

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH JULY 2017 AT THE PRINCES CENTRE,
CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllr M Walsh – Chairman
Cllrs P Summerbell, A Ball, A Turner, D Knights, I Pearce, G Hall and N Davis
Susanne Griffiths – Clerk to the Town Council
Jayne Mylchreest – Clerical Assistant to the Town Council
1 member of the public

1. TO RECEIVE, NOTE AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs J Coombs who was on holiday, Cllrs A Rolfe and I McLauchlan who had work commitments

RESOLVED: To receive, note and accept the following apologies from Councillors J Coombs, A Rolfe and I McLauchlan for non-attendance at the meeting

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting on the 30th May 2017.

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.

Cllr P Summerbell declared a personal interest in agenda item No 12.

4. A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Thames Valley Police were unable to attend but sent the following report: -

A new operating model has been in place within the Wycombe area since 1/6/17 – So far this has had a largely positive effect on the local NHPT within Princes Risborough as TVP have been generally abstracted to other areas less.

The team structure is unlikely to change in the short term – PS James Benfield, PC's Andy Ralph, Gary Churchill & Marea Logan (F/T) - PC's Moira Mckinney & Heather Blake (P/T) & PCSO's Roger Brooks & Stuart Burt.

TVP main roles being to problem solve issues that affect the town and surrounding villages using a multi-agency approach, be visible and engage with the local community.

TVP continue to work closely with local schools, housing associations and social services to offer support for the most vulnerable members of the local community.

There has been a slight increase in reported Antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the town in recent weeks. This is generally the case during the summer.

Some youths that were riding their bikes in an over exuberant manner have been spoken to. The team had noticed them doing wheelies down the high street and generally not being very considerate or safe. TVP then had reports they were riding in the aisles of the new Cooperative store. The CCTV footage was viewed leading to the lads responsible being identified by local school teachers. They were visited at home with their parents present and spoken to about their behaviour. As a result, they have been put on an ASB register and the problems, for now, appear to have stopped.

There have also been reports of graffiti and arson at the King George V Skate Park and criminal damage to cars/buildings around the fields' estate late in the evenings in recent weeks.

5. A REPORT FROM CLLR BENDYSHE-BROWN (BCC) ON MATTERS CONCERNING PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Cllr Bendyshe-Brown sent the following report: -

1. The Retreat. The lorries and vehicles accessing the old Ker Maria have been breaking up the road and causing pavement damage. The head of TfB has been asked to assess what can be done.
2. Parking Review. There have been several complaints about lack of enforcement, particularly in Stratton Road, Manor Park Avenue and Fairway. BCC Enforcement has been asked to increase their surveillance. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown to monitor.
3. Parking Phase II. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown to meet with BCC soon to try and work out how to obtain the additional funding to undertake Phase II of the review

4. Flooding. There have been several occurrences of serious flooding in and around the town following last week's thunderstorms. TfB are initiating a proposal to undertake a capital review of our storm drainage particularly in Duke Street, Park Street and Fairway. TfB are being pressed to clear the gratings on New Road which added to the water flow in Duke Street.
5. Pavements. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown is aware of many of the poor pavement areas in the town and all Councillors are requested to advise advising BBB of any known areas of dilapidation so that it can be included in a planned repair programme.
6. Winter Maintenance. Councillors are requested to advise Cllr Bendyshe-Brown of any areas where they think the winter maintenance team can undertake clearance work.
7. Mill Lane. The resurfacing work should be being undertaken from A4010 to the railway bridge shortly. Rectification of the plane and patch work carried out last year has just been completed.
8. Traffic Surveys. The Traffic data was required for inclusion in a transport statement which will accompany a planning application and was requested by RPS Planning and Development

Cllr D Knights requested an update on the re- direction of school traffic from the Clifford Road entrance to the New Road entrance over the Icknield Way.

Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown confirmed that there were no further details at present but requested the Town Council to consider contributing to a footway light on the Icknield way.

A REPORT FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT CLLR G HALL (WDC) ON MATTERS CONCERNING PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Cllr G Hall reported on the following: -

- The refusal of the Molins planning application in Mill lane
- A request has been made for an additional pay machine at The Mount car park
- Car park decking is being investigated in Marlow and could be considered in Princes Risborough
- Reports are being investigated into WDC contractors who might be able to remove carriageway weed growth.

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Agenda item No 13-page 18/17 Freedom Parade

Cllr M Walsh asked the members to clarify how much the Town Council should request to be reimbursed by Wycombe District Council. The members confirmed to request the costs incurred for hosting the previous Freedom Parade **SG**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

An email has been received from Network Rail regarding the East West Rail Western Section Phase 2

In September 2015 Network Rail consulted on plans to upgrade and reconstruct existing and mothballed sections of line linking Bedford-Bicester and Milton Keynes-Princes Risborough as part of the East West Rail Western Section Phase 2 project. Round 2 Consultation starts on the 30th June and ends on the 11th August 2017. Feedback is requested by post to FREEPOST EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION or email ewconsultation@netqorkrail.co.uk

The consultation can be viewed online at www.networkrail.co.uk

ALL

Noted.

