

A message from the Mayor

Time has appeared to have flown by since the last time I completed my Crosstalk article after becoming Mayor. Firstly I wanted to thank all of you that participated, volunteered and hopefully enjoyed Festival week. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly supportive and I think reflects the wonderful diverse and supportive community Risborough is. The Yarn Bombing was a huge success and our thanks must go to all of the volunteers whom were secretly working on this project over a year ago. I invited all the 'bombers' for tea and cake at the Princes Centre and was it fascinating hearing how their project came to fruition and potential ideas for the future.

Throughout the Community we are filled with volunteers that without their work we simply could not function as a vibrant town. Across all areas we increasingly rely on people donating their valuable time to support so many notable causes. A great part of the role of Mayor is visiting many of these great organisations and I wanted to thank you all for the amazing hard work you do.

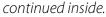
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With regards to the administration of the Council, I would like to welcome Nicola Mackinnon to the team as our Projects & Communications Assistant. With the Market House refurbishment finally underway and Christmas rapidly approaching she has hit the ground running and we wish her well in her new role.

As the maintenance team move into the winter schedules I must pay tribute to their hard work and perseverance in what can only be described as a challenging start to the year. The team worked so hard in what is only our second year of grass cutting for the whole town but the weather, especially in May and June, was against us. As a Council, I can assure you that lessons have been learned and resources will have to be found to handle the difficult weather conditions we encountered and meet the expectations of our residents.

Recently, I had the honour of being in attendance as Tony Davies was presented his British Empire Medal (BEM) by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. Tony was awarded his BEM for his huge commitment to community work in several areas, notably Kop Hill. When Kop Hill launched it needed a little under £8000 to revive the historic event. With grants from all three







Friday 2nd December 5pm – 8pm

Councils, it was, excuse the pun, a race to the start line to bring this now permanent highlight of the calendar back to life.

Tony stated that without the money it would not have been possible to revive the event. With donations given by Kop Hill massively exceeding £300,000 it seems to have been an excellent investment and tribute to the hard work Tony and the whole of the Kop Hill team so passionately deliver, and on behalf of the Council we salute your success.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you will join us at the lights switch-on planned for Friday 2nd December.

Cllr Matthew Walsh - Chairman & Town Mayor

Christmas is coming!

Following on from a very successful summer festival the Events Committee have been busy preparing for the Christmas lights switch-on, kicking off the festive season on Friday 2nd December. Retailers, representatives of several local groups and schools, alongside your Town Councillors, have organised an evening of entertainment to brighten up the winter sky.

This year the children's carol singing will take place in St Mary's Church with a new, professionally choreographed format between 5.30pm to 6.30pm with the improved acoustics this venue with provide, it really will be quite special. When this finishes the children will meet up with Santa and join in with all the other festivities. In the meantime, a band will be playing on stage in the Market Square.

As well as the ever popular fairground attractions there will be street entertainers, a variety of stalls, hot food and our very own Santa's Grotto (situated in the "Daisy Chain" florist). A very special pantomime character will entertain the crowd in the build up to the actual lights switch-on at around 7.15pm and there will be snow!

There is also a children's Christmas colouring competition with an exciting prize to be won, see page 6 for further details.

All in all we hope you will enjoy a very special evening!

Cllr Alan Turner - Chairman of the Events Committee

Christmas Lights Switch On

La Voix Set to Light Up the Town –Twankey style!

Princes Risborough is getting ready to enjoy a festive evening with their annual lights switch on planned for Friday 2nd December and meet Father Christmas.

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre's Larger-than-life dame, Widow Twankey (played by the glamorous La Voix – who you may be familiar with from Britain's Got Talent), is being set free from the world of panto and is taking to the Princes Risborough stage to turn on this year's Christmas lights (oh yes she is!)

La Voix said 'I simply cannot wait to meet all the darlings of Risborough! I intend to set off Christmas in style with more glamour, class and sophistication than you can shake a brussell sprout at! Panto magic is going to take over the town, and as it's Christmas I may even indulge the Christmassy bunch to a sassy song or two!

Starting from 5.30pm in the High Street, music and fun for all so make sure you arrive early and get your place to see the lady who puts the 'o!' in Panto!

If you can't make the event be sure to pop along to Old Peking this Christmas to see her in all her glory in Aladdin alongside Michelle Collins, Andy Collins and Towie's stunning Jasmin Walia from Fri 9 – Sat 31 Dec.

Free Parking dates for 2016: Saturday 10th, 17th & 24th December in Council owned car parks (Horns Lane & The Mount)

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TOWN REPORT

The Town Committee, along with its various sub committees and working groups, have been beavering away since my last report in an endeavour to keep the town spic and span, and the parks and recreation grounds in good health and below is just a digest of what has gone on.

