

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE, ST MARY'S  
CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllr A Turner (Chairman),  
Cllrs Mrs. P Summerbell, Mrs. P Williams, C Etholen, J Coombs, R Orsler, W Woolf., Mrs. E Clifford, L A Benifer, D Green, B Bendyshe–Brown, P Summerbell and E Clifford

Town Clerk - Susanne Griffiths

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Hall and W Streule

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 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. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

PCSO Claire Davis presented the crime figures for December and January and advised monthly "have your say" meetings will be taking place at Tesco, the first one being on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 2pm.

PCSO C Davis requested for the police to be able to contribute to the Crosstalk magazine by writing an article for each publication. **All present agreed** to this request.

**5. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr A Turner informed the members of the public that the Town Council had been unsuccessful in their bid to purchase the Memorial Hall building. The Royal British Legion advised the Town Council that the building had been sold to a developer.

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

None.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) Invitation from WDC re: Playbuilder Workshop

Cllrs E Clifford and P Summerbell agreed to attend the workshop on behalf of the Town Council.

**SG/EC/PS**

b) Invitation from Theatre in the Villages Local Promoters Evening at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

Cllr J Coombs agreed to attend the event to find out more about the scheme.

**SG**

c) Letter from the Coombe Hill Monument Appeal requesting a grant.

**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.

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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 2011/2012. **SG**

#### **8. PROGRESS OF THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM TRIAL**

Cllrs B Bendyshe-Brown and C Etholen have conducted a survey on the one way system. They asked 55 businesses in the town last week and found 38 of them were against, six were in favour and 11 were neutral. Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown and Cllr C Etholen in their capacities as a Wycombe District Councillor as a County Councillor declared their opposition to the scheme. Cllr W Woolf proposed that no decisions are made until after the meetings with the retailers and Highways Dept.. Seconded by Cllr D Green. A vote was taken and the motion was passed with a majority of 10 – 1.

#### **9. RESPONSE TO WDC REGARDING THEIR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER PLANS**

A draft response to WDC regarding their public consultation on Gypsy and Traveller plans had been circulated to the members. **All present agreed** to object to both the proposed sites in the Princes Risborough Area. Cllr A Turner requested that all comments on the response must be received in the office by midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> January to ensure that the response is received by the deadline of the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### **10. RESPONSE TO THE E-MAIL FROM THE ARCHITECT OF THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Cllrs B Bendyshe- Brown and C Etholen declared an interest. After a short discussion, Cllr J Coombs proposed that Cllr R Orsler and the Clerk investigate the cost of rectifying the fault. **SG/RO**

Cllr J Coombs further proposed that the Architect is advised that should he decide to progress his decision to place the matter with the Small Claims Court for part non payment of his fees, the Town Council will countersue him for the amount to correct the problem of his making. Seconded by Cllr W Woolf. A vote was taken and the motion was passed with a majority of 8-1. The Councillors who declared an interest, abstained from the vote.

#### **11. A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MAINTENANCE TEAM PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Cllr J Coombs presented the advert, application form, job description and contract for the maintenance operatives to the members for their approval. **All present agreed** that they were satisfactory and agreed for them to be distributed. Cllr J Coombs continued to inform the members of the progress in obtaining quotes for the renovation of the stables including the hire of a portalo. **All present agreed** that the interview panel should consist of the Project Working Group. Cllr W Woolf thanked the Working Group for their hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

#### **12. THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MAINTENANCE TEAM WORKING GROUP THAT FULTON LEASING ARE THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER OF LEASED VEHICLES FOR THE YEOMANRY TEAM**

Cllr J Coombs proposed that the Town Council accept the recommendation from the Maintenance Team Working Group that Fulton leasing are the preferred supplier of leased vehicles for the Maintenance team. **All present agreed.**

**13. THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE YEOMANRY WORKING GROUP THAT THE 3 NETWORK BE THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER OF CELLULAR, TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE TEAM**

Cllr J Coombs proposed that the Town Council accept the recommendation from the Maintenance Team Working Group that the 3 Network be the preferred supplier of cellular, telecommunications equipment for the Maintenance Team. **All present agreed.**

**14. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR YEAR END 2010/2011**

**All present agreed** to appoint Mr G Weir as the internal auditor for the financial year 2010/2011. The Town Council expressed their thanks to the Clerk and her team with regards to the recent audit report that was signed off, without any observations, by the external auditor.

**15. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWN & LIGHTING COMMITTEE ON THE METHOD OF RECORDING FUTURE SERVICEMAN OF THE TOWN KILLED IN ACTION ON THE WAR MEMORIAL**

**All present agreed** to Cllr W Woolf investigating the options for making further additions to the War Memorial.

**16. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WHEN DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS MATTER:**

**A) To discuss and decide on the preferred contractor for the grass cutting in the parks**

**All present agreed** to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press when discussing the above agenda item due to the confidential nature of this matter.

**17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

To decide on a recommendation from the Town & Lighting Committee on the method of recording future serviceman of the town killed in action on the war memorial.

To discuss and decide on the nominations for the 2010 Citizen Awards

To discuss and decide on the date for the 2010 Annual Town meeting.

To discuss and decide on the nomination for a representative for the Princes Risborough Charity

To discuss the outcome of the One Way System meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at 7.15pm at in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.16pm

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