

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS/GARDEN COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 7.00PM  
IN TOWER COURT, HORNS LANE, PRINCES RISBOROUGH**

**PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr R Orsler  
Cllr, P Williams, E Clifford, A Rolfe and P Summerbell.  
C Page – Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk

In attendance: Cllr A Turner, Cllr W Streule and Cllr J Coombs.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr W Woolf

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meetings, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012, having been previously 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 in which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.  
None were declared.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from St Teresa's School re: Mini Olympics

The committee would be pleased to consider the request to organise a temporary running track at Wade's Park but need more details of size, date and location to assess the effect on other users of the park. Clerical Assistant to write to St Teresa's for more details. **CP**

Letter from resident re: Tree Planting

As the area in question (grass outside St Mary's Church), is the property of Bucks County Council, the Clerical Assistant is to write to the resident advising that she should direct her enquiry to BCC Highways. **CP**

Letter from resident re: SMG opening hours

There was discussion on the possibility of making a side gate. This is to be made an agenda item for the next Parks meeting. **CP**

Email from resident re: dogs in parks

A decision was made to make future strategy on this an agenda item at the next meeting. **CP**

**5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM CLLR STREULE ON THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME.**

Planting started on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. In spite of the dry warm weather all the saplings look in good condition. The new trees will need mulching and it is hoped that when the compost bins at SMG are in place the Town Council will become self-sufficient in chippings. A small footbridge over the stream is a feature which could be discussed next year. The grass in the area should not be mown, but instead should be strimmed occasionally. The Town Council could consider buying wildflower seeds to sow around the trees, Next year it will be a good idea to assess what has done well and what hasn't and maybe plant some more mature trees. Residents have also expressed an interest in planting trees. The willows are very healthy but need tidying and pollarding back to the originally pollarding.

**6. INVOICES FOR CONFIRMATION**

Payment was **agreed** for the following invoices:

	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Manor Estates - grass cutting for month	£1,204.13	£240.83	£1,444.96

**7. TENDERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a) Installation of Plinth stones at SMG

All present agreed to accept the quotation from Paul Williams £ 1720.00

A work order should be issued inviting him to carry out the work.

b) Alarm System at SMG

The committee were unaware that quotes had been sought for this.

**8. PARKS/GARDEN REPORTS**

Scarifier at SMG

The committee were unable to agree whether this is needed.

**9. ON A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT TO SITE A BENCH IN STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN**

All agreed to agree to this request, provided that the bench is not situated underneath the large trees.

**10 PROCEEDING WITH A COSTING REPORT FROM OXLEY CONSERVATION FOR THE DOVECOTE BUILDING.**

All agreed to recommend that money is found for this and to carry the subject forward to the next Town Council meeting.

**11. A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE OPENING/CLOSING HOURS OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The committee recommended changing the hours to 08.30hrs to 19.00hrs in the winter and 08.30hrs to 21.00hrs in the summer.

**12. TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE CONTENTS FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING PRESENTATION.**

Cllr R Orsler listed the following contents:

- Extra car parking at Earle Mitchell.
- The wildflower meadow and composting area at the Stratton Memorial Garden.
- St Dunstan's – consideration should be given to replacing the wooden play area and there are issues to consider on the Dovecot.
- Work needed on the willows at Wade's Park, and bringing on our own trees from cuttings taken from these trees.
- New benches have been installed at Wade's Park, The Crescent and the King George V Park.
- Cllr G Hall has suggested making the Upper Icknield Way accessible to cars, at least as far as the Earle Mitchell car park. This would stop some of the problem parking in Salisbury Close. Bucks County Council have offered to supply materials if the Town Council organise labour.

**13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

To discuss and decide on providing a side gate at the Stratton Memorial Garden.  
To discuss and decide on future policy regarding dogs in the parks.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is to be advised.  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

