

PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009 AT 7.00PM IN TOWER COURT, HORNS LANE, PRINCES RISBOROUGH

PRESENT

Cllr E Clifford (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs P Summerbell, W Woolf, J Coombs, A Turner and C Etholen

Clerk Susanne Griffiths

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Bendyshe- Brown and R Orsler

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously 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 in which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. None were declared.

4. PRESENTATION FROM RISBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club sent their apologies and if acceptable would like to attend the next meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Festival Committee re: use of recreation grounds

All present agreed to the request from the Festival Committee for the use of the Parks in Festival week. **SG**

b) Email request re: use of Wades Park for birthday party

All present agreed that permission is granted on the following conditions:-

A Risk Assessment is provided

The BBQ is used on the concrete slabs

No drinks are consumed outside of the Community Centre Hall.

The Clerk is requested to contact the Licensing Dept at WDC to confirm that no licence is required. **SG**

6. PARKS REPORT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllr E Clifford reported that dog fouling is becoming a major problem in the parks.

It was agreed by all present, that the mini CCTV is to be used on a rotation basis around the parks to identify the culprits. The Clerk is requested to ensure

that sufficient signs are available informing the public that CCTV will be operating in the parks. Cllr E Clifford agreed to include this information in the next Crosstalk article. **SG/EC**

7. INVOICES FOR CONFIRMATION

Payment was agreed for the following invoices

Sure Care Maintenance	w/o 182,186,180	£900.00 + VAT
MT Loos	toilet hire in Ridgeway Field	£48.00+VAT
Glasdon	3 new dog waste bins	£549.27+VAT
TBS Hygiene	dog waste collection	£252.00+VAT

The Clerk is requested to discuss and confirm the frequency of litter picking in St. Dunstan's Stream claimed for in this invoice with the contractor.

Sure Care Maintenance Litter Picking £2233.07 + VAT **SG**

8. RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER FOR LITTER PICKING IN THE PARKS.

Three tender contracts were sent out to interested parties in quoting for the Litter Picking Contract. One was unable to commit to the contract in this financial year. Another company found the tender contract too daunting and advised that they would be unable to abide to it. The third contractor presented two quotations. Cllr J Coombs proposed that the Parks Committee recommend to the Town Council that option 1 the lower of the quotations is accepted. Seconded by Cllr A Turner.

All present agreed

SG

9. PROGRESS REPORT ON WADES PARK AND ST DUNSTAN'S STREAMS

Cllr E Clifford was pleased to report that work by WDC had started on the repair of the banks of the stream in Wades Park and the clearance of the stream to ensure a continuous flow preventing a build up of silt.

Councillors voiced concerns over the amount of rubbish in the stream in St. Dunstan's. The Clerk is requested to raise this concern with the contractor paid to clear the stream on a monthly basis. **SG**

10. RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER FOR THE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN KING GEORGE V RECREATIONAL PARK

After a long discussion, Cllr W Woolf proposed that the Parks Committee recommend to the Town Council that option 3 from ARD is approved. Seconded by Cllr J Coombs. A vote was taken and there were 3 for the motion and 3 against.

Cllr P Summerbell proposed that the Parks Committee recommend to the Town Council that option 8 from Lightmain is approved. Seconded by Cllr C Etholen. A vote was taken and there was 3 for the motion and 3 against.

It was agreed that as no clear recommendation could be made by the Parks

Committee, the matter will be discussed and a decision will be made at the next Town Council meeting in closed session.

11. REQUIRED SIGNAGE FOR DOG FOULING WITHIN THE PARKS.

The Clerk is requested to order signs and poles to warn the public of the penalties for allowing their dogs to foul in the Parks. **SG**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

To receive a presentation from the Rugby Club.
To discuss the possibility of finding a location for the Rugby Club.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee to be advised
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Chairman..... Date