

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held remotely* on **Wednesday, 13th January 2021** 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.

Meeting ID 946 2805 4224 Passcode 874979

To obtain a link to the meeting please email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk by 4pm, Wednesday 13th January 2021.

*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

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 Council will commence business forthwith.

4. PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To receive a reminder from the Committee Chair of the Standing Orders in relation to participation in meetings by non-committee members, and to receive a request by the Committee Chair that attendees use the ‘thumbs up’ or ‘chat’ facility when agreeing with another speaker rather than putting their hands up to speak.

Appendix A

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2020 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.

6. CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE

To note that, in accordance with the current National Lockdown restrictions, the Town Council’s community centres are closed to hirers (except for registered pre-schools). Outdoor spaces remain accessible for the purpose of personal exercise only. Government rules require the suspension of fishing at MELNR until further notice (appropriate signage has been displayed).

To note that lockdown restrictions require the Helpshop at the Council offices in Radstock Lane to remain closed to visitors in person.

7. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To note that officers intend to resume allotment inspections by the end of January.

8. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE & NATURE RESERVE

8.1 Flooding Issues

To note that Wokingham Borough Council have removed a tree and carried out other remedial works to the culvert. The Park Rangers will continue to monitor the situation and will report any issues.

8.2 Memorial Bench

To note that the request for a memorial bench has been dealt with and the family involved are pleased with the outcome. Instead of installing a new bench, a memorial tree has been planted and a plaque has been placed on an existing bench.

9. LOCAL WALKS PROJECT

To receive an update from Councillor Long and Councillor Ireland regarding the Local Walks Project.

Appendix B

10. TREE REPLACEMENT – MILTON ROAD

To discuss a request from Councillor C Jones that Members consider replacing two trees in Milton Road as Wokingham Borough Council has indicated it does not have the budget to do so.

11. TOWN COUNCIL YOUTH OUTREACH WORK

To note that outreach work has been temporarily suspended owing to National Lockdown restrictions.

12. JOINT HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY

Parish and Town Councils have been asked to contribute to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Berkshire West (Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham). Members are requested to agree a Town Council response which the Town Clerk will submit. A copy of the online survey has been provided to all councillors.

Members of the public can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/jhwbstrategy>

13. PUBLICATIONS

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

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| Involve | E-Bulletin newsletter – 11 th & 18 th December 2020 |
| CCB | Action for All E-Bulletin - December 2020 |
| Fields in Trust | Electronic Newsletter – Winter 2020 |
| MERA | Executive Committee Meeting – 10 th December 2020 |
| Me2 Club | Electronic Newsletter – Christmas 2020 |

14. PRESS RELEASES

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