4.1 General Update

- 4.1.1 To note that the redecoration of Maiden Place Community Centre and Radstock Community Centre has been completed. The redecoration of Sol Joel Pavilion is currently underway.

4.2 Covid-19 Update

To note that the Town Council's four community centres: Maiden Place; Radstock Lane Community Centre; Silverdale and Centrepoint will reopen to hirers from 1st September 2020. The reopening will be gradual and priority, in the first instance, will be given to regular hirers. A lot of work has been carried out by Town Council officers to ensure that Covid Secure guidelines have been adhered to in the reopening of these facilities and that measures have been taken to safeguard both staff and hirers.

4.3 Sol Joel Park

To note that grass roots football has restarted at Sol Joel Park, with priority being given to regular hirers. In accordance with Covid-19 guidance, the Pavilion remains closed although teams are provided with toilet facilities. To note that all football clubs/teams are required to produce their own Covid-19 Risk Assessments prior to bookings being accepted.

4.4 Silverdale Centre

4.4.1 Maiden Erleigh School – Electronic Gates

To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the impact on the Silverdale Centre of the new electronic gates installed by Maiden Erleigh School.

4.4.2 Health & Safety

To note that the installation of the new fire alarm system has been completed.

5. COUNCIL OFFICES & HELPSHOP

5.1 Council Chamber

To note that the redecoration of the Council Chamber has been completed.

5.2 Helpshop

To note that the newly redecorated Town Council Helpshop reopened to the public on 27th July 2020. Town Council officers continue to offer a full range of services to residents, including the provision of some Wokingham Borough services, something which residents are appreciating, especially in light of the fact that the borough's Shute End offices remain closed to the public.

5.3 Ali's Recycling

To note that now the Helpshop has reopened, it is once again a collection point for Ali's Recycling Scheme. Information on this has been posted on the Town Council website, on Town Council notice boards around Earley and on Ali's Facebook page.

6. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE & NATURE RESERVE

- 6.1 To note that, following the easing of lockdown restrictions, members of the Wednesday Volunteers have returned to the Nature Reserve, assisting the Park Rangers on a weekly basis.

- 6.2 To note that there have been a couple of recent incidents where small groups of youths have either lit fires, or looked likely to light fires, at the Nature Reserve. On one occasion the fire brigade attended and put the fire out. The Neighbourhood Police Team have been informed.

- 6.3 To note that the Penstock Valve at the lake was successfully tested on 28th July 2020.

7. LOCAL WALKS PROJECT

To consider the Earley Walks Project proposal as submitted by Mary Bather, ACER Whitegates Residents' Association.

Appendix A

8. WOKINGHAM CULTURAL STRATEGY

To consider a response to Wokingham Borough Council's request for parish/town council input into the draft Wokingham Cultural Strategy. Details of the draft strategy have been provided to members of this committee.

9. TOWN COUNCIL YOUTH OUTREACH WORK

To receive an update from the Town Clerk on the progress of the Town Council's youth outreach work.

10. MAIDEN PLACE YOUTH SHELTER

To note the concerns expressed by the Borough Council in respect of anti-social behaviour around the youth shelter at Maiden Place. To consider any ideas that may improve the area and the situation.

11. MELDRETH WAY ROUNDABOUT

To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk.

12. PUBLICATIONS

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

Maiden Erleigh Residents Association:	Minutes of the Executive Committee Panel -14.8.20
Me2 Club	July Newsletter

13. PRESS RELEASES

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

14. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To ***RESOLVE*** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press are temporarily excluded and are asked to withdraw for item 15 on the Agenda.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.