

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 9th AUGUST 2016 AT 7.00 PM
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 matters on the following Agenda. The public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Minutes of the Town Committee held on 12th July 2016
3. Declarations of Interest (Members are asked to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting).
4. To receive Matters Arising from minutes of the previous meeting of 12th July 2016 not otherwise on the agenda
5. To discuss and decide on actions to be taken concerning Town Matters including Risk Assessment report.
6. To receive a report from the Lighting Working Group including the Risk Assessment report and decide on any actions to be taken.
7. To receive a report from the Stratton Memorial Garden Working Group including the Risk Assessment report and decide on any actions to be taken.
8. To receive a report from the Parks Working Group including the Risk Assessment report and decide on any actions to be taken.
9. To receive a report from the following Working Groups:
 - a. Market House
 - b. Devolved Services
 - c. Wades Park Master Plan
10. To receive an update relating to the Earle Mitchell changing rooms (Cllr.K Wilkins)
11. To discuss and decide on road names for future roads in the town (Cllr.G Hall)
12. To discuss and decide on the suggestion from Monks Risborough Horticultural Society to ask local groups to become involved in planting crocuses for health and wellbeing (Cllr J Coombs)
13. To discuss and decide on car parking enforcement at Risborough Springs and the Community Centre (Cllr. M Walsh)
14. To discuss and decide on a response to the Princes Risborough & Monks Parking Review Consultation (Cllr. A Ball)
15. To discuss and decide on an approved Town Council response to Devolved Services queries and complaints (Cllr.M Walsh)
16. To discuss and decide on the action to be taken following the bulletin from Transport for Buckinghamshire concerning weed spraying in the Parish(Cllr M Walsh)
17. To discuss and decide on the responses to correspondence relating to Town Committee matters received at the Town Council
18. Agenda items for next meeting.
19. Date of next meeting.
20. 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 decide on the preferred supplier for the telephone box to house the defibrillator and to review the preferred contractor for dog waste and litter collection in the parks.

Susanne Griffiths
Clerk to the Town Council
3rd August 2016

**Draft MINUTES TOWN COMMITTEE
PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2016 AT 7.00PM
IN THE PRINCES CENTRE, CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH.**

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr J Coombs,
Cllrs M Walsh, A Ball, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Summerbell, G Hall and I Churchill.
Clerk to the Town Council – Susanne Griffiths
Deputy Clerk to the Town Council- Kirsty Pope.

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 Deputy Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr A Turner.

2. MINUTES

To receive and accept the draft Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the draft Minutes be duly received, accepted and agreed and that the minutes of the Town meeting on the 14th June 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. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF 14TH JUNE 2016 NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk confirmed that WE Blacks have dealt with the issue of overgrown vegetation outside the old sorting office and in addition Mr Gadsen is working with BCC with a view to tidying up the footpath.

5. TOWN MATTERS INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

There were no priority items on the Risk Assessment Report.

Cllr Hall raised his concerns about the condition of the road surface by the bus stop in the High Street. It was agreed for the office to contact BCC and request a site visit to evaluate the area. JM

6. A REPORT FROM THE LIGHTING WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

Cllr Walsh updated the members on a recent meeting with SSE and confirmed that details will be forwarded to the members in due course. The members were also made aware that the agreed 10 trial lights have now been installed in Manor Park Avenue.

Cllr Hall suggested that in view of the forthcoming developments within the Town, the committee revisit their policy on their street lighting criteria. MW/GH

7. A REPORT FROM THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT, AND DECISION ON ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

8. A REPORT FROM THE PARKS WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT, AND DECISION ON ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.

Wades Park

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

St Dunstan's Park

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

The Crescent Park

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that a consultation meeting has been organised with the local primary school with regards to the new equipment for the park. KP

Earle Mitchell Park

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

King George V Park

There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.

9. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AT THE TOWN COMMITTEE

An email has been received from a contractor requesting the bus shelter to be moved

The contractor has been instructed by Red Kite Housing Association to renew an existing retaining wall at Bell Street the wall adjacent to Gatensbury Place Sheltered Housing. The bus shelter is blocking access to part of the wall. They have asked that the bus shelter be relocated by approximately 5 metres.
Resolved: to arrange an on-site meeting to discuss the request and to confirm with the contractor that they would be responsible for obtaining/covering any permissions/costs with the relocation and would need to ensure that they shelter is placed back in its original location.

