

**TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 31st MARCH 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, J Coombs, R Orsler,
C Etholen, Mrs. P Williams, W Woolf, L A Benifer and G Hall

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown and Mrs. P Summerbell

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council meeting of the 24th February and 3rd March 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. 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.

Cllr G Hall informed the members that a meeting between Mr. Corrie, Owner of the Ridgeway Field and Cllrs E Clifford and G Hall had taken place regarding the use of the Ridgeway Field for Car Boot Sales. Mr. Corrie has agreed that the Car Boot Sales may continue in the Ridgeway Field to raise money for charitable purposes

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

The Chairman of Finance expressed concerns that some committees had not spent all their budgets for last year despite insisting that they would at the last estimates meeting. These surpluses could have reduced our precept for 2009-2010. He urged that future budgets are set at the amount that is actually required and not at an amount that has historically been set.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllr Orsler requested that in future the correspondence is listed with the same headings as the e-mail from the resident. **SG**

a. Email from resident re: lighting and website

An e-mail had been received concerning the missing light in Clifford Road taken away without permission from the Town Council, by Howarth Homes and problems with the website. Despite several letters to the developer from the Town Council office, the light has still not been reinstated.

Cllr G Hall proposed that the matter is now put in hands of the Town Councils solicitors. Seconded by Cllr C Etholen. A vote was taken and the **motion was passed** with 9 members in favour, one against the motion and one abstention. The Clerk is requested to reply to the resident with a progress report on the new website and details of the action being taken by the Town Council to reinstate the missing lamp post. The Clerk is further requested to contact the solicitor and provide him with the details. **SG**

b. Letters from residents re: vandalism of the seat in memory of Flt Sgt A Davies

The Town Council agreed with the sentiments expressed by the residents at this despicable act of vandalism and **all present agreed** that the Town Council will replace the bench in New Road. The Car Booters offered to fund a memorial bench in the Stratton Memorial Ground in memory Flt Sgt A Davies. Cllr W Streule thanked the Car Booters for their generous offer.

Cllr G Hall informed the members that he had received an e-mail from the head of Community Services, W.D.C. confirming that the police had requested a review from two cameras in that area between 2100hr 20th February to 0400hr 21st February but nothing untoward was seen. The Control room Supervisor confirmed that he had personally carried out most of the review as he could not tie up an operator for the amount of time required for this review.

c. Email from WDC in response to the Town Councils request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act request concerning the change in the designation of the High Street and Market Square from a Consent street to a Prohibited Street.

All present agreed to request the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive and leader of the Wycombe District Council requesting that the decision to change the designation of the High Street and Market Square from a Consent street to a Prohibited Street is overturned. The Clerk is further requested to reply to the Environmental Health Manager that the Town Council requires a copy of the minutes of the working party reviewing the Street Trading process and the Regulatory and Appeals Committee meeting which agreed the change in designation. **SG**

d. Letter from Chiltern Railway in response to the request by the Town Council to improve the appearance of the station.

Chiltern Railways agreed with the need to do some work at the station and confirm that plans are in place for each of the elements described in the Town Council's letter. The General Manager is confident that work to the canopies will happen in 2009 and advised that he is happy to progress the joint initiatives with Network Rail to give the station a 'makeover' as the aspirations described by the Town Council are in tune with those of Chiltern Railways. The Clerk is requested to invite Chiltern Railway to a future Town Council meeting. **SG**

e. Letter from BCC re: Transport for Bucks

A letter from BCC had been received advising of the developments within the Transportation Service at B.C.C. Ringway Jacobs will be delivering the full range of transportation services under the name of Transport for Buckinghamshire. It is envisaged that there will be no discernible difference for the Parish Councils and Public.

f. A request for the use of King George V Recreation Ground

A request to use the King George V Field to hold for a Pleasure Fair in May. A proposal to agree to the request providing a contract is signed with a bond of £500 taken. A vote was taken and the motion to agree to the request was carried by a vote of 9 in agreement of the proposal and 2 abstentions. Cllr A Turner requested that it is recorded that he abstained from the vote.

