

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, Reading on **Wednesday, 8th September 2021** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and are asked to email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk in advance of the meeting to advise of their attendance. This will assist us with planning appropriate seating arrangements for the meeting.

Members of the public attending the meeting will be required to wear a face covering and we recommend that a Lateral Flow Test is carried out prior to the meeting.

Anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or in receipt of a positive test result MUST NOT attend.

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 Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 30th June 2021 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE

5.1 Council Facilities

To note that many regular hirers have now resumed their bookings at the Town Council’s community centres. We are advising hirers to continue to take sensible precautions whilst using the facilities.

To note that, in line with current advice, the pavilions are now available for use by the football teams. We are advising that precautions around space and hygiene continue to be observed.

To note that the Council offices and Helpshop remain open. The measures previously adopted to minimise the risk of infection remain in place.

6. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To receive an update from Councillor Bassett on Culver Lane Allotments following a site meeting with the allotment association.

7. MEADOW PARK

7.1 Replacement Swings Project

The replacement swings will be installed during the week commencing 20th September. During the preceding week, Town Council officers will be carrying out preparatory work on site.

8. RADSTOCK LANE SOCIAL CLUB SPACE

To note the Town Clerk’s update on the project to create a community space in the area of Radstock Lane Community Centre previously used as a social club. A written report has previously been provided to Members.

9. GREEN EVENTS

Following the Policy & Resources Committee’s approval of a £4,000 budget, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk have progressed this project. As it is still in the planning stages an update and draft schedule of events is included in the confidential part of this meeting.

10. TREE REGISTER

To receive an update from the Town Council’s Tree Recording Group.

Appendix A

11. YOUTH ANGLING PROJECT

To note that this collaboration with Reading FC Community Trust was very successful and well attended. The young people enjoyed their time at the lake and appreciated the support given by Martyn, a Town Council water bailiff, and by members of RFCCT. Several messages of thanks have been received from participants and their families.

12. LAKESIDE

To discuss the request from MERA that the height of the hedges abutting Lakeside be further reduced. Members have been provided with copies of communications on this matter and site visits have been conducted.

13. PUBLICATIONS

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

Me2 Club	E-newsletters July 2021 & August 2021
MERA	Executive Committee Meeting – 12 th August 2021
CCB	E-newsletter August 2021
Berkshire Youth	E-newsletter August 2021
The Friendship Alliance	E-newsletter September 2021

14. PRESS RELEASES

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

15. 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 16 and 17 on the Agenda.*

16. GREEN EVENTS

To receive an update and draft schedule of events.

Confidential Appendix B

17. LAUREL PARK PAVILION

To discuss the Town Council's lease on Laurel Park Pavilion in view of Wokingham Borough Council's recent move to require all football teams playing at Laurel Park to book pitches directly with the borough, rather than through the Town Council as has been the case for several years.

To make a recommendation to Full Council on the matter.