

**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 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 Clifford, Mrs P Williams, R Orsler and J Coombs  
Mrs K Pope (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Bendyshe-Brown and LA Benifer. but not accepted from Cllrs C Etholen and M Wooster.

**2. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Turner was proposed by Cllr Hall  
Seconded by Cllr Woolf

**All present agreed.**

**3. A DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE WAS SIGNED BY CLLR TURNER.**

**4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Orsler was proposed by Cllr Hall.  
Seconded by Cllr Coombs.

**All present agreed.**

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE**

Cllr Orsler was proposed by Cllr Coombs  
Seconded by Cllr Woolf

**All present agreed.**

**6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE**

Cllr Benifer was proposed by Cllr Coombs  
Seconded by Cllr Williams.

**All present agreed**

**7. NOMINATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

It was agreed that the current representatives would be left as standing, with no amendments. Cllr Turner congratulated the Town Councillors on all the extra work that is carried out in the community.

**8. 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. Cllr Coombs wished to place on record his thanks to the office staff for all their hardwork.

**9. 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. Cllr Hall declared an interest in agenda item no. 17.

#### **9a. REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

A report was given by Andy Ralph on behalf of the local police. Details were provided on the current staffing structure and team. Currently Risborough has two full time PCSO and with part-time PSCO joining in September. Since April 2009 there have been 59 recorded incidents. The police are receiving many calls regarding the use of mini motorbikes in the area and are dealing with these problem vehicles.

#### **10. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Streule reconfirmed to the committee of the deadline date for Crosstalk contributions as the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

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

Cllr Coombs provided the committee with an update on the forthcoming Memorial Garden Inauguration Service.

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

##### **Email dated 7<sup>th</sup> May from Risborough Info Centre re: Tourist Signs**

A request has been received from Risborough Information centre for the support of the Town Council with regards to the erection of some brown tourist signs in the town directing people to the Information Centre. All present agreed to this request. **The Clerk is requested to send a letter to the Information Centre confirm this decision.** KP

##### **Email dated 5<sup>th</sup> May scanned copy of Minutes from WDC re: Review of Street Trading Consents.**

**The Clerk is requested to contact WDC and request a full set of minutes from this meeting.** The minutes that had previously been sent were insufficient. KP

##### **Email dated 26<sup>th</sup> May scanned letter from Mr Gurney re: scooters and bus shelters.**

The resident's letter confirmed a problem with using an electric scooter when trying to use the barriers to the pathway by the Butts. It was **agreed by all** that this should be referred to HOC as a health & safety issue and that a copy of the letter should accompany the email. The letter also raised a concern with the bus shelter by the British Legion and the problem with bus not stopping if passengers are sitting in the shelter. It was **agreed by all** that this would be passed to the Town & Lighting committee for discussed at their next meeting. **The Clerk is requested to action these points.** KP

#### **13. PROVISION OF A BMX TRACK IN PRINCES RISBOROUGH**

Cllr Clifford confirmed that following a meeting with Neil Coleman of WDC, the council has been given the green light to proceed with building a BMX track. **The Clerk is requested to proceed with obtaining 3 quotes. All present agreed.** KP

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#### **14. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR THE WORK REQUIRED TO**

**CORRECT THE LEVELING PROBLEM AT STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDENS AND TO RECOVER THE COSTS FROM THE ARCHITECT**

Cllr Williams proposed that the Town Council proceed with obtaining 3 quotes for the work required to correct the leveling problem at Stratton Memorial Garden and that the council recover the costs from the architect. Seconded by Cllr Turner, **agreed by all. The Clerk is requested to re-confirm the on-going issue with the architect as part of the following up to a recent email that was sent in.** KP

**15. THE TOWN COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH PARK MILL DEVELOPMENT**

Cllr Turner updated the committee on the general feeling of the residents view to this development and it was agreed by all the Town Council would remain against this possible development. Seconded by Cllr Williams, **agreed by all.**

**16. VIRING FUNDS FROM THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO COVER THE COSTS OF STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN INAUGURATION CEREMONY**

Cllr Coombs confirm that £1000 would be needed to cover the cost of the forthcoming Inauguration Ceremony. Cllr Orsler confirmed that a discussion had been held with the Clerk and that money could be vired over from the Memorial Garden budget to the PR budget. **The Clerk is requested to vire £1000 for the relevant budgets to the PR committee.** SG

**17. TOWN COUNCILS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE ANNUAL RUNNING COSTS FOR CCTV WITHIN THE TOWN**

Cllr Hall & Cllr Turner both declared an interest in the agenda item and did not take part in the discussion or voting process.

Cllr Clifford advised the meeting that she had received many complaints from resident of the Town regarding the running costs involved in CCTV and why this cost if not picked up by WDC as per other parishes within the area. Cllr Coombs asked if Princes Risborough Town Council and the residents were getting value for money from the CCTV within the town. It was agreed by all that the reports received from the monitoring centre were of limited information. Cllr Orsler proposed that before the Council approach WDC with their concerns a working group is set-up to review the situation. Cllrs Streule, Coombs, Woolf, Clifford agreed to form a working group to start end June to review CCTV and to report back to the council. **Agreed by all**

**WS/JC/WW/EC**

**18. 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 recommendations from the HR/Admin Committee*

**19. Agenda items for the Next Meeting.**

- a) The viability of employing a Yeoman
- b) Names of roads

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**20. Date of Next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 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 8.55pm

Chairman.....

Date.....