KP

Comments via the website regarding grass cutting in the town

The members confirmed that the office is in discussion with WDC regarding the scheduling of bin collections, in order to help with the scheduling of cuts.

The Clerk advised the members that following a meeting with the local area technician, it was brought to her attention that BCC are no longer providing weed spraying as part of their routine services. However, our own maintenance team has recently completed a weed spraying programme in the town but due to poor weather conditions the results have not been as successful as expected.

Resolved: to continue with weed spraying as part of the maintenance team schedule.

An email has been received from local residents regarding dog fouling on Icknield Way

The residents of New Road have requested dog bin at the start of the Icknield and some signs about common dog mess law and the fines imposed.

Resolved: to send a letter to the dog warden asking for assistance with this issue and to post information on the Town Council website/Twitter feed regarding this unacceptable behaviour.

KP

An email has been received from the Risborough Rangers Junior F. C. regarding the Earle Mitchell changing rooms

RRJFC would like permission like to enhance the good work already carried out to the refurbishment of this building and asked for permission to put a RRJFC badge on the outside of the building and paint the outside red and white.

Resolved: the members agreed that unfortunately they would be unable to agree to this request. However, Cllr Wilkins has agreed to lead a project relating to the refurbishment of the changing rooms and will be contacting them with details of how to be involved.

SG

An email has been received from Bucks County Council regarding a Consultation for the Buckinghamshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The (LFRMS) has been completed and is on the BCC website.

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/flooding/strategic-flood-management/flood-management-strategy/>

The council is encouraged to have a look at the revised strategy. The strategy is open for comment until the end of July, comments, via the website.

Resolved: for each councillor to look and comment as necessary.

ALL

An email has been received from the Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils regarding unitary authority

An invitation has been received from BMKALC to discuss and air views, comments and concerns regarding the development of a business case for unitary authority via the survey on survey monkey.

<https://www.research.net/r/Reviewoflocalgovernmentstructure>

The cut off date for the BCC Survey is 31 July 2016.

Resolved: for each councillor to look and comment as necessary.

ALL

An email has been received from Wycombe District Council regarding a disputed invoice

WDC has invoiced the Town Council for legal fees relating to the License to locate a bench seat on The Mount. the Town Council feels aggrieved as it was unaware of the requirement to pay these fees until the agreement was received and the invoice raised.

WDC's in-house legal team routinely charges for legal work undertaken at the behest of external third parties because all in house legal departments are operating to an increasingly commercial model, and also to do otherwise would mean that the taxpayer as a whole would have to subsidise this. Similar PRTC applications for the siting of furniture on Highway land had not attracted a fee from the County Council. The need for a licence was justified because it was necessary to clarify the indemnity between the respective councils, which is an issue of good governance.

In an effort to reach a compromise on this matter so that the respective councils can continue to work together in a mutually supportive way, WDC would be prepared to accept payment of £250, i.e. a reduction of 50% in settlement of the invoice to bring the matter to an end. In the event of any similar request arising in the future, WDC would make sure that any associated legal and other fees were made abundantly clear prior to any work being undertaken.

Resolved: Cllr Hall agreed that he will contact WDC directly to discuss this situation and to report back to the committee.

GH

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An email has been received from a resident regarding lorry deliveries

The resident is concerned that a local company has been taking deliveries at an inconsiderate time off 3.15 a.m. for an hour for the last 5 weeks and asks if there are any restrictions on times for deliveries.

Resolved: The office is requested to contact the resident and suggest that they contact Noise Pollution at WDC. **KP**

An email has been received from a resident regarding the flower beds at the lay-by by Burton Lane

The resident has requested that the flower beds be adopted by the Monks Risborough Horticultural Society

Resolved: The members agreed that they wish to maintain this area for the long-term, however the members did suggest that the Horticultural Society possible identify an area of the town where a new bed could be created and maintained.

JM

An email has been received from a resident regarding parking at the corner of Stratton Road

The resident is concerned about the parking in Stratton Road close to the corner of Manor Park Avenue and believes that there is a risk of an accident.

Resolved: Cllr Ball will respond with as part of the on-going parking review.

AT

An email has been received from a resident regarding the trees and bushes at Wades Park

The resident has concerns regarding the trees and bushes on the service road to Wades Park.

