

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2011 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT

Cllr R Orsler (Chairman),
Cllrs, P Williams, W Woolf, G Hall, W Streule. S Swanson, J Coombs and
D Green

Clerk to the Town Council – Susanne Griffiths
9 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Bendyshe-Brown, A Rolfe, A Turner, P Summerbell and
Cllr E Clifford,

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council, having been circulated and 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. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Apologies were received from the police.

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

Cllr C Etholen informed the members that proposed date for the launch of the social enterprise to run the
Day Care Centre is 1st April 2012 and that there are four parties involved; Princes Risborough Town
Council, Risborough Cares, R.A.C.A and Churches Together.

Cllr C Etholen requested that the members support the petition to implement a reduction in the speed limit
in Askett to 20mph. All present were sympathetic to the request. **ALL**

Cllr C Etholen was pleased to advise the members that 5 key areas in Princes Risborough to be resurfaced.
These areas are Clifford Road/Merton Road, Duke Street /Church Street, Summerleys Road, Stratton
Road, Cadsden Road /Shortborough Avenue.

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Cllr G Hall referred to the agenda item 7 included in the previous minutes on page 16/11, when a resident
requested information on the Town Council's housing policy. Cllr Streule apologised for not replying to the
letter yet as agreed and confirmed that he would draft a reply in the coming week. The Clerk confirmed that
a holding letter had been sent to the resident. **WS**

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

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England with draft recommendations for
electoral arrangements for Buckinghamshire County Council.

All present agreed to review the draft and formulate a response at the next Town Council meeting.

ALL

Email from BALC re invitation from NALC to comment on the Open Public Services White Paper Consultation for Members by 7th September.

The paper is regarding the Government Initiative for Local Councils in conjunction with their residents, to take on more powers such as Licensing and to make it easier for Principal Authorities to devolve more to Local Councils. The policy can be accessed by following the link <http://www.bucksalc.gov.uk/documents.aspx>. **All present agreed** to individually respond to this request. Comments are to be sent to Chris Borg at chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk **ALL**

E-mail advising that the Town Council has been successful in obtaining a Woodland Trust Community Tree Planting Pack.

The members were delighted that the application was successful and requested that the Clerk ascertain the types of saplings that would be provided. **All present agreed** to discuss and decide at the next Town Council meeting the preferred locations for the saplings. **SG**

Email from The Chiltern Society regarding Whiteleaf Hill.

The Chiltern Society intends to take over the management of the site and would like the Town Councils input and support. **All present agreed** to invite Mr. Roger Newman to the next Town Council meeting to hear a presentation on the proposal and answer any concerns that the councillors may have. **SG**

Email from a resident regarding inviting Co-op to open a store in Risborough and also removing the barrier in The Butts.

After a short discussion, it was **agreed by all present** that the Town Council is unable to approach selected businesses inviting them to the town and that the initiative has to come from the customers themselves.

With regards to the removal of the barrier preventing motorbikes and cycles from access through The Butts, the Clerk confirmed that B.C.C. were exploring different possibilities to give access to motorised scooters but to prevent access for the bikes which were the cause of the anti social behavior and why the barrier was initially installed. The B.C.C. is reluctant to remove the barrier without a proper consultation with the residents in the area. **SG**

Email from a resident regarding the lack of notice given for cancelling the 'Risborough's Got Talent' meeting on Tuesday 23rd 7 PM.

All present agreed that the Clerk is to write and apologise to the resident for the short notice in cancelling the meeting due a number of councilors being unwell. The meeting is rescheduled for the 28th September 2011 at the Town Council office. **SG**

Reply from Ken Moloughney, B.C.C. regarding the requested further meeting about the payment of the 1-way system.

The Finance Managers at Transport for Buckinghamshire have insisted that the sum shown on the invoice must stand and are not prepared to consider the matter further. Therefore, they will not consider another meeting. **All present agreed** that this matter does need to be resolved and there are a number of points that need to be clarified before payment is made. The Clerk is requested to respond to B.C.C insisting that a meeting is required to address the outstanding points. **SG**

9. THE PROPOSED LIST OF LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION FROM BCC

Cllr W Streule has studied the consultation document and confirmed that little refers to Princes Risborough. He recommended that no comments are submitted. **All present agreed.** **SG**

10. WHETHER TO EXTEND A MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER THOSE THAT LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE DAKOTA AIR CRASH

Cllr D Green proposed that the memorial outside the library is extended to include the airmen that lost their lives in the Dakota Air Crash. **All present agreed** to consult the residents as to their willingness to contribute by public subscription to the cost of the extension to the memorial. Cllr D Green **agreed** to write an article for the next publication of Crosstalk. **DG**

11. WHETHER TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY CONTINGENCY PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY CLLRS TURNER AND COOMBS

All present agreed for Cllrs J Coombs and A Turner to complete the plan with volunteers names. Cllr J Coombs **agreed** to write an article for the new Crosstalk inviting members of the public to add their names to the volunteers list. **JC**

12. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR FUTURE REQUESTS

The Clerk presented an application form for charities to use when applying to the Town Council for a grant. **All present agreed** for the Clerk to issue the form when the office receives a request for funding. **SG**

13. TO REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RECENT LEADER GRANT.

All present agreed for Cllr R Orsler to withdraw this item from this agenda until he has investigated the matter further.

14. TO DISCUSS FORWARD PLANNING ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE RECENT MARKET TOWN PROJECT

Cllr R Orsler advised the members that there were three reports totaling 102 pages and proposed that a Working Group is set up to work through these reports in more detail, recommending a strategy for the Town Council to move forward. Cllr R Orsler suggested that other community groups are included in the Working Group. Cllrs R Orsler, A Turner and D Green agreed to be on the Working Group. **RO/AT/DG**

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To discuss the CCTV newsletter (Cllr J Coombes)

To discuss and decide on the preferred location for the saplings.

To decide on a response to the Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England with draft recommendations for electoral arrangements for Buckinghamshire County Council.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7.15pm at in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

All present agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with Section 12 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to discuss the following:-

- a) Letter from resident regarding the standards board
- b) To consider recommendation from Admin/HR committee to employ a former employee of the Town Council, on a consultancy basis.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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