

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2011 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT

Cllr E Clifford (Chairman),
Cllrs, P Williams, G Hall, W Streule, J Coombs, A Turner, R Orsler, W Woolf, D Green and S Swanson

Clerk to the Town Council – Susanne Griffiths
5 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown, A Rolfe and P Summerbell

2. 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.

3. 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. Cllr A Turner declared an interest in item 11.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

PC Gary Churchill presented the crime statistics for the area during the last month. He was pleased to inform the councilors that due to the police focusing on anti-social behavior that there had been no reports of anti-social behavior or criminal damage. This focus would remain in place during the Halloween and Firework period.

5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM ROGER NEWMAN REGARDING WHITELEAF HILL AND PICNIC SITE TRANSFER TO CHILTERN SOCIETY.

Mr. R Newman informed the members that the Chiltern Society has decided to proceed with the transfer from Bucks CC of several sites of local heritage and conservation interest. Final details still have to be agreed but the intention is to take on the management of these sites under a long term lease. One of these sites is the Whiteleaf Hill LNR and Picnic Site.

This initiative provides new opportunities for the members to work with local communities in the management and conservation of important sites. Between them, the sites offer opportunities for new interpretation panels and leaflets, improvement of access and creation of new circular trails, practical conservation work, archaeological and wildlife surveys, photographic recording, guided walks and educational visits. They would be interested in hearing from any individual/group of individuals/local organisations who would like to support or efforts on one or more of the sites and are particularly keen to work with the Town Council and other groups in Princes Risborough in looking after Whiteleaf Hill.

Cllr A Turner proposed that two members from the Town Council liaise with the Chiltern Society. **All present agreed** for Cllrs R Orsler and W Woolf to fulfill this role. **RO/WW**

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM BCC - CLLR C ETHOLEN, ON MATTERS CONCERNING PRINCES RISBOROUGH

B.C.C.Cllr C Etholen updated the members on the One Way System trial. The video survey is to be conducted early in November. The B.C.C. request that a formal response to be sent to them. **All present agreed** to send a holding letter at this stage with a full formal response to be agreed at the November Town Council meeting after the video survey is completed. **SG**

The informal parking consultation has now been completed and a copy will be delivered to the office shortly. Cllr Etholen offered to raise the issue of the lack of signs concerning parking in the High Street on market days. Cllr E Clifford reported a light out by the zebra crossing in Back Lane. **SG**
Cllr D Green requested that Cllr Etholen obtain details of the speed review in Crowbrook Road and Askett Lane.

7. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Further to the minutes of the Town Council meeting on the 27th September 2011 item 11, the sale of the British Legion requires the Poppy Cross to be relocated and as agreed by the Town Council will be planted in Duke Street Gardens. Cllrs A Turner and P Williams **agreed** to meet with the Maintenance Team to agree the most suitable location. **AT/PW**

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

Cllr W Streule informed the members that the Youth Club had submitted an application form to the B.C.C. to take over the club by forming a Limited Company which will then become registered as a charity.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email re: 1-Way system

Comments noted.

It was suggested that the Public Relations Committee review the wording on the website to advise the residents that if a response is required to contact the Town Council direct. The Clerk is requested to place this on the next Public Relations Agenda. **SG**

Email from BALC re: Jubilee/Olympics 2012

BALC has a proposal that they would like feedback on. The proposal is BCC is offering to provide, as a gift, bunting to each parish. For budgeting purposes, they are working on about 360 metres per parish - could be more depending on prices. At the moment we are working on recyclable paper bunting (in line with the Olympic committee pledge to make the Olympics as low impact as possible in terms of sustainability) and are looking into how robust paper bunting will be e.g. will it take a good soaking, be strong enough to be taken down after the jubilee celebrations and go up again for the Olympics etc. They would also like to offer parishes and community groups the opportunity to purchase additional supplies through the same order - the bigger the order, the more unit cost will reduce. They could also offer bulk buying of handheld flags and possibly other things that communities may like for their celebrations. BALC would like feedback on if the **parishes** would welcome a gift of bunting from the County Council and if the Town Council will be prepared to be the brokers (and subsequent distribution point) for additional orders for their community groups? **All present agreed** to advise BALC that the Town Council support both proposals. **SG**

