

## **Abbey Ponds Working Group**

A MEETING of the ABBEY PONDS WORKING GROUP will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm** to be held at Bruton Community Hall.

Group members, Town Councillors, Members of the Press and public are welcome to attend.

*Councillors and members are reminded that they are expected to comply with the Nolan Principles and the Council's Code of Conduct, as well as showing respect for others in accordance with the law.*

### **AGENDA**

**25/26: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

**25/27: Declarations of interest**

Declarations of Interests Members to declare any interests, including disclosable pecuniary interests, they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any written requests from members for dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e) (This does not preclude any later declaration).

**25/28: Notes from the previous Working Group meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 41 (1))**

To agree the Notes from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**25/29: Working Group Membership.**

- a. To note a recent resignation.
- b. To consider appointments of new members.

**25/30: Level Access: “Connecting Abbey Ponds”**

- c. To receive an update on any progress:
  - i To note the installation of Pedestrian wayfinding signage to-and-from Bruton Station, via Abbey Ponds and the Durslade Community Garden.
  - ii Information signage on Abbey Ponds. To receive a short oral report regarding the progress of installing the stone signage.
- d. To review the project progress against budget.

**25/31: Habitat management**

- a. To note recent work parties of King’s Bruton student volunteers, led by Roger Gallannaugh, under Bruton Town Council’s Section 17 Management Agreement for the Scheduled Monument with Historic England.
- b. To note recent works at the top pond area by the robot machine.
- c. To consider hedge laying.
- d. To schedule upcoming habitat management work parties. To note wild seeding event taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- e. To consider modifications to the Habitat Management Plan.

**25/32: Archaeology and Heritage.**

To receive any updates on research since meetings.

- a. To agree to schedule a meeting with Historic England on site.

**25/33: Vision for Habitat and Heritage.**

To consider medium and longer-term objectives for ponds restoration, and implications for the negotiation of the next Management Agreement with Historic England.

- a. To discuss proposals for a leaky dam and a footbridge.

**25/32: Date of next meeting.**

7.30pm **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**, then quarterly thereafter.

Agenda items to the Chair of the Working Group by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**END OF AGENDA**