8. NOMINATING JAMES TOMKINS AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MONKS RISBOROUGH CHARITIES

Cllr LA Benifer proposed that James Tomkins is the third representative to be nominated by the Princes Risborough Town Council for the Monks Risborough Charities. Seconded by Cllr A Turner. **All present agreed.** The Clerk is requested to inform the Clerk to the Charity of the decision. **SG**

9. TOWN COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH PARK MILL DEVELOPMENT.

All present agreed to defer this decision for two months to enable the residents to have the opportunity to inform the Town Council of their views. The current position of the Town Council remains as being opposed to the development. **SG**

10. TOWN COUNCIL'S POLICY TOWARDS SALT BINS WITHIN THE TOWN

All present agreed that it is the Town Council 's policy that it will not add extra expense to the residents by paying for salt bins as it remains the responsibility of the Buckinghamshire County Council to keep the roads and footpaths safe to use. To avoid any further confusion for the residents, it was agreed that the policy is to be published in the next article of Crosstalk. Cllr R Orsler agreed to draft a letter informing the B.C.C. and W.D.C. advising the authorities of the Town Council's policy. **KP/RO**

11. TOWN COUNCIL YEOMAN

Cllr J Coombs circulated a paper exploring the viability of employing a Yeoman rather than sub contracting the duties. **It was agreed by all present** to defer the decision for two months to enable the members to make an informed decision after reading the paper in detail. **SG**

12. THE USE OF PRINCES RISBOROUGH SCHOOL MULTI USE GAMES AREA

Cllr G Hall declared an interest in this agenda item as a School Governor and withdrew from any discussion or decision.

It was agreed by all present that the use of the Princes Risborough School Multi Use Games Area is to be discussed at the next Parks meeting and a recommendation made to the Town Council for consideration. **SG**

Cllr L A Benifer offered to investigate the possibility of applying for a change of use for the access road. **LAB**

13. WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO ISSUE THE TENDER DOCUMENT IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT

Cllr J Coombs agreed to revisit the document to look at simplifying the document for tenders and report back to the Town Council. **JC**

14. ACCEPTING AND SIGNING THE AGREEMENT FROM THE AGREED CONTRACTOR FOR THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR THE PARKS.

The contractor has requested that the Town Council sign acceptance of his terms and conditions for the Grass Cutting contract in the Parks. After a thorough inspection, Cllr G Hall proposed that it is in order for the Town Council to sign the agreement. Seconded by Cllr J Coombs. A vote was taken and **the motion was passed** with one member abstaining and the remaining 10 members in agreement for the document to be signed. **SG**

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO VIRE THE FUNDS FROM THE TOWN & LIGHTING COMMITTEE TO COVER THE PROPOSED COST OF EXPENDITURE REQUIRED FOR THE CIVIC TRUST PROJECT

Further to the Town Council's request (minute 14.56/08) the Clerk and the Chairman of Finance had met and discussed the task of which budget is the most suitable to vire the necessary money from to cover the cost of the Civic Trust Project. Further discussions between the Civic Trust, W.D.C. and the Town Council regarding the cost of the programme have resulted in a reduced amount of £7,500.00 plus VAT that the Town Council will be invoiced for in the next financial year. Cllr R Orsler proposed that the Town Council accept the recommendation from the Finance committee that the £7,500.00 is vired from the 2008/2009 budget of the Town & Lighting Committee, being the committee with the greatest underspend. Seconded by Cllr E Clifford. A vote was taken and **the motion was passed** with one member abstaining and the remaining 10 members in agreement. **SG**

16. QUOTATION FROM THAMES WATER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER CONNECTION TO STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

All present agreed to accept the quotation for the installation of a water connection to the Stratton Memorial garden. The Clerk is requested to make the necessary arrangements. **SG**

17. 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 these matters:

- a) To discuss and decide on the preferred supplier for litter picking in the parks
- b) To discuss and decide on the preferred supplier for the play equipment in King George V Recreational Park
- c) To discuss and decide on the quotation for purchasing the hedging required for Stratton Memorial Garden.

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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