

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2012 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT

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

Deputy Clerk to the Town Council – Kirsty Pope
5 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Woolf and Cllr Summerbell.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council (31st January and 14th February) having been circulated, 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 Bendyshe-Brown declared an interest in a letter to be discussed under correspondence.**

4. A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Apologies were received from the police. A written report was sent by the police giving an update on police matters in the Princes Risborough Area. **The Clerk is requested to ask the local police to visit the Youth Club regular on a Monday evening.**

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

During the public session a resident from Culverton Hill updated the members on the appalling state of the paths and highways following work carried out at Merton House. The resident asked the Town Council for their support in resolving the issues.

Cllr Etholen confirmed that he had attended an on-site meeting with the resident, together with Cllr Coombs and Rob Sumner, Local Area Technician BCC. Cllr Etholen re-confirmed that the road has been left in an appalling state and he will be working with BCC officers to resolve the issues raised.

Day Care Centre – update from latest meeting. Cllr Etholen asked if the Town Council, for a short period, to accept postal deliveries on behalf of the Day Care Centre. The office confirmed that this would be acceptable.

Cllr Etholen confirmed that the Day Care Centre will be purchasing the Red Cross bus within the next week.

One-Way System – The council members asked Cllr Etholen for an evening meeting with BCC members to discuss the removal of the cycle lane, the extension to the bus stop and the creation of additional parking spaces as well as improving parking enforcement. Cllr Etholen agreed to revert with suitable dates.

Cllr Etholen advised the meeting of a freeze in the BCC pre-cept for the 3rd year running.

Cllr Hall asked if Cllr Etholen could follow up the issue with the street lighting along the Wycombe Road as this was unresolved.

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

No comments/questions raised.

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

No comments/questions raised.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from resident re; purchase of land

Cllr Turner advised the members that Town Council has an agreement to maintain the ground on behalf of the owner and therefore it is not for sale. The Clerk is requested to send a letter to the resident thanking them for their enquiry but to confirm that this land is not available for purchase. **Cllr Bendyshe-Brown declared an interest in this item.**

Letter from Bucks Fire Authority

The members of the Town Council were very disappointed with the tone of this letter and it was therefore suggested that a meeting is set-up with the Fire Service and John Bercow MP. Cllr Turner agreed to liaise with John Bercow for a suitable date.

Email from Festival re: use of Wades garage

All present agreed with the request from the Festival Committee but the Clerk is to confirm to the festival members that the garage should still have an area available to the Town Council. Cllr Streule proposed that the Town Council cover the cost of a skip and this is hired on a mutual day to all. Seconded by Cllr Bendyshe-Brown. Cllr Orsler declared an interest in this item and therefore abstained from the vote. All other members agreed.

Email from BCC re: Portas Review Funding

Comments noted. Details to be passed to RAP.

Email from Ford Action Group Against Turbine

Comments noted.

Letter from resident re: use of park for parking

Letter received from resident asking if the Town Council would allow parking on St Dunstan's park for a forthcoming Thanksgiving Service at St Dunstan's Church. Following a discussion it was concluded that there is adequate parking in and around Mill Lane and the added concern of a nearby children's play area. The members were asked to vote on whether parking should be allowed on the park, 9 members voted against and 2 abstained. Cllr Turner suggested that the resident approached those responsible for the field at the bottom of Peters Lane. **The Clerk is requested to confirm the decision in writing to the resident and suggest the use of an alternative field.**

Letter from Risborough Countryside Group

Risborough Countryside Group asked the Town Council if they could provide any ideas for storage locations for their walking/cycling leaflets and a display case. Cllr Swanson advised the members that he has suitable storage facilities available. The members thanked Cllr Swanson for his support. Cllr Streule agreed to draft a letter in response to the email from the Countryside Group.

9. ASKING THE PR COMMITTEE TO GENERATE A LIST OF GUEST NAMES AND REFRESHMENT PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING RAF MARCH IN MAY

Cllr Clifford confirmed that the date for the march will be Monday the 28th May. Cllr Coombs as Chairman of the PR committee agreed to this request.

10. ON THE TOWN COUNCILS POSITION TO SUPPORT A REQUEST TO HAVE THE FOOTPATH AT THE TOP OF THE CULVERTON HILL AS A DESIGNATED PUBLIC FOOTPATH.

Cllr Coombs updated the members on an on-site meeting held with Culverton Hill residents. Cllr Coombs agreed in principle to progress this request and to report back to the committee. All present agreed.

11. ON THE THREE FREE PARKING DAYS FOR 2012/2013

A discussion was held and the following dates were proposed by Cllr Turner; 8th 15th and 22nd December. A vote was taken with 10 members in favour. Cllr Streule abstained from the vote. The motion was passed. In addition, the members of the Town Council asked the local District Councils to continue to progress the issue of free parking within the town car parks.

12. ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS/GARDEN COMMITTEE THAT THE TREES ARE PLANTED AS PER PHIL SIMPKINS WDC PLAN.

All present agreed.

13. ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS/GARDEN COMMITTEE THAT BURIALS FOR OUT OF PARISH CHILDREN SHOULD BE CHARGED AT THE NORMAL PARISH RATE FOR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIALS AND INTERMENTS.

Cllr Orsler updated the members on the reasons for the agenda item and proposed that the regulations are updated to reflect this decision recommended by the Parks/Garden Committee, seconded by Cllr Coombs. A vote was taken with 11 members in favour. Cllr Rolfe abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

14. ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS/GARDEN COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE TEXT FOR THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE SMG.

Cllr Orsler updated the members on the funding situation with the purchase of a notice board for Stratton Memorial Garden and re-circulated the text at the meeting. Cllr Orsler proposed that the text is approved as recommended by the Parks/Garden Committee, seconded by Cllr Coombs. A vote was taken with 10 members in favour. Cllrs Williams and Rolfe abstained from the vote. The motion was passed.

15. ON WHETHER TO PURCHASE 2 X SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES FOR THE USE OF THE NAG

Cllr Turner updated the members on the request and re-confirmed that the request is not for the Town Council to fund the purchase, the funding will come from the LAF and the items will be owned by the Town Council. Cllr Turner proposed that the Town Council purchase 2 x speed indicator devices, seconded by Cllr Bendyshe-Brown. All present agreed.

16. ON THE VENUE FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 2012

All present agreed to defer this item until the next Town Council meeting.

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17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on the venue for Town Council meetings with effect from July 2012

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.10pm in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

27. 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 to discuss the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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