

PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 30th JUNE 2009 IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.15PM

PRESENT

Cllr A Turner, Cllrs W Streule, G Hall, Mrs P Summerbell, W Woolf, B Benifer, Mrs E Clifford, Mrs P Williams, R Orsler, B Bendyshe-Brown, LA Benifer, J Coombs and C Etholen.

Mrs S Griffiths (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council, having been circulated and were amended and 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.

Cllrs C Etholen, B Bendyshe-Brown, W Woolf, G Hall and A Turner declared an interest in agenda item 12 as members of the British Legion.

Cllr G Hall declared an interest in agenda item 11 as a member of the Planning Committee, W.D.C.

4. REPORT FROM WDC RE: DELIVERY AND SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION

Victoria Thomson, WDC presented a simplified report on the delivery and site allocations consultation document. Cllr A Turner thanked her on behalf of the Town Council and agreed that a further meeting between members of the Town Council and WDC to discuss the proposals for the green field housing allocation sites was needed.

5. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Apologies were received and accepted from Thames Valley Police.

6. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

None

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

Cllr L A Benifer informed the members that the proposed Merton House Development will now be built further away from the Culverton Hill gardens.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter dated 24th June BCC re: Community Resilience

All present agreed to opt in to the programme and that the Clerk is nominated as the contact for the Princes Risborough Town Council. **SG**

Correspondence relating to Stratton Memorial Garden.

All present agreed for the final balance to be paid to Walkers as the dispute concerning the levelling of the ground at the entrance is with the architect and not the contractors. **SG**

E - mail dated 29th June re: request from Mr McKay to dance outside the George & Dragon pub/Morris Dancers

All present agreed that it would be in order for the Morris Dancers to advertise their appearance and that the Town Council would be pleased to see the Morris Dancers. However, the Town Council does not have the authority to give permission for the use of the pavement and would suggest that they contact the Highways Dept. **SG**

Correspondence relating to Stratton Memorial Garden Inauguration

Various letters of thanks for the opening ceremony have been received together with concerns from the clergy that a prayer was not said. The Clerk is requested to reply that no offence was intended and the event was intended to be a celebration of the hard work from everyone in bringing the Memorial Garden to a successful conclusion. Each plot is consecrated according to the wishes of the individual. **SG**

Email dated 29th June from resident re: BMX track

In the public session preceding the Town Council meeting, the Mayor made it clear that the BMX track project proposed for the Earle Mitchell Field would not proceed before a full consultation with the neighbouring residents had taken place.

Letter dated 9th June from BCC/Si Khan re: Creating a Sustainable High Wycombe 2026 Conference

The Clerk is requested to send apologies for the Princes Risborough Town Council as none of the members are able to attend. **SG**

Letter dated 14th May from M&S re: policing levels in Princes Risborough

The Town Council has received a copy of a letter sent to the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police from MRS. expressing their concerns with the current level of policing in Princes Risborough. **All present agreed** that the Town Council agreed with the sentiments expressed by M&S, but it would be inappropriate to write to the police without seeing a reply to the original letter. **SG**

Email dated 18th June from resident re: spending residents money on luxuries i.e., flower pots/maintenance

The Clerk is requested to reply that the resident appears to be misinformed and is encouraged to attend Town Council meetings to obtain the correct information. **SG**

Email dated 10th June from P.R.N.A.G. re: Community Speedwatch

The Town Council has received a request from the Neighbourhood Action Group for volunteers to man the Community Speedwatch equipment. The following councillors volunteered to take part in a monthly session:- Cllrs J Coombs, A Turner, W Streule, W Woolf, P Summerbell, E Clifford, C Etholen, B Bendyshe Brown and L A Benifer. **JC/AT/WS/WW/PS/EC/CE/BBB/LAB**

Email dated 5th June from Round Table re: A contribution to a charity

The Round Table in Princes Risborough has closed and still has an amount of monies in the charity account which they are keen to see used for the people of the town. The President of the P R Afternoon Women's Institute has requested the Town Councils support for a small funding to help up-grade certain facilities within St Mary's Parish Hall. **All present** agreed to nominate the P R Afternoon Women's Institute **SG**

Letter dated 13th June from Lynne Field re: Art Project

The Clerk is requested to reply that the Town Council has fully considered the request but the allocation of the Grant monies from the Town Council has already been taken up for the current financial year. **SG**

Email dated 8th June from Cllr Hall re: Civic Service

Cllr G Hall requested that a formal letter of thanks is sent to the church hosting the Civic Service each year. **All present agreed.** **SG**

Email dated 8th June from BCC re: Policy of Planning Obligations for Education provision

Comments noted.

R Orsler confirmed that the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009 were in order and proposed that the Town Council approve the Audit Return and the Annual Governance Statement. Seconded by Cllr J Coombs. **All present agreed.** **SG**

10. VIABILITY OF EMPLOYING A YEOMAN

All present agreed that a Working Group is to be formed to investigate the various options and make a recommendation to the Town Council. Cllrs J Coombs, W Streule and R Orsler volunteered to form the Working Group. **RO/JC/WS**

11. PLANNING APPLICATION FROM CHURCHILL RETIREMENT HOMES WITH REGARDS TO WELLINGTON AVENUE.

Cllr G Hall declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or vote. **All present agreed** to recommend to the Planning Dept. that the application is refused as per the previous comments submitted by the Town Council for this application. **LAB**

12. THE TOWN COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH REGARDS TO THE BRITISH LEGION BUILDING

Cllr L Benifer reminded the members that the building was built by the residents of Princes Risborough and should remain for the residents of Princes Risborough. **All present agreed** to register a formal interest in the building. Cllr G Hall agreed to draft the letter and circulate it for the members' consideration. **GH**

13. THE VIRE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR LITTER BINS WITHIN THE PARKS BUDGET FROM THE MAINTENANCE HEADING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

Cllr R Orsler proposed that funds are vired from the maintenance budget within the Parks Committee budget to the Capital Expenditure budget to fund the purchase of four litter bins for the children's playgrounds. Seconded by Cllr W Woolf. **All present agreed.** **SG**

14. THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING LAND FOR A NEW PARK IN THE PICTS LANE AREA

Cllr G Hall informed the members that there was a piece of land vacant in Picts Lane and suggested that the Town Council approaches the owners of the land to ascertain if they would be willing to sell it to the Town Council for a new children's park. Cllr L Benifer offered to do the initial investigation to obtain the name and address of the owner. **LAB**

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

All present agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press when discussing the following agenda item due to the confidential nature of this matter -
To discuss and decide on an approach to W.D.C regarding 106 monies.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide if all Correspondence items should be discussed at the Town Council meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 28th July 2009 at 7.15pm in the Chapter House, St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....