

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th JULY 2016 AT 7.00PM**  
**IN THE PRINCES CENTRE, CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH**

**AGENDA**

Public Forum – The first ten minutes are available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant Town matters on the following Agenda.

*The public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.*

1. To accept apologies and consider approving reason for absence
2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016
3. Declarations of Interest. To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest which members may have in any of the terms under consideration at this meeting
4. To receive a report from Thames Valley Police
5. To receive a report from Cllr Bendyshe-Brown (BCC) on matters concerning Princes Risborough.
6. To receive Matters Arising from minutes of the previous meeting dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 – not otherwise on the agenda.
7. To discuss and decide on the response to correspondence received at the Town Council.
8. To receive a report from the Events Committee (Cllr M Walsh)
9. To receive a report on the Local Plan (Cllr M Walsh)
10. To discuss and decide on the preferred project for the Local Area Forum budget
11. To receive a report on the Parking Review (Cllr A Ball)
12. To discuss and decide on advertising the vacancy for a Councillor by co-option for a further period of time (Cllr A Ball)
13. To discuss and decide on the recommendation from the Lighting Working Group on the preferred electricity supplier for the street lighting (Cllr M Walsh)
14. To discuss and decide on receiving written reports from District and County Councillors on matters relating to the parish (Cllr M Walsh)
15. Agenda items for next meeting.
16. Date of next meeting.
17. To pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with Section(12) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss the purchase of a finance package and decide on the preferred applicant for the Projects and Communications Assistant.

*Susanne Griffiths.*  
Clerk to the Town Council  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**DRAFT PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 IN THE PRINCES CENTRE,  
CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 8.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Walsh – Chairman  
Cllrs P Summerbell, G Hall, A Ball, A Turner, J Coombs, I Churchill and K Wilkins  
Susanne Griffiths – Clerk to the Town Council  
No members of the public

**1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

RESOLVED: To receive, note and accept the following apologies from Councillors for non-attendance at the meeting. The Town Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr M West and I McLauchlan.

**2. MINUTES**

To receive and accept the draft Minutes:  
RESOLVED: That the draft Minutes be duly received, accepted and agreed and that the Town Council meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 be signed as a true record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. None were declared.

**4. A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (12) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 TO DISCUSS STAFF MATTERS**

Cllr M Walsh proposed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with section (12) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960. **All present agreed.**

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm in the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman..... Date.....

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Future Play Strategy for Wycombe District**

Wycombe District Council is currently working on the creation of a new play strategy for the District which will encompass the period from 2017 – 2022.

As you are a Parish Council with fixed play facilities and open green spaces, we are writing to ask for your input and opinions on the direction, aims and outcomes of the future play strategy. Your views are vital to ensuring that we obtain the right balance of priorities to enhance play and play facilities across the District for all children and young people.

The new play strategy needs input from all stakeholders who work with and for residents of the Wycombe District Council area. I would therefore be very grateful if you would be able to fill in the attached questionnaire regarding your plans and expectations for play facilities and opportunities within your Parish Council area. We are also keen to hear your views regarding what play facilities you feel are most needed and would enhance opportunities for children and young people.

The Council's current Play Strategy is attached for your information.

Should you have any queries, or require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the contact details above.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Vickie McSwiggan  
Policy Officer

I, myself, seem to have recently got involved with the RARA committee and, as you are undoubtedly aware, we have recently convened a couple of meetings with chairmen and representatives of various local interested organisations and stakeholders who share great concern with WDC's latest Town Plan for Princes Risborough. Generally, they feel that their views have not been considered, and that WDC's proposals are wholly inappropriate for the town, and that a vast majority of the town are completely unaware of the implications. These views and concerns have been distilled by a 'campaign' working party into an awareness raising document (attached) that summarises most of the main areas of concern and challenges WDC on some of the assumptions and failings of the PRTP.

Understandably many of the attendees are not constitutionally able to represent the views of their membership however, all are keen to disseminate this document amongst their membership to help raise awareness and to help compile a strong challenge to the WDC Local Plan consultation and Inspectorate.

For interest sake; Chairmen and representatives from the following associations and organisations that have been involved to date are: RARA; The Askett Society; Monks Risborough Res Assoc; Whiteleaf and Cadsden Res Assoc; Manor Park Avenue Res Assoc; Meadle Res Assoc; Risborough Area Heritage Society; Bypass Action Group (BANG); The Chiltern Society; Rotary; The Chiltern Conservation Board; RACB. Some of these wear many hats and some have also been involved in the Town Plan Steering Group. Many others have expressed a shared concern but have been unable to send a representative as yet.

As awareness rises and when we have received some answers and a response from WDC on the issues, the campaign team would be very keen to meet up with yourself and the Town Council to discuss further and help work to achieve a sustainable and suitable plan for the town.

I'd be grateful if you could share this and the attached document with your fellow TC colleagues and send my regards to them all.

Comments: I would like to open a charity shop in Risborough & raise money for a much needed youth.  
I have spoken to David Willam & he said that the Mayor may be intersted. ( youth club )

Agenda Item No 7

I write to PRTC with regard to our concerns of a safety issue on the road outside our house, five-bed property on the Upper Icknield Way. We have been extremely happy living here since we moved to Whiteleaf four years ago and thoroughly enjoy the warmth of the village community.

Our property has two off-road spaces for parking at road-level and a garage which was built circa 1950, meaning it is no longer large enough to park two cars inside. The size and shape of the garage and spaces do not come anywhere close to complying with normal car parking requirements or highway's standards.

