

Abbey Ponds Working Group

A MEETING of the ABBEY PONDS WORKING GROUP will take place on **Monday 12 January 2025 at 6.00pm** to be held at Fry's Halt, Station Road.

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

25/18: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1))

25/19: 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).

25/20: Notes from the previous Working Group meeting, held on 13th October 2025 (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 41 (1))

To agree the Notes from the meeting on 13th October 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

25/21: Level Access: "*Connecting Abbey Ponds*"

- a. To receive and update progress, towards installing:
 - i Pedestrian wayfinding signage to-and-from Bruton Station, via Abbey Ponds and the Durslade Community Garden.
 - ii Accessible gate and ramp for the bottom of Abbey Ponds
 - iii Information signage on Abbey Ponds.
 - iv Improving the surface of the Hoggin Path extension through Durslade Community Garden.
- b. To review the project progress against budget.

25/22: Habitat management

- a. To consider the scope of the Abbey Ponds Maintenance Tender 2026-29 and make recommendations to the Town Council.
- b. 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.
- c. To note recent works at the outfall area by Hauser and Wirth under the S17 Management Agreement.
- d. To consider Community Payback proposal.
- e. To consider hedge laying.
- f. To schedule upcoming habitat management work parties.

25/23: Archaeology and Heritage

To receive any updates on research since July/October meetings.

25/24: 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.

25/25: Date of next meeting.

6pm on **Monday 20 April**, then quarterly thereafter.

Agenda items to the Chair of the Working Group by Monday 13 April please.

END OF AGENDA