

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY 2011 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE, ST MARY'S CHURCH,
PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllr A Turner (Chairman),
Cllrs P Summerbell, P Williams, J Coombs, W Woolf, G Hall, B Bendyshe-Brown, R Orsler,
D Green, S Swanson, A Rolfe, E Clifford and W Streule.
Clerk to the Town Council – Susanne Griffiths
Deputy Clerk to the Town Council – Kirsty Pope
3 members of the Public

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr E Clifford was proposed by Cllr Hall
Seconded by Cllr Turner.
A vote has taken, with 12 members agreeing to the proposal and 1 member abstaining.
Cllr Clifford was declared Chairman/Town Mayoress

2. A DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr E Clifford

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown proposed that a secret ballot was held for the voting of the Vice-Chairman.
Seconded by Cllr J Coombs.
Cllr W Woolf was proposed by Cllr G Hall
Seconded by Cllr A Turner.
Cllr R Orsler was proposed by Cllr J Coombs
Seconded by Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown.
A vote was taken by secret ballot. Cllr R Orsler was declared Vice Chairman/Deputy Chairman with a majority of 7 votes for and 6 against.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE

Cllr R Orsler was proposed by Cllr P Williams
Seconded by Cllr G Hall
All present agreed.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Rolfe gave his apologies to confirm that he would need to leave the meeting at 7.30pm

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council, having been circulated and were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC Sohrab gave a report on the crime figure in the area for the last month and advised the meeting that another speeding operation is due to be carried out in the town soon.

9. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Streule asked Cllr Orsler if the letter to BCC re: future of day service in Bucks (refers to min 13/11 of Town Council minutes) had been drafted. Cllr Orsler confirmed that this had not been completed but would now ensure this is done.

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10. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF RECENT MINUTES.

Cllr Turner proposed to the members that the decision previously take by the Parks Committee to locate the two new picnic tables in the KGV by the skate park should be reconsidered, due to anti-social behavior problems that the Maintenance Team have experienced. **All present agreed** to relocate the benches to the play area in the park.

Cllr A Rolfe left the meeting at 7.30pm

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

BCC EMAIL RE: PARKING CONSULTATION

Cllr Turner proposed that a meeting is set-up with Highways and the Town Council to discuss the general situation with the parking within the Town. **All present agreed.** The Clerk is requested to organize suitable dates for this meeting. **SG**

LETTER FROM ROYAL MAIL RE: CLOSURE OF SORTING OFFICE

During the public session, two representatives that work for the Royal Mail appraised the meeting of the future closure of the local sorting office and the implication to both staff and residents. Cllr Turner proposed that members of the Town Council, together with local district councils meet with Royal Mail to discuss this matter in more detail. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown informed the meeting that he had already spoken to both David Liddington MP and John Bercow MP and a meeting has been planned for the 28th May. It was also suggested the members of the Town Council visit the planned new sorting office in Aylesbury. Cllr Turner proposed that the Town Council support the retention of the town's sorting office. **All present agreed.**

The Clerk left the meeting at 7.45 pm

LETTER FROM BARTON WILLMORE RE: LAND AT PARK MILL FARM

Cllr Streule communicated to the members the latest comments agreed and submitted by the Planning Committee. The comment being as follows: This application should be refused. This green field space does not appear in the immediate plans of the Wycombe District Council for development, and the speculative application, with or without amendments, is neither welcome nor necessary. Reference to the supporting document submitted by Harbour Castle, 'The Statement of Community Engagement', Appendix C, pages 20 to 26, indicates, in their replies, the lack of enthusiasm which the residents have for such a development.

If, and until, development is required on the far side of the railway line, it will continue to be strongly resisted when presented in small packages, unsupported by the infrastructure which will be needed to fully integrate it into the existing town. The Town Council's policy, that permission for access across the railway line and through Wade's Park remains non-negotiable for the foreseeable future, apart from existing Rights of Way, has not changed. **All present agreed** that this response should be sent to Barton Willmore. **The Clerk is request to communicate this.** **SG**

12. NOMINATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Bendyshe-Brown proposed that the Clerk formulates a comprehensive list of these organisations and circulates to the members for them to make a decision on representation. **All present agreed.** **SG**

13. DISBANDING THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE AND TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE MAINTENANCE TEAM COMMITTEE.

Following a long discussion by the members it was proposed by Cllr Streule to disband the Memorial Garden Committee and transfer the responsibilities to the Parks Committee, forming a Parks/Garden Committee. Seconded by Cllr Coombs. A vote has taken, with 12 members agreeing to the proposal and 1 member abstaining. The motion was carried.

14. DISBANDING THE TOWN & LIGHTING COMMITTEE AND TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.

Following a long discussion by the members it was proposed by Cllr Coombs to disband the Town & Lighting Committee and transfer the responsibilities to the Maintenance Committee. However, the Maintenance Committee need to consider their remit and make a formal proposal to the main Town Council for approval so that standing orders can be altered. **All present agreed.**

15. DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

All present agreed the Annual Town Meeting to be held on the 18th April 2012.

16. ON THE WAY TO PROCEED WITH THE DAY CARE CENTRE

Cllr Turner advised the members of his concerns with the situation regarding the Day Care Centre and the Town Council being excluded from any discussions and only receiving very limited information. Cllr Turner therefore proposed that the Town Council demand a meeting with Cllr P Birchley from BCC. Cllr Streule suggested that the Cllr Orsler include this in his letter to Cllr Birchley. A vote has taken, with 12 members agreeing to the proposal and 1 member abstaining. The motion was carried. **RO**

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- a) To discuss and decide on the plan to improve the appearance of the Whiteleaf Cross
- b) To discuss and decide on providing a Members only section on line in order to reduce the amount of emails being sent from the office.
- c) To discuss and decide on exploring various avenues for funding to provide free parking for up to one hour in Horns Lane and The Mount car parks
- e) To discuss and decide on whether to adopt a community contingency plan as recommend by Cllrs Turner & Coombs.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 28th June 2010 at 7.15pm at in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 20.30

Chairman.....

Date.....