They are accessed by driving into them directly from the Upper Icknield Way and are positioned at a diagonal to the main road, meaning direct access is only achievable from the Cadsden side. The alternative is to approach from the Holloway side and make a five or seven-point parking manoeuvre, which involves reversing into them at a very narrow part of the main road.

Exiting the spaces can only be achieved by the opposite action, which often means reversing directly onto the main road with absolutely no visibility of approaching traffic.

Since arriving here we have discovered that some drivers use the Upper Icknield Way as a 'rat-run' to avoid the A4010. As you are probably aware, many of these drivers don't stick to the 30mph speed limit, even when there are additional vehicles parked outside our property, such as guests or tradesmen.

is the only property between The Holloway and the Cadsden junction where parking is at road-level. This seems to come as a surprise to these speeding drivers, who gradually accelerate as they turn into the road, before suddenly having to brake when they see cars parked in their way.

The combination of these factors exposes this mid-point area of the road as a danger zone.

It is of particular hazard during school runs when our three children must use the road in order to alight from our cars and onto our property. Inevitably this timing coincides with the speeding commuters who use the road as their thoroughfare. As our children grow older, this issue will be replaced by different safety concerns when they will be parking their own cars on the main road instead.

Further to this, at a recent Whiteleaf Residents Association meeting, Alan Turner was good enough to inform residents of the predicted rise in traffic volume along the A4010 once HS2 construction hits the area. I am extremely concerned that the huge volume of HS2 waste trucks on the A4010 will inevitably compound the already troubling 'rat run' issue on the Upper Icknield Way.



## Agenda Item NO 7.

1 )Local Rugby Club enquired about the possibility of putting a sign as you come into town from Wycombe, Aylesbury and Longwick, advertising the rugby club for a period of time (currently unspecified).

2) On match days, they would like to put a small sign at the bottom of Clifford Road, one by M&S roundabout, and one near Tesco roundabout just pointing directions to the pitch. These would be put up 2 hours before a game, and removed afterwards.

Just over twenty five years ago, when I was Clerk to the Town Council, one of the duties that I acquired was to be Secretary of the above named small Charity which was formed over a hundred years ago from proceeds of sale of the former School building that still stands at the junction of Station Road and Wycombe Road. The original Trustees comprised three appointed by the then Princes Risborough Parish Council, one from the Bucks County Council plus three co-opted Trustees. This was still the case when I became involved with a co-opted member from Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council and one from Longwick Parish Council both of which parishes are in the "Privileged Area" as defined in the Trust deed.

When I became a part of the Charity the annual income was very low and it was difficult to make meaningful grants within the terms of the Trust Deed, a copy of which I enclose, but the investments were changed and the income has been increased to over £100 per annum. For a number of years the Trustees have found it difficult to find suitable applicants for grants despite a number of approaches to the Princes Risborough School, where we would expect the most suitable applicants to attend.

At present the Trustees are two former Town Councillors, Ben Benifer and Ron Wynands, Barry Priestley representing Longwick Parish and myself. The last Bucks County Councillor who attended meetings was Martin Amor ( Gary Hall will remember when he lived in the High Street) and Bledlow Parish dropped out of sending a representative about fifteen years ago.

My purpose in writing is to advise you that all of the present Trustees are around eighty years old and feel that the responsibility for the Foundation ought to be taken on by younger people. Two of our members have health problems that make it difficult for them to attend meetings. It would seem that as the Foundation was originally set up by the then Parish Council the responsibility for the Charity should be in the hands of Princes Risborough Town Council.

The Annual Return to the Charity Commission for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 shows Investment Bond £3,855 and Bank balances of £550. The last Grant made was in September 2014 to Princes Risborough School to assist with the purchase of lap tops for pupils who were not in a position to purchase their own equipment.

If you require any further information please let me know.

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Dear Local Area Forum members,

As you know, the Local Area Forum will begin to discuss possible projects and activities to support in 2017/18 during the autumn round of meetings.

We are keen to support LAFs to make the best use of the available funding, and to provide LAF members with sufficient information and time to consider the options available.

### **Transport Related Schemes**

For schemes to be delivered by TfB, we need all proposals to be submitted by **31 August 2016**. This will enable us to ensure their suitability and then for TfB to have time to fully cost all schemes, and also to work with each relevant local council to clarify full scheme costs and to ensure that proposals given to LAFs are precisely those desired by the town or parish council.

This year, all TfB related proposals will need to be submitted using the TfB schemes application form, which is available here, at the bottom of the page: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/community/local-areas/area-plans-and-local-working/local-area-plans/funding/> . Please ensure that you complete the form as fully as you can; do contact us if you have any queries.

A minimum 50% match funding contribution from a source other than the County Council is required for the following types of schemes, which are not a priority for the County Council's transport budget:

- Traffic calming schemes, including permanent and mobile Vehicle Access Signs
- Parking schemes

### **Non-TfB Schemes**

A separate form is provided on the same page for non-TfB schemes. Non-TfB schemes need to be submitted by **Monday 14 November**.

Please remember that local area budget projects must address a local area priority and a County Council priority. Do contact us with any thoughts or suggestions before filling a form in, to check what plans may already be in place for your area.

I have also attached for your information and help the most recent guide to funding for Buckinghamshire organisations.

Finally, please send all messages, replies and forms to us via [localities@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:localities@buckscc.gov.uk) to ensure the quickest response,