

# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

## **5. ANNUAL FEES & CHARGES REVIEW – 2023/24**

To undertake a preliminary discussion on amendments to the Town Council's fees and charges 2023/24 for services provided. Details of current charges are available on the town council website and additional information has been provided to Members for reference.

### **5.1 Mays Lane Cemetery**

To consider increasing charges for the financial year 2023/24. To agree on recommendations to be considered by Full Council and the Budget Working Party.

### **5.2 Culver Lane Allotments**

To consider increasing charges, to take effect January 2024. To agree on recommendations to be considered by Full Council and the Budget Working Party.

### **5.3 Hall Hire**

To consider increasing charges for the financial year 2023/24. To agree on recommendations to be considered by Full Council and the Budget Working Party. Members to also consider a simplification of the current charging structure.

### **5.4 Fishing Permits**

To consider increasing charges for the financial year 2023/24. To agree on recommendations to be considered by Full Council and the Budget Working Party.

### **5.5 Sports Pitch Hire**

To consider increasing charges for the financial year 2023/24. To agree on recommendations to be considered by Full Council and the Budget Working Party.

## **6. BUDGET 2023/24**

As part of the budget setting process for 2023/24, Members of the Amenities and Leisure Committee are requested:

6.1 To consider whether there are any projects this Committee would wish to undertake in the 2023/2024 financial year.

6.2 To agree an order of preference for any such projects.

6.3 To consider future projects for beyond 2023/24, as part of the Council's long-term financial planning.

## **7. DOG WASTE BAGS**

To consider the continuation of the provision of free dog waste bags to Earley residents in 2023/24 and to make a recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee.

For information: Members to note that the budget for providing free dog waste bags was £1,000 in 2022/23, £1,000 in 2021/22, £900 in 2020/21, £1,434 in 2019/20 and £1,235 in 2018/19.

## **8. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS**

To receive any available updates.

**9. SOL JOEL PARK**

To discuss recent parking issues at Sol Joel Park, primarily those arising from the Berkshire Youth Development League football matches on Saturdays. To discuss previous proposals to extend the overflow car park.

**10. MAYS LANE CEMETERY**

To note that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be installing a sign at Mays Lane Cemetery acknowledging the presence of war graves at the site. There are six war graves at Mays Lane Cemetery.

**11. LODDON VIADUCT COLLAPSE**

To note that Earley Town Council will be planting a tree and placing a memorial plaque at Dinton Pastures in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loddon Viaduct collapse, an event in which 3 people lost their lives and many were injured. The tree, a hornbeam, and the plaque are on order, installation is scheduled for later in November.

**12. BULMERSHE PARK – SULV**

To note that Freely Fruity and volunteers from FoBOS will be restoring the orchard and planting additional fruit trees in Bulmershe Park in November.

**13. TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

To note that the Town Council plans to work with The Community HeartBeat Trust to install a community defibrillator in the Council’s adopted red telephone box in Wychwood Crescent. As part of this project, the kiosk will be refurbished. Plans for relocating and repurposing the red telephone box currently situated in Silverdale Road are still under review.

**14. SILVERDALE CENTRE**

To receive verbal updates on the preparations for Earley Town Council’s departure from the Silverdale Centre:

14.1 Hirers

14.2 Bike Workshop

**15. WBC CONSULTATION – RUBBISH & RECYCLING**

To note that Wokingham Borough Council is holding a public consultation on proposed changes to its rubbish and recycling collections. The survey is on the borough council’s Engage website and is open until 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. All households should receive a postcard with details of the consultation.

**16. PUBLICATIONS**

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

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| CCB      | E-newsletter – October 2022      |
| Me2 Club | E-newsletter – July, August 2022 |

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| AMERA                      | Minutes of Executive Committee – 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 and 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 |
| The Friendship Alliance    | e-newsletter 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022   |
| Involve Community Services | e-newsletter 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2022   |

**17. PRESS RELEASES**

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

**18. 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 item 19 on the Agenda.

**19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To consider the confidential Minutes of the Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.