An email has been received from the Rural Community Defibrillator Group regarding a defibrillator at Horsenden

The RCDG is working with Risborough Rangers Football Club and would like to donate to the Town Council sufficient money to pay for a lockable cabinet, a defibrillator and a ten-year maintenance package to be sited at the sports fields at Horsenden.

Cllr A Turner proposed to approve the donation from the R.C.D.G. and to request that it be sited in view of the CCTV camera. Seconded by Cllr D Knights. All present agreed.

Resolved: To approve the donation from the R.C.D.G. and to request that it be sited in view of the CCTV camera.

SG

A thank you letter has been received from The Prince Centre regarding a grant

The Princes Centre sends their thanks for the grant of £ 250.00 towards their birthday celebrations expenses.

Noted.

An email has been received from a resident regarding gaining access via St Dunstan's Park

The resident requests access to his garden allowing a small truck to enter via the padlocked entrance of St Dunstan's Park in Mill Lane. **All present agreed** to grant permission to gain access to the resident's garden through St Dunstan's park on receipt of a £500 deposit to ensure that the Town Council fence panels are replaced and any damage to the park is covered.

SG

An email has been received regarding the Tesco Bags of Help grant application

The Town Council has been awarded a £1000 grant from the Tesco Bags of Help towards the refurbishment of the Earle Mitchell changing rooms. **All present agreed** for Cllrs M Walsh, N Davis and A Ball to make a site visit to establish a work schedule to be recommended to the town committee. Also, to ask Risborough Rangers and other volunteers to help with the works.

MW/ND/AB

8. REPORT FROM THE LIGHTING WORKING GROUP

Cllr G Hall informed the members that the working group had met with the short-listed suppliers that had tendered for the LED lighting project contract.

Cllr G Hall proposed to trial 7 LED lanterns in Ash Road. Seconded by Cllr I Pearce. **All present agreed.**

Resolved: To trial 7 LED lanterns in Ash Road.

JM

9. UPDATE ON THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

Cllr M Walsh reported on the following: -

- Two Local Plan meetings had been held in Princes Risborough for the public to attend
- The Local Plan is to be submitted in September to the Wycombe District full council meeting

Cllr G Hall expressed concerns regarding the height of potential lighting on the proposed relief road.

10. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

An invoice for £13,887.00 + vat has been received for the supply and fit of the wrought iron staircase at the Market House

Resolved: To pay the invoice for £13,887.00

JM

An invoice for £ 1,430.00 + vat has been received for additional costs to the wrought iron work and moving the date plaque

Resolved: To refer the invoice to Oxley Conservation Ltd and the Market House working group to investigate the reasons for the additional costs.

SG

11. THE WORDING FOR THE TRADITIONAL PRAYER AT THE START OF THE MEETING

Cllr D Knights circulated a modern version and an alternative version of the traditional prayer to the members for their consideration.

Cllr A Turner proposed to adopt the modern version. Seconded by Cllr G Hall. A vote was taken with 4 votes for, 3 votes against and 1 abstention, therefore the motion was carried.

Resolved: To adopt the modern version of the prayer to be read at the beginning of the Town Council meeting.

12. THE PREFERRED CANDIDATE TO FILL THE COUNCILLOR VACANCY BY CO OPTION

Cllr P Summerbell declared a personal interest in this agenda item and took no further part in the discussion or vote.

Two candidates applied to fill the vacancy for a councillor. The Councillors invited both candidates to an informal interview to enable them to make an informed decision on the preferred candidate.

Cllr M Walsh proposed that the council co-opt candidate A to fill the vacancy for a Councillor.

Seconded by Cllr A Ball. All present agreed.

Resolved: To co-opt candidate A to fill the vacancy for a Councillor.

SG

13. THE OFFER FROM LEA VALLEY DEVELOPMENTS TO COVER THE FUTURE LANDSCAPE COSTS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Lea Valley Developments are to commence the development of the former Leo Pharma site on Longwick Road. It has been suggested that the Town Council adopts and takes responsibility for the maintenance of the public open space and play area.

An amount has been offered to cover the future landscape maintenance costs and the developer requests the Town Council's views on whether this commutable sum is acceptable.
Cllr M Walsh suggested that the amount offered is insufficient and proposed that the Clerk is requested to obtain further information to enable the Councillors to make an informed decision. Seconded by Cllr I Pearce. **All present agreed. SG**

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

To discuss and decide on the future transfer of land agreements for public open spaces (Cllr G Hall)

15. 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 ELECTRICITY FOR STREET LIGHTING, THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER OF AN HR SUPPORT SERVICE AND 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.**

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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