

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27th MARCH 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, A Rolfe, P Williams, G Hall, W Woolf, P Summerbell 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 D Green

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council 28th 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.

4. A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

SGT Andrew Deane introduced himself and his new role as Neighbourhood Community Team Sergeant for Princes Risborough. He has produced a newsletter and a Garden Security Leaflet for the residents.

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

Cllr Etholen sent his apologies and submitted the following report.

* There is a Public Meeting being held tomorrow 28th March at 7pm to outline plans for the future of the Day Centre and for the public to have their views.

*.A Mercedes Vario 17 seater bus with full wheelchair access has been purchased for the Day Centre. This can be hired for any excursions and is stored at Hypnos currently until the opening of the Centre. Preference must be given to the Community Bus for hire.

* Following a complaint from a Resident through Cllr Orsler, I have established that The Upper Icknield Way leading onto the Earle Mitchell is classified as a Green Lane and therefore will be passed to the Rights of Way Committee at BCC. The parking issues in Salisbury Close still need to be resolved

* Still parking issues with commuters parking on grass verges reported by a Resident in Picts Lane. I have updated the Resident with a copy of the letter sent to the Town Council.

* As requested by RAP I have applied for a road closure of the High Street, Duke Street and Church Street for a Street Party to be held on Monday 4th June from 12 noon until 7pm to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This has been accepted.

* The Residents of the Woodlands off Clifford Road have enquired what the cost of the adoption of the road would be. This will be costed once trial bore holes have been carried out

The Clerk is requested to remind Cllr Etholen that the report on Culverton Hill promised to the residents of Culverton Hill is still outstanding.

SG

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Further to minute 8 07/12 Cllr A Turner requested that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Mark Jones, Fire Authority to include the speaker Rt Hon John Bercow.

SG

Cllr W Streule informed the meeting that the Appeal for the Park Mill Farm planning application had been dismissed.

The Clerk is requested to remind County Cllr C Etholen that he had agreed to arrange a meeting required with BCC concerning the One Way System. **SG**

Cllr J Coombs apologised that he had no update available on agenda item 10 07/12 supporting a request for a footpath at the top of Culverton Hill to be designated as a public footpath but would have an update for the next meeting. **JS**

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

Cllr W Streule presented an update on the work required for the restoration of the Market House.

Cllr G Hall requested information on a residents request for the lamp to be changed in Oak Road. Cllr J Coombs agreed to investigate the reasons why it was agreed.

Cllr B Bendyshe- Brown requested that Cllr W Streule as Chairman of Planning, raise the failure to comply with a planning condition for a wheel wash facility to be installed at the entrance to Putnams in Summerleys Road. **WS**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email from Peter Keen advising that the Chiltern Society have decided not to organise the Jubilee Beacon on Whiteleaf and asking Town Council for ideas on how to do it.

The Chiltern Society has withdrawn their offer to organize a beacon as they were refused permission by the landowners. The Clerk is requested to contact Marin Tett, B.C.C. to pursue the matter and to request permission for the RAP together with the Town Council to organize one. **SG**

Email from resident re British Legion building and the Post Office building.

A resident has questioned why the Princes Risborough Town Council has not purchased the British Legion Building to convert for community use. The Clerk is requested to respond that the Town Council did submit a bid which was not accepted and that several councillors were on the action group to save the building for community use. The proposed purchase was covered extensively in Crosstalk. **SG**

Letter from resident re contributing to tree planting in Wade's Park in memory of family.

The Clerk is requested to arrange a meeting with the resident and Cllr R Orsler, Chairman of Parks and Gardens Committee to discuss the specimen of tree and to thank the resident for her kind offer. **SG/RO**

Email from Rotary Club of Princes Risborough seeking Town Council's approval for Tree of Light.

All present agreed to approve the request for a dedication ceremony and Tree of Light. **SG**

Email from resident re closure of cycle lane in the High Street.

All present agreed for Cllr W Streule to respond to the resident explaining the reasons why the cycle lane will be removed. **WS**

Letter from residents re car parking in Picts Lane.

County Cllr C Etholen has responded to the resident stating the costs involved for the BCC to place bollards in the verges to prevent commuters. The Clerk is requested to contact the BCC to ascertain if permission would be granted for the Maintenance Team to install bollards if the Town Council decided to undertake this work under devolved services. The Town Council representatives are requested to raise the issue of problems caused by commuter parking in Picts Lane through the Local Area Forum. **SG/BBB/AT**

Letter from resident re Stratton Memorial Garden.

A resident has complained about the meadow not being mown. Cllr R Orsler informed the members that the Risborough Countryside Group will be mowing the Wildflower Meadow on Thursday 29th March 2012.

9. COMMUTER PARKING PROBLEMS

All present agreed that this item has been discussed and actions agreed under correspondence.

10 THE VENUE FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 2012

All present agreed to hold the July meeting in the Chapter House and review the venue for August onwards at the next meeting. **SG.**

11. PROPOSED FEES TO CHARGE ST TERESA'S SCHOOL FOR THE USE OF KING GEORGE V RECREATIONAL GROUND

Cllr G Hall requested that the Clerk check the deeds for the KGV to ensure that there is no clause

prohibiting organised sports on the recreation ground. Cllr R Orsler proposed that St Teresa's school give an annual donation of £1000. Seconded by Cllr J Coombs. A vote was taken and the motion carried eleven votes for the proposal and one abstention. **SG**

12. TO CLARIFY THE TOWN COUNCILS INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr R Orsler informed the members that the Town Council insurers had advised the Clerk that the policy would not provide cover for other organisations arranging Festivals in the town and each Festival would need to arrange their own insurance. The Festival Committee was under the remit of the Town Council when it was first formed but is now are a separate entity making independent decisions and therefore cannot use the Town Council policy to cover their events. **All present agreed** for the Clerk to advise the Festival committee of the position with the insurers.

13. ON WHETHER THE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD COVER THE SHORTFALL OF THE PURCHASE FOR THE 2 X VAS

Further to minute 15 08/12, the NAG has confirmed that it only requires one VAS and that there will not be a shortfall for the Town Council to fund. **All present agreed** for the office to order the VAS and various attachments. **SG**

14. ON THE CONTACTING THE LOCAL BUS COMPANIES TO DISCUSS THE CONGESTION IN THE HIGH STREET

Cllr E Clifford expressed concerns about the congestion in the High Street due to the arrival of buses from three separate companies at similar times during the day. The Clerk is requested to contact Passenger Transport at BCC to request that they consider the timing of the buses to prevent the buses arriving together and remaining stationary for long periods of time. The Clerk is further requested to invite a member from the Passenger Transport team to attend the One Way System meeting that is to be arranged by Cllr C Etholen. **SG**

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on the Town Council representatives to sit on RAP.
To discuss and decide on the Town Council representative for the Teddy Bear Jubilee street party.
To discuss and decide on the venue for Town Council meetings with effect from August 2012
To receive an update on Rizfest

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 24th April 2012 at 7.15pm in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

17. 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 9.20pm

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