

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 26th JUNE 2012 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT

Cllr A Turner (Chairman),
Cllrs W Streule, P Williams, W Woolf, A Rolfe, P Summerbell, S Swanson and R Orsler
D Green, E Clifford and J Coombs
Clerk to the Town Council – Susanne Griffiths
3 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Bendyshe-Brown and G Hall

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council 29th May 2012 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. None were declared.

4. A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Sgt Deane reported on various activities in Princes Risborough during the last month which are included in the monthly newsletter issued by the Neighbourhood Police Team. The local police have organised Risborough Garage to fit 'free of charge' security screws for car number plates on the 21st July 2012. These are tamper proof devices and do not allow plates to be removed without breaking and subsequently used for illegal practice.

The new police station opening hours are 10am -2pm

Cllr A Turner thanked Sgt Deane and his team for their contribution to the success of the RAF parade

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

Cllr C Etholen reported on the progress of the Princes Centre Ltd and received questions on the standards of grass cutting in the town and potholes in the roads. Cllr Etholen agreed to raise these issues with the Buckinghamshire County Council's departments. **CE**

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

None.

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

Cllr W Streule informed the members that the Youth Centre requires more volunteers on a Monday evening and that it is advertising for a new leader.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from Risborough Springs asking for permission to erect a banner for a promotion.

Cllr A Turner declared an interest. **All present agreed** that a banner advertising the promotion may be placed on the railings outside Marks and Spencer PLC on the A4010 until 31st August 2012. **SG**

Email from resident re parking in Poppy Road.

The Clerk confirmed that the police had been informed and were monitoring the situation.

Email from NAG concerning litter signs.

After a short discussion, a vote was taken on the proposal to allow a trial period of 2 months for the signs to be installed around the town. The motion was passed by a majority of 9 for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention. **SG**

Update from Risborough Countryside Group re: Wildlife Meadow

All present agreed for this to be discussed under agenda 13

Grant Application from Risborough Area Community First Responder Volunteer Group

All present agreed that the Clerk is to respond that the Town Council regrets to advise the allocation of Grant monies has already been taken up for the current financial year and therefore the Town Council will not be able to help this year. The Clerk is requested to place this request before the members for their consideration when they consider the budget for 2013/2014. **SG**

Letter from resident re: the renting of the Rag Pit

A letter has been received from the current owners of The Spinney who currently rent the Rag Pit advising that they will be moving during the next few months and request that the Town Council waive the agreed 6 months notice. **All present agreed** to waive the notice and the Clerk is requested to arrange a visit to the Rag Pit for the councillors to inspect the area. **SG**

Thank you letter from resident re: Planning Application

A letter has been received from residents in Monks Risborough thanking the Town Council for its support with regards to a planning application. Comments noted.

WDC Delivery and Site Allocations Document

WDC request views on the DSA and comments can be made between 1st June and 20th July 2012. **All present agreed** for the document to be included on the Planning Agenda. **SG**

Letter of praise from a visitor

A frequent visitor to Princes Risborough requested that her letter of praise concerning the parks and open spaces in Princes Risborough is read out to the councillors. Comments noted.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ERCOL/REGENT PARK BUSINESS AREA DEVELOPMENT SITE

Cllr A Turner declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion concerning the site.
Cllr W Streule presented a report on the development of the Ercol/Regent Park Business Area.

10. ON A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION 12/06259/FUL, LAND BETWEEN RAILWAY AND ERCOL FURNITURE.

Cllr A Turner declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion.
Cllr W Streule agreed to draft a response to the proposal and circulate for the members' comments and approval. **WS**

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

Cllr J Coombs informed the members that with the office move to the Princes Centre Ltd, the requirements for the new building have changed and the plans would need to be revised taking into account the residents opinions.

12. TO ADOPT THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MONITORING OFFICER, WDC IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

After a short discussion, Cllr Turner proposed that the Town Council adopt the draft Code of Conduct as recommended by the Monitoring Officer, WDC with the amendment of removing references to Wycombe District Cabinet and Councillors in order to achieve a common code across the Bucks Districts and in response to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 with effect from 1st July 2012. A vote was taken and the motion was passed with 10 for and 1 abstention from Cllr R Orsler. The Clerk informed the

members that they will need to complete a Register of Members Disclosable Pecuniary Interests within 28 days. A copy of this register is required, as provided for by Section 29 of the Act, to be available for inspection at the authority's offices at all reasonable hours and published on the District Council's and Town Councils website. **ALL**

13. WHETHER TO RETAIN THE WILDFLOWER SECTION IN THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

The e-mail from Francis Gomme informing the Councillors of the progress at the Stratton Memorial Wildlife Meadow and the action plan until the end of the year was discussed. Cllr W Streule proposed **that** the Town Council continue with the Risborough Countryside Group and their proposed action plan for another year. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 for the proposal and 1 against. **SG**

14 THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWN COMMITTEE TO VIRE THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO PRUNE THE CHERRY TREES IN STATION ROAD DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

Cllr W Streule proposed that £2400 is vired from Reserves to prune the cherry trees in Station Road as they were considered to be a Health and Safety issue in delaying the work. Cllr R Orsler requested that confirmation is obtained that the trees are the responsibility of the Town Council. Cllr A Turner informed the members that the trees were planted by the Town Council with the permission of the Highways Dept on the condition that the Town Council assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the trees . The Clerk is requested to obtain confirmation of this point from the Highways Dept. **All agreed in principle** for the amount to be vired subject to the confirmation of the maintenance. **SG**

15 APPROVING THE TEXT FOR THE BLACK PRINCE HISTORY BOARD

Confirmation has been received from Wycombe District Council that approval has been given for the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of the Black Prince History Board to the Princes Risborough Town Council. Cllr W Streule proposed that the text previously circulated is approved with the few minor amendments as discussed made. **All present agreed.** The Clerk is requested to ensure the PRTC crest is prominently displayed on the notice board. **SG**

16. THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING THE ENCROACHMENT OF TREES ON WHITELEAF CROSS

Cllr A Turner proposed that the office arrange a meeting with J Carey, BCC, The Chiltern Society and representatives of the Town Council to discuss and report back to the Town Council with a recommendation on how best to manage the encroachment of trees on the Whiteleaf and Bledlow crosses. **All present agreed.** Cllr Turner further proposed that Cllrs W Woolf, D Green and P Williams represent the Town Council. **All present agreed.** **WW/DG/PW**

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To be advised.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 31st July 2012 at 7.15pm in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

19. 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 to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with section (12) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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