Resolved: to schedule this work in as part of the maintenance plan for the community centre area in November. **KP/KL**

An email has been received from a resident offering to donate four trees

The resident has offered to donate 4 trees from their garden to replace some of those that were vandalised in the parks.

Resolved: the members were extremely grateful to receive this offer and agreed they should the trees not recover by the autumn, the members should discuss this offer with the resident again.

JM

Letter from resident regarding damage to tree at the Crescent Park

The members were made aware that the perpetrator has been identified further to enquiries made by the local Police. The person identified has shown remorse for their actions and the members were in receipt of a sorry card for the damage and upset caused.

Resolve: To write to the parents with a request that they reimburse the Town Council for the cost of the tree and that the perpetrator assists the maintenance team with litter picking duties at the Crescent Park.

SG

10. A REPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING WORKING GROUPS:

- a) MARKET HOUSE – nothing to report, however it was agreed that PR committee should discuss possible uses for the Market House once the restoration work has been completed. **KP**
- b) DEVOLVED SERVICES – Cllr Walsh updated the members on a recent meeting with the Head of Highways, and a report will be circulated to all in due course. Cllr Walsh expressed his concerns that parishes within the DS agreement are financially disadvantaged compared to the parishes that have remained with the BCC in terms of service delivery.

Resolve: Cllr Walsh to contact BCC to discuss the Town Councils position with regards to devolved services for the future.

MW

11. CARRYING OUT AN INVENTORY CHECK ON THE TOWN COUNCIL STREET LIGHTS

Cllr Hall proposed to carry out an inventory of the current lighting stock as there is a discrepancy between the councils and contractors records and that a photo of each light is held on file for our asset register.

Resolved: The office is requested to ask Keith Dobson our Risk Assessment officer for a quotation for this work. **JM**

12. CREATING A WADES PARK MASTER PLAN

Cllr Walsh advised the members of his concerns with this park in light of potential housing applications, together with the development of the Community Centre and Risborough Springs.

Resolved: To set-up a working group to review this park with the following members, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Ball, Cllr Turner and Cllr Coombs. The office is requested to obtain latest development plans from the Community Centre, WDC and Ash Hill regarding the underpass.

MW/AB/AT/JC/KP

13. DELEGATING THE DECISION REGARDING THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLIERS TO THE LIGHTING WORKING GROUP FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Resolved: all present agreed to this request.

14 UPDATE RELATING TO THE EARLE MITCHELL CHANGING ROOMS

Cllr Ball presented a report on the meeting held on site with regards to the recent repair works to the changing rooms. Cllr Wilkins asked the members if he could lead a project team to assist with the on-going refurbishment work required.

Resolved: For Cllr Wilkins to proceed with the project and to report back to the Committee at the next meeting in addition it was agreed for Maintenance Team to schedule in the cutting back of the trees at the back of the changing rooms. **KP**

15. ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING THE DAMAGE TO THE KING GEORGE V PARK BY CIRCUS GINNETT

Circus Ginnett has expressed their concern with the quote from the Town Council relating to the damage caused by their vehicles during their visit back in May. They feel that quote is excessive and believe that any such damage would be self-repairing. Therefore they are disputing our claim to repair the damage. Cllr Walsh advised the members that this should be taken to the small claims court and no further information is offered to Circus Ginnett. It was also discussed that in the future and in view of Circus Ginnett stopping the bond cheque, all future bond cheques should be banked prior to any visits and where possible, photos of the park are taken before and after.

Resolved: To pursue this claim via the small claims court.

16. PURCHASE OF GRAVE PEGS FOR THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Clerk advised the members that the stock of the specialised tracking pegs, required for insertion into each grave/internment space, needs replenishing.