Email from Barton Willmore re: request for meeting

All present agreed to decline the request for a meeting with bartonwillmore.co.uk concerning Park Mill Farm site affordable housing provision and planning benefits. **SG**

E-mail from Phil Simpkin, WDC re: Provision of trees to be planted in Princes Risborough

WDC are able to provide a number of trees for planting in Princes Risborough and requests the Town Councils approval in principle and a recommendation of the various places to plant the trees. **All present agreed** that Cllrs S Swanson, R Orsler and W Streule represent the Town Council and meet with Mr Simpkin to decide on the most appropriate areas to plant the trees. **SS/ROWS**

10. ON WHETHER TO APPROVE FUNDING AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

Cllr R Orsler informed the members that the Festival committee was proposing a similar venture with funding from the WDC. **All present agreed** to defer this agenda item until the next meeting to allow the members to make an informed decision once plans have been confirmed with the Festival Committee. **SG**

Cllr A Turner declared an interest in the following agenda item and left the meeting at 8.16pm

11. TOWN COUNCILS POSITION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PARK MILL FARM DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Cllr W Streule advised that the Park Mill Farm appeal inquiry and the inquiry into the "stopping up" of the two rights of way across the railway line is to start on 6 December in the main Council Chamber of WDC's offices in Wycombe. It is scheduled to last 10 days.

Whilst many wrote objecting to the plan before WDC rejected it, many fewer have written to the Planning Inspectorate doing so. Even though the original objections will be available to the Inspector, this could be taken as a signal that people are not as opposed as previously rather than simply expecting their original objections to be taken into account and sheer frustration at the repeated attempts to get Park Mill Farm developed. It is vital that any such perception is dispelled on the very first day and therefore requests that as many people as possible, attend on the first day to register their opposition - and be seen by the

Inspector to do so. Those attending will not have to speak unless they want to and could stay for as much of the Inquiry as they wish. **All present agreed** to delegate the organisation of which councilors are able to attend to the Planning Committee. **WS**

Cllr A Turner rejoined the meeting.

12. ON WHICH PARCELS OF LAND TO ADOPT FROM WDC IN THE TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACES TO RED KITE.

All present agreed on the preferred parcels of land that the Town Council would like to take freehold possession of in relation to the transfer from WDC properties to Red Kite. The Clerk is requested to confirm these parcels of land to WDC. See appendix 1 **SG**

13. ON IMPROVING THE PARKING SIGNAGE IN THE HIGH STREET FOR THURSDAY MARKETS.

BCC Cllr C Etholen agreed to take this matter up with the Highways Dept. on behalf of the Town Council.

14. ON VEHICLE ACCESS ALONG THE ICKNIELD WAY.

All present agreed for the Clerk to contact B.C.C. Rights of Way Team to request that vehicles are banned all year long from the Icknield Way between the Wycombe Road and Peters Lane. **SG**

15. ON THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH THE STORAGE FACILITIES AT STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN.

All present agreed to delegate this decision to the Maintenance Team Committee.

16. ON THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN FURTHER TO THE SURVEY ON THE MARKET HOUSE.

All present agreed to seek tenders based on the document previously circulated by Cllr W Streule. **SG**

17. PLANTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAPLINGS FROM THE WOODLAND TRUST

All present agreed to delay this decision until after the meeting with Phil Simpkin to discuss additional trees in Princes Risborough. Cllr A Turner informed the members that Princes Risborough had an allocation of £2400 for tree planting under Section 106 monies. Cllr G Hall suggested that the Town Council approach the land owners to seek permission to plant an avenue of trees on the approach to Princes Risborough from High Wycombe. **SS/WS/RO**

18. WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CCTV NEWSLETTER.

The Clerk is requested to arrange a trip to the CCTV control room in the near future. All councillors are encouraged to attend as the system has been updated. **SG**

19. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on a response to proposals to close the Bucks Fire and Rescue Service Control Room. (J Coombs)

To formally agree and propose the budgets for the financial year 2012/2013 and set the precept accordingly

To formally agree and propose the expenditure allowed under section 137

To receive a report from Councillors W Streule, S Swanson and R Orsler on the meeting with P Simpkin concerning the planting requirements for the saplings from the Woodland Trust and the additional trees provided by WDC

To discuss and decide on whether to approve funding an enhancement to the infrastructure for the Christmas lights

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 29th November 2011 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 9.15pm

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