

**TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2009 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE, ST MARY'S CHURCH
PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT

Cllr A Turner (Chairman),
Cllrs W Streule, Mrs. M Wooster, Mrs. E Clifford, C Etholen, Mrs. P Williams, W Woolf, G Hall,
B Bendyshe-Brown and Mrs. P Summerbell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Orsler, L A Benifer and J Coombs.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council meeting of the 31st March and 7th April 2009 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. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Thames Valley Police.

5. A PRESENTATION FROM AMY RYAN FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDING FUNDING FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE KGV RECREATION GROUND

Amy was pleased to advise the members that Princes Risborough had been allocated £50,000.00 for additional play equipment for the 8-13 year age range in King George V recreation ground. Princes Risborough had been chosen because of the child population, the play deprivation in the area and the fact that Princes Risborough Town Council had already done much of the consultation and work required for the funding to be given. A condition of the funding is that the new play equipment is installed by March 2010. WDC will initiate a consultation with the residents surrounding the park in May and hope to have a working party, to include Town Councillors, in place for a meeting in June.

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

The Clerk confirmed that all action points from the previous meeting had been actioned.

The Clerk informed the members that no reply had been received from the architect in response to the letter sent on the 17th March 2009. The Clerk is requested to place this item on the next agenda in a closed session, for a decision to be made on how to proceed. **SG**

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

None received.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) Email dated 28th April from Parrott & Coales re: missing light in Clifford Road
Parrott & Coales have confirmed that they have not received a response from the developers in Clifford Road in connection with the unauthorised removal of the street lamp. **All present agreed** to request the Clerk to contact the Planning Department to ascertain if permission was

granted to remove the lamp post and advise them of the problems that the Town Council are experiencing in trying to contact the developers. The Clerk is further requested to obtain a quotation for the replacement of a new lamp.

SG

b) Letter from WDC re: three free parking dates

A letter from WDC has been received advising that the Cabinet has agreed for Princes Risborough to be offered free parking for three separate days within the financial year and request that the Town Council advise which dates they would like to apply for. G Hall proposed that the three Saturdays before Christmas are nominated. Seconded by Cllr C Etholen. A vote was taken and the **motion was passed** with 9 votes for the proposal and 1 abstention.

SG

c) Email from a resident re: Risborough Footways

An e-mail has been received requesting the views of the Town Council concerning the replacement of the cobbled parts of Church Street to accommodate the users of wheelchairs. Cllr B Bendyshe-Browne informed the members that the matter had been escalated to the B.C.C. Highways Department for their views on what can be done. **All present agreed** that the Denner stone is an important feature of the Conservation Area and the problem is entirely due to the lack of care in the re-laying of the Denner stone and every effort should be made for the Denner stone to be re-laid.

SG

d) Email request for support for the residents coordinating group against the Hemley Hill Encampment

All present agreed that whilst the Town Council is sympathetic to the position of the residents, it is outside the Princes Risborough Parish boundary and therefore has no remit to interfere in the business of the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council. The Town Council is protective of the green belt and AONB that surrounds the town and the clerk is requested to write to WDC expressing the concerns of the Town Council about the illegal development on the land contrary to planning policies.

SG

e) A request for the gates to the Memorial Garden to be left open until 9.00pm on the 8th May by a relative of the late Mrs Kaplicz.

After a long discussion, a vote to agree to the request was taken. Four members voted for the gates to remain open as requested, 6 members were against the motion. The Clerk is requested to contact the relative to advise him of the Town Council's decision.

SG

9. THE PROVISION OF A BMX TRACK IN PRINCES RISBOROUGH.

Cllr E Clifford presented two options for a BMX track in the Earle Mitchell. Concerns were expressed that planning permission may be required. Cllr A Turner proposed that the Town Council agree in principle and subject to any necessary consents for a BMX track to be installed in the Earle Mitchell. Seconded by Cllr W Woolf. **All present agreed.** The Clerk is requested to obtain the necessary information concerning any planning requirements, three quotations for the work involved and agenda this item for the next Town Council meeting.

SG

10. RE-NAMING OF THE FORMER ICKNIELD COURT.

Cllr E Clifford proposed that the Town Council recommend to WDC that the development is named Rectory Court. Seconded by Cllr G Hall. **All present agreed.**

SG

Cllr G Hall requested that an item is placed on the June agenda to discuss the Town Council policy of naming roads in memory of past citizens who have made a significant contribution to the town.

SG

11. THE LEVELING AND SEEDING ADJACENT TO THE STABLES IN STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Cllr A Turner proposed that the Town Council issue a works order for the areas next to the stable and at the edge of the trees to be levelled and the ground prepared for grass seed.

Seconded by Cllr Woolf. **All present agreed.**

SG

12. TURFING AND YORK STONE AROUND THE HEXAGON IN STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Cllr A Turner proposed that the Town Council issue a works order to lay turf in between and at the side of the York stones in the hexagon. Seconded by Cllr E Clifford. **All present agreed.****SG**

13. THE OFFICIAL OPENING FOR THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE AT 2PM.

All present agreed to the recommendation of the Memorial Garden Committee to hold the inauguration of the Stratton Memorial Garden on Thursday 25th June at 2pm. **SG**

14. TO INVITE ANNE STRATTON TO OFFICIALLY OPEN STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN.

All present agreed to the recommendation from the Memorial Garden Committee to invite Anne Stratton to officially open the Stratton Memorial Garden and if Miss Stratton is unavailable for the Town Mayor to fulfill the role.

15. AMENDING THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN REGULATIONS TO REFLECT THE MEASUREMENTS FOR A MEMORIAL STONE AS PER THE STONEMASONS RECOMMENDATIONS.

All present agreed to amend the regulations in number 5 section (d) to state a thickness of 4 inches for a stone wedge shaped memorial. **All present further agreed** to allow small emblems to be placed on the wedge shaped memorials **SG**

16. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WHEN DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THESE MATTERS:

All present agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press when discussing the following agenda items due to the confidential nature of this matter:

To discuss and decide on the preferred supplier for grass cutting in the town.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Election of Town Mayor

Election of Deputy Town Mayor

Election of Chairman of Finance.

Election of Vice Chairman of Finance.

Nominations for representatives with other organisations

The provision of a BMX track in Princes Risborough

To discuss and decide on how to proceed with the correction of the gates and resin to fix the gravel

The Town Council's position with Park Mill development.

The viability of employing a Yeoman

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm in The Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.05pm.