Resolution: A quote was submitted to the members and it was agreed to order 100 more pegs **SG**

17. ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE IDENTIFIED CULPRITS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE TO THE TREE IN THE CRESCENT

Refer to action point 9, correspondence pg 14/01

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- To receive and update on the Earle Mitchell changing rooms - Cllr Wilkins
- To discuss and decide Road names for future roads in the town - Cllr Hall
- To discuss and decide on a strategy for the forthcoming CIL money – Cllr Walsh
- To receive an update from the Wades Park Working Group- Cllr M Walsh

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Committee is to be on 9TH August 2016 at 7.00 pm and will be held at the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

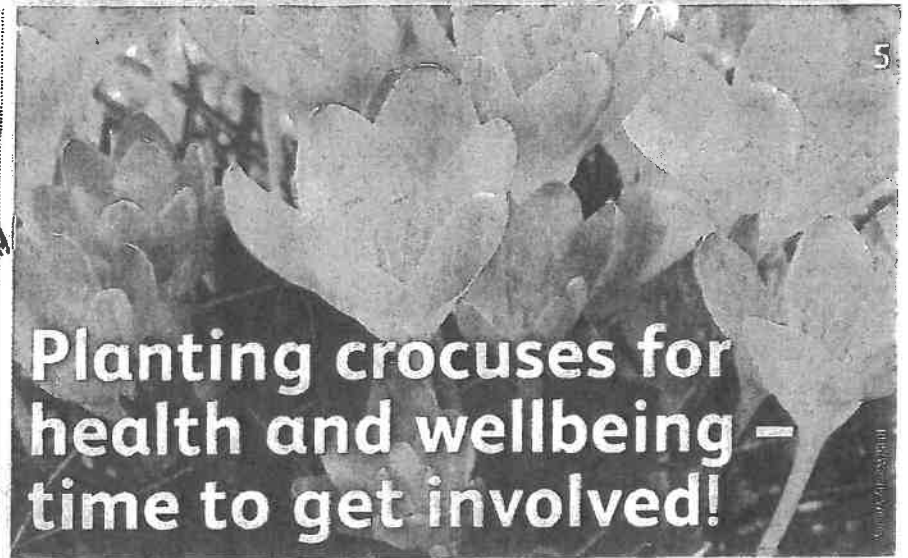
20. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (12) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 to decide on preferred contactor for preferred contactors for the telephone box to house the defibrillator and electrical works at Wades Park.

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.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman.....

Date



Crocus tommasinianus 'Barr's Purple'

You will have seen in the Spring Issue of *Grass Roots* that, as part of Greening Grey Britain for Health and Happiness, the RHS is partnering with Rotary International in support of their 'Purple4Polio' campaign to end polio by planting 5 million *Crocus tommasinianus* across the UK – and it's time to get involved!



Crocus planting at Torteval Church, Guemsey involving Rotary, the local Bloom group and Torteval Pre-School

This is a wonderful opportunity for RHS Bloom/It's Your Neighbourhood Groups and Affiliated Societies to join forces with up to 1,800 Rotary clubs across the UK, bringing people together to transform their local areas by planting thousands of crocuses which will provide a spectacular carpet of colour in community spaces next spring. The crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunized.

How to get involved

RHS community groups are encouraged to work with their local Rotary clubs to plan, order and plant crocuses at the very special price of £85 per pack of 5,000 corms. RHS groups can use their gardening knowledge and expertise to help Rotary identify suitable planting sites. Together they can devise the

will be funded – for example by Rotary, by Rotary and Bloom jointly or by finding third party sponsors – and together organising who will participate in the planting, including how local communities can get involved. There may also be opportunities for RHS Bloom/IYN groups and Affiliated Societies to purchase additional corms at £85 per 5,000 to enhance the displays.

In addition to developing partnerships, building new community networks and sharing the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening, these autumn planting and spring flowering activities will provide wonderful photo opportunities and encourage media coverage and profile for both the Greening Grey Britain and 'Purple4Polio' campaigns. There will also be two photo competitions, details of which will be available in due course, so be sure to have your cameras at the ready!

RHS community groups will have received full details through their Region/Nation of how to get involved by contacting their nearest Rotary district, and all who wish to participate in this exciting crocus planting opportunity should act quickly as the final date for receipt of corm orders is 21 July. You can find out more online at rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/. If your RHS community group does not have the Rotary contact details but would like to get involved, please email info@rotarygbi.org.

extended to 31 July



Susanne Griffiths

From: Pope, Shaun <t-spope@buckscc.org>
Sent: 26 July 2016 15:42
To: towncouncil@princesrisborough.com
Subject: Princes Risborough & Monks Risborough Statutory Consultation Proposed Waiting Restrictions Closing Date Wednesday 17th August 2016

Dear Mrs Griffiths

As I am sure your already aware we have commenced statutory consultation on the above, but could I ask that you make members of the Town Council aware in order that they can provide a response from the Town Council.

