

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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19th March 2025

Dear Councillor

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Earley Town Council will be held on **Wednesday 26th March 2025** commencing at 7pm in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

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. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th February 2025 and, if appropriate, to agree they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed by the Chair.

5. **COUNCILLOR ABSENCE**

To note that the leave of absence from Council meetings granted to Cllr M de Jong on 27th November 2024 is due for review. Cllr de Jong has indicated that she will not be requiring an extension.

6. **TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**

- 6.1 To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may wish to bring to the notice of the Council.

Appendix A

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To receive the minutes of the following meetings:

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| 7.1 | Amenities & Leisure Committee | - | 5 th March 2025 (<i>draft</i>) | (Minutes 65 – 80) |
| 7.2 | Planning Committee | - | 4 th February 2025 | (Minutes 121 - 137) |
| | | | 4 th March 2025 (<i>draft</i>) | (Minutes 138 – 153) |
| 7.3 | Policy & Resources Committee | - | 12th March 2025 (<i>draft</i>) | (Minutes 77 – 95) |

8. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

To receive Councillors' reports on meetings of outside bodies on which this Council is represented:

8.1 Sonning & District Welfare & Education Trust

To receive a written report from Cllr B Owen and to consider the proposed action for the Town Council.

Appendix B

9. COUNCIL STRATEGY MEETINGS

To note that the Chair of the Council and the Leader will be holding monthly meetings with the committee chairs and the Town Clerk to discuss council priorities and strategy. Issues and topics will then be passed to the appropriate committee for further discussion and, if appropriate, action.

10. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To receive a report from the Community Governance Review Working Group.

Appendix C

11. SOLAR PANELS - UPDATE

To receive a report from the Operations Manager on the performance of the solar panels at Radstock House during 2024.

Appendix D

12. LODDON GARDEN VILLAGE

To note that the University of Reading are providing various opportunities for residents and other interested parties to find out about plans for the new Loddon Garden Village development and to comment on them. Information is available at www.reading.ac.uk/shinfield-community/loddon-garden-village
The university is also holding drop-in sessions at Whiteknights Campus, Meadow Suite on Friday 28th March (10am – 5pm) and at Arborfield Village Hall on Saturday 29th March (11.30am – 5pm).

13. BERKSHIRE YOUTH

To note that Earley Town Council's partner in youth services, Berkshire Youth, has been appointed Reading Buses Charity of the Year for 2025. A Berkshire Youth branded bus will

run across the network raising the profile of the charity and encouraging donations to fund its work.

14. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – CONSULTATION

To note that WBC's consultation on its Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy is now open and runs until 14th April 2025. The consultation can be accessed via <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-strategy> or the WBC website.

Appendix E

15. COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE

15.1 Record of Members' Attendance

To note details of Councillors' attendance during 2024/25 at meetings of the Council and its Committees.

Appendix F

16. ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

To receive details of Orders for Payment since the last meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee (Vouchers 7609 - 7617, 7618 – 7635, 7636 – 7656) and Imprest vouchers (104 – 105 and 1049 - 1051).

Appendix G

17. PUBLICATIONS

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

Office of the PCC	E-newsletter January & February 2025
Involve Community Services	E-newsletter January & February 2025
Friendship Alliance e-newsletter	February & March 2025

18. PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

To decide whether any of the foregoing items of business shall form the subject of a press release.

19. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To agree 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 items 20, 21 and 22 on the Agenda.

20. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th February 2025 (Minutes 101 – 103) and, if appropriate, to agree they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed by the Chair.

21. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To receive the Confidential Minutes of the following meetings:

- 21.1 Planning Committee - 4th March 2025 (*draft*) (Minute 152)
- 21.2 Policy & Resources Committee - 12th March 2025 (draft) (Minutes 92– 94)

22. MAYS LANE CEMETERY

To receive an update on the work of the Cemetery Working Group.

Confidential Appendix H