

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2012 IN THE PRINCES CENTRE,
CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllr G Hall (Chairman),
Cllrs W Streule, P Williams, A Rolfe, P Summerbell, R Orsler, J Coombs, I McLauchlan and A Turner
Susanne Griffiths – Town Clerk

9 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bendyshe-Brown, S Swanson, D Green and W Woolf

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council 16th October 2012 having been circulated were amended to include present Cllr I McLauchlan and remove Cllr S Swanson from being listed as present and who had sent his apologies. The minutes were approved by the Meeting with one abstention 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. None were declared.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN RICHARD STEVENSON.

Mr. Stevenson presented a comprehensive report on the activities organised by the Festival Committee including the Rizfest Music Event and the Festival. A request was made for continued funding from the Town Council and Mr. Stevenson confirmed that a formal request will be made for a grant for 2013/2014 in the next couple of weeks. Permission was sought for the use of Wades Park for the Festival in 2014 and this was agreed in principle but will be referred to the Town Committee to discuss in full.

5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MARTIN JONES OF GAVIN JONES LTD RE: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE.

Mr. Jones was unable to attend to give his presentation.

6. A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

P C M Mckinney reported on the increase in anti-social behaviour in the town. A number of young people have been unlawfully trespassing upon people's property so that they can garden hop through various gardens situated on either The Avenue, New Road, Little Park, Berryfield Road (close to the junction with New Road) and St Teresa's Close. The incidents have been occurring at various times from the early evening into the early hours of the morning. Due to the antics of these young people various items of property have been damaged. The damage includes fences panels being broken and garden plants being trampled. Due to the number of calls the local police will be focusing foot and mobile patrols in the area to try and locate those responsible and/or to deter any further offences from occurring. Crime prevention advice has also been provided.

On the 08/10/2012 the PRNPT were involved in a question and answer session with the Rotary Club Members at Princes Risborough Golf Club.

On the 18/10/12 the PRNPT provided a crime prevention and awareness course to the Princes Risborough Brownies. The PRNPT have also been visible outside the various schools that we cover and been involved in various walk to school initiatives.

7. A REPORT FROM BCC - CLLR C ETHOLEN, ON MATTERS CONCERNING PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Cllr C Etholen gave an update on Highways Department issues in Princes Risborough. Cllr Etholen agreed to investigate a complaint from a resident concerning the state of the pavements in Wellington Avenue at the Longwick Road end and the crossing points installed the same time as the Longwick Road pedestrian crossing. The resident has problems when the wheels of his scooter drop when trying to get onto the pavement.

8. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

None

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

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from Festival Committee requesting use of Market House for Christmas Lights Event.

All present agreed to allow the Princes Risborough Town Festival Committee to use the Market House on the evening of 30th November providing the number of people in the Market House does not exceed three at any one time due to Health & Safety restrictions. **SG**

Email from resident requesting details of lease for the Ragpit and current rent payable.

All present agreed to respond that the lease of the Ragpit is under review and that the Town Council will be in a position to respond following the Estimates meeting at the end of November. **SG**

Email from resident concerning train services from Princes Risborough to London.

All present agreed to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of Chiltern Rail and to invite the resident to attend. **SG**

Email concerning possibility of circus visiting Princes Risborough in April 2013

It was **agreed** with 2 members abstaining from the vote, to allow the Circus the use of KGV providing a deposit of £500 is provided and the standard licence is signed in advance. **SG**

Letter from British Legion inviting Councillors to join Annual Remembrance Day Church Parade.

The Clerk is requested to respond with the names of the councillors that will be representing the Town Council. **SG**

Letter from British Legion inviting Councillors to Poppy Cross Service.

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E-mail from Erica Cowley for South Central Ambulance Service.

Erica is currently working on a project to get funded Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) into parishes across Buckinghamshire and requests the Town Councils assistance to install a defibrillator in the parish of Princes Risborough. **All present agreed** to invite Erica to the next Town Committee to give a presentation on the project. **SG**

Letter from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer Mark Jones informed the Town Council that following the meeting with members of the Town Council in August he will be commending to the Authority that it switches its intended provider to the Thames Valley partnership.

Cllr G Hall **agreed** to respond to the Chief Fire Officer expressing the Town Councils support and delight at the recommendation. **GH**

11. AGREEMENT TO DEVOLVE ANY DECISIONS ON WDC TREE PLANTING PROPOSALS FOR THE TOWN TO THE TOWN COMMITTEE.

Cllr W Streule proposed that any decisions on WDC Tree Planting proposals for the town that did not involve any cost are devolved to the Town Committee. **All present agreed.**

The Clerk is requested to invite Phil Simpkin, WDC to the next meeting of the Town Committee to discuss tree planting in the High Street.

SG

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To review the Standing Orders for the Town Council.

To formally agree and propose the budgets for the financial year 2013/2014 and set the precept accordingly

To formally agree and propose the expenditure allowed under Section 137.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 27th November 2012 at 7.00pm in the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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