Please be aware we have commenced formal statutory consultation on proposed waiting restrictions on various roads in Princes Risborough & Monks Risborough.

Details are located within 'Current Consultations' here: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/have-your-say/>

If you have any comments please either complete the online survey monkey or e-mail me directly.

Please be aware that the closing date for this consultation is Wednesday 17th August 2016

Many thanks

Best regards

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BULLETIN

Weeds in villages

There will be no routine weed spraying across Buckinghamshire during 2016 – 17.

While budget considerations have played a role in making this decision, there are 2 key influencing factors:

1. There is a detrimental environmental impact of the widespread use of herbicides on pollinating insects.
2. The legal constraints that are now imposed on the widespread use of herbicides significantly reduces the effectiveness of the application.

TfB will continue to treat noxious and injurious weeds in line with its legal obligations. ~~To report these concerns go to www.buckscc.gov.uk/telltfb~~

Further advice for Parishes

Should a Parish still wish to weed kill their street, TfB has no strong objection however, the following must be strictly adhered to:

- a) The area to be sprayed must be risk assessed, particularly in areas of high child or domestic pet activity.
- b) Only qualified personnel can apply the chemical (i.e. must hold a City and Guilds NPTC PA1 and PA6a tickets)
- c) Glyphosate based chemicals (trade name 'Round up') are permissible however, the application must be very closely monitored. Please note the chemical will not penetrate hard surfaces, and is likely to run off with rain fall.

For clarity please note the widespread use of common domestic weed killers is not permitted.

Examples of noxious and injurious weeds



Japanese knotweed



Ragwort

Transport for Buckinghamshire



www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport
Live twitter feeds @tfbalerts

Email received from a resident concerning RARA Flyposting

Whilst I am more than supportive that people have the opportunity to air their unhappiness about the new local plan, I object to the High Street being flyposted with posters advertising the protest meeting. This meeting was nearly two weeks ago yet every rubbish bin and fence still bears posters that have been gaffer taped to them. The tape will almost certainly take off the paint or leave unsightly residue when the posters are finally removed and I see no sign of that happening.

What can be done to bring pressure on the organisers of this meeting to clean up after themselves? They, like me, want to see a thriving attractive High Street. I would argue their actions do not reflect what they are fighting for.

Complaints concerning grass cutting and weeds

- I believe that the weeding of the pavements in the Town are the responsibility of the Town Council. I wish to complain about the state of this in particular reference to The Retreat and the entrance to St Teresa's Close. It resembles something out of the wild west !!! The general state of the weeds/pavements within the town is unacceptable. I believe they were done last year but are in dire need of doing again.
- Can you please explain why the grass verge on A4010 between Poppy Road and Elmdale Gardens has not been cut for several weeks. The result is a very untidy approach to town from High Wycombe.
We have cut a considerable stretch of the verge outside our property -reluctantly..

Comments re Mill Lane

- As a residents living opposite the Mill Lane Monks R recreation land I wish to ask when clearing of the unsightly branches/ debris recently cut by the road and spelling into the stream will be cleared. This looks pretty ghastly compared to the attractive flower bed a few metres on you have planted
- I am still very unhappy about the state it has been left in together with a great many leaves on the pavement which have resulted from this intervention and not been cleared away. As a graduate biologist I have some understanding of these things but the unsightly nature left as a result is over- powering. It looks unfinished and exceedingly scruffy and has been left in a much worse state cosmetically than initially. There should be a compromise to improve the appearance. I am forwarding the correspondence to the St Dunstons Close a Residents' Association for comment before taking this further.
- MRHS (Monks Risborough Horticultural Society), with council permission, have restored this footpath section and have made a 'dead hedge' : an ancient form of barrier useful for shelter, especially of birds. Please see website www.woodlands.co.uk for more details.

Request to use KGV as car park

Re our conversation today regarding Princes Risborough Primary School doing a large fund raising event.

11th October.

This event has a capacity for 450+. And we therefore anticipate a parking issue even though we will encourage people to walk.

John Biggs is happy to assist us with our traffic management and suggest we request being able to park in Kng George V park.

Please can you request permission from the town council at their August meeting.

