

# 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 on **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022** commencing at 7.45 pm.

**Members of the public attending the meeting are requested to wear a face covering.**

**Anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or in receipt of a positive test result is asked not to attend the meeting.**

Yours faithfully

*Jo Friend*

**TOWN CLERK**

**To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee**

Councillors: N Brock (Chair), A Bassett, G Bhangra, M Eastwell, D Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews, A Newton, C Smith, and K Yabsley.

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## **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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

**5. GREEN FAIR – 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

5.1 To receive the latest update on preparations for this year's Green Fair event.

5.2 To receive an update from Councillor C Smith on the proposals for a town councillors' stall at the Green Fair.

**6. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS**

To receive an update on any issues relevant to the allotment site.

**7. TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

To note that the transfer of ownership of the two red telephone boxes to Earley Town Council has been completed. BT will now remove the telephony equipment. Ideas for possible uses of the telephone boxes will be discussed at the next Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting.

**8. RADSTOCK COMMUNITY SPACE**

To note that further progress has been made on the refurbishment of the new community space at Radstock Lane Community Centre. The new window blinds have been ordered and officers are in the process of purchasing new crockery, kitchen electricals and decorative items.

**9. TREE PLANTING IN BULMERSHE PARK**

To note that Friends of Bulmershe Open Space have been in discussions with WBC about its request that tree planting is carried out in Bulmershe Park, an area that is managed by Woodley Town Council and Earley Town Council. WBC's Green Infrastructure Special Projects Manager has provided sketches of the proposals, these have been supplied to members of the Amenities and Leisure Committee for their information.

Councillor S Matthews, a member of FoBOS, to provide a verbal update.

**10. BUS SHELTERS**

To note that orders have been placed for two replacement bus shelters in North Earley. The contractor is in the process of obtaining a street works permit from Wokingham Borough Council and expects the installation to be completed within the next five weeks.

**11. 'LET IT BLOOM IN JUNE'**

To note that Earley Town Council's participation in Plantlife's 'No Mow May' has been continued into 'Let it Bloom in June'. Pathways have been cut through the longer growth to assist pedestrians and dog walkers. One noticeable benefit of the reduction in mowing has been the growth of numerous Bee Orchids at a town council site.

**12. NEW WBC ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SERVICE**

To receive an update from Wokingham Borough Council's anti-social behaviour service.

**13. CITIZENS ADVICE WOKINGHAM**

To note that, due to an increase in requests for assistance, Citizens Advice Wokingham is looking to recruit more part-time volunteer advisors. Full training and support will be given. Details of the call for volunteers have been posted on the ETC website and notice boards and further information can be found at [www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/volunteer).

**14. PUBLICATIONS**

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

MERA	Notes - Informal Meeting - 9 June 2022
ACER	Newsletter - Summer 2022
Involve	E-newsletter - 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

**15. PRESS RELEASES**

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

**16. 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 17 and 18 on the Agenda.

**17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To consider the confidential Minutes of the Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

**18. COMMUNITY CENTRES**

To receive any available updates on the Council's leases at Silverdale Community Centre and Centrepoint Community Centre.