Many thanks

Risborough Rangers request

Hi Jayne, further to my meeting with Mat and Alan on Saturday they have asked me to highlight the new proposed lock up along with equipment that we will be ordering this season. Firstly the new lock up size from what we looked at should be around 10M x 4M and needs to be high enough to house two fully built 9 v 9 size goals. It would also be a benefit if electricity was added so that we can have a light on the outside where the double doors will be so that when opening in the early mornings we have a light to help open the lock! Along with a light and electric points inside please. This season we will be purchasing the following

- Two sets of 9v9 goals on wheels which is at a cost of £5000.00
- Every season we replace footballs, size 3 size 4 and size 5 – this is due to wear and tear and when age groups move up they also move to a different size ball – The cost this year will be £2400.00
- Marking out pitches - £3148.00
- Pitch cutting £1200.00
- Trophies - £2500.00
- Coaching qualification = training courses along with CRB is £1500.00

As discussed we have an annual football tournament at the top school which does not cover the above and we have the subs for player registration but again! So any help the town council can provide in supporting any of the above would be very much appreciated.

One last area that we would also welcome your help on is the girls football, currently we have two girls teams, aged 13 and 16's but with this football naturally we have to provide changing rooms and toilets – We can cover the u16's with the use of the Earl Mitchell but the u13's play 9V9 and we are struggling with both changing rooms and toilets – any ideas?

We appreciate that the town is growing and I know with the development an area has been put aside for football etc., but our club is growing and currently we are playing football outside of Risborough at Terrick & Kimble due to having no other playing surfaces and with the extra build at Wades it will reduce what we can do or have done in the past! If you do have any other playing areas that we can utilise in the short term then this would be a great help? Look forward to hearing from you in due course,

Offer from Toolshed of students to work in the community

Have you heard about ToolShed? We offer an 18 week full time course for 16 - 24 year in multi - rade construction skills. To help the students with the course we are looking at doing work within the community. The reason for this e-mail is to ask you two questions:

1. If you or the Parish Councillors know of any community/village halls in your parish that are in need of painting? If there is we would be able to offer our students to come along and do the work that is needed they will of course be supervised. We would need the Parish to pay for the materials to do the work but all labour would be free.
 2. If you know of any youths in your Parish that could benefit in doing the course.
- If you would like to know more about us or you would like us to come along to a parish council meeting to talk about what we do please let me know.

Comments concerning Wades Park

Re the park at the rear of Risborough springs. 1 – great space for a walk around at my lunch break, I like the additionally landscaping 2 – I do use the 'gym' equipment for a bit of flexibility and strength and thank you for that, although one of the machines (walking/skiing) is too stiff and may need a little attention 3 – Art in the Park is lovely 4 – I chatted with two charming ladies that were admiring the art and also trying out the gym equipment and they commented to me how good it would be if there were another bench near the art/equipment but under the shade of the bushes there so they could sit out of the sun. Hope this feedback is of help and keep up the good work

Princes Risborough Town Council
The Princes Centre
Clifford Road
Princes Risborough
Bucks HP27 ODP

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you regarding the care of Wades Park, Princes Risborough.

I recently telephoned Risborough Town Council to ask why, when the grass is cut, the cuttings are not raked up (at least into a pile). I was told that the Council was unable to afford a grass box. When the grass is only cut a few times a year it means that there are huge clumps of grass left all over the park and these take weeks to disperse. This is bad enough in fine weather, but in wet weather, and in the early morning, it is really unpleasant.

Also, the beautiful young trees that were planted recently have been sadly neglected. They appear to have had little no watering whatsoever. My husband managed to water them during the recent heatwave, but surely they should be watered on a regular basis anyway.

Another more serious problem with the park is the fact that young people congregate in the basketball and children's play areas during the evenings. There is nothing wrong with that, of course, if they would only respect these areas. Every morning, when he takes our dogs for a walk, my husband picks up carrier bags full of rubbish and empty beer cans and bottles – one morning last week he even had to remove a used condom from the children's play area.

A lot of publicity is given to dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs, but the litter being left in Wades Park recently is certainly as offensive and dangerous – if not more so.

One evening we saw youngsters ripping up the metal posts put in for fencing and repair work by the Council workers and then throwing them like javelins across the park. We did telephone the local police, but have heard nothing since.

Attached are photographs of how the park was left one morning last week. No one wants to stop young people using the park (most of them are very pleasant and friendly). However, of recent weeks there has been a certain faction that seems to delight in causing disruption.

I look forward to receiving your comments

Yours faithfully,