Britain in Bloom



As I reported in my last article, we again entered the Britain in Bloom Competition and were very pleased with the results, which were better in all three sections. Yet again we were rewarded with a Silver for the town as a whole and a Silver Gilt for the Stratton Memorial Garden.

However, the Working Group is now aware that the amount of work that needs to be done if we are to progress further is much greater than we alone can effectively manage and as such would appeal to anyone in the community who has an interest in getting us up to Gold Award to contact us, with a view to either serving on the working group or offering to help in the cleanup and enhancement of the town for next year.

The judging takes place in early July but we have to start work on the planning much earlier, so please come forward if you would like to help. We are particularly appealing to those of a younger age so that we can create a continuity in the group.

Market House

If you have been in the town of late you have probably noticed the fencing and latterly the scaffolding that has gone up around the Market House. This is in place because at long last we have started work on the building refurbishment which will take around 12 to 16 weeks in total and should complete early in the New Year.

When it is complete the building will once again be available for use by small committees or groups that need a place to meet. As well as ensuring that the building is made safe we are improving facilities with the installation of a toilet and small refreshment area. The clock is being overhauled and a new staircase is to be added which will bring the building almost back to how it would have been in days gone by.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause and hope that you will see it as a positive step forward in improving the town centre.

Crescent Play Area



The plans are now in and contractor engaged for the upgrading of the play area in the Crescent Recreation Ground. The plans were drawn up with the help of a focus group of children of the ages that we hope this play area will attract and work should start soon on the installation.

PARKS REPORT

We are pleased that the path across King George Vth recreation ground has been completed and that this will enable the public to cross the field without getting muddy at the Aylesbury Road end. In the St. Dunstan's Recreation Ground it has come to our attention that someone has drawn a goal mouth on the side of the Dovecote and seems to be regularly using the wall for football practice. We would ask whoever has done this to desist from their actions as this is a very fragile building that already requires a great deal of expensive maintenance and it should be noted that it has a Grade II listing. We will put up notices stating that no ball games should take place in the vicinity of this 13th Century building so that no further damage can result.

Weed Spraying Policy



You may have noticed that along with other towns and villages there are a plethora of weeds left untreated this year. This is due to an EU Directive introduced primarily for the farming

community but is equally applicable to any business/local authority.

The substance found in most weed killers (neonicotinoid) is now a banned substance for use by any commercial organisation. The measure is to protect bees as well as humans from exposure as it has been confirmed that the neonicotinoid substance kills bees as they collect pollen from dandelions etc.

The only weed killer without this banned substance in is Roundup.

However, the key ingredient in Roundup is glyphosate which the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer has said that it "probably" has the potential to cause cancer in humans. Glyphosate has been given an 18-month extension until a new ruling on its safety is provided by the European Chemical Agency, by the end of 2017. Research shows that higher levels of respiratory illnesses have been found in towns that regularly use glyphosate.

Other local authorities do not find Roundup is effective on weeds unless used very regularly due to the increased weeds resistance to the substance. This together with the above information has resulted in the Town Council withdrawing from a regular weed spraying programmes.

Benches

Two of the most used benches in the town, those outside the George and Dragon in the High Street and used by those awaiting the bus, will be refurbished soon. This will possibly necessitate the removal of them, one at a time, and so there will be some inconvenience to the travelling public, but we will try to keep that to a minimum.

We are constantly being offered commemorative benches for installation in the town, usually they are asked to be placed in the Stratton Memorial Garden but there is no longer any need for further benches there, so if you know of a place in town where there is the need for a bench then please contact us with your thoughts.

Wades Park Master Plan

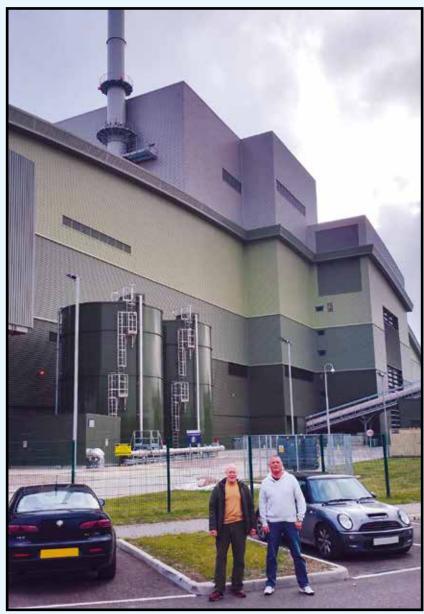
With the discussion on the Local Plan and its effect on the town the Town Council has formed a working group to look at Wades Park which could easily become adversely affected. This group has started work on a master plan for this park to ensure that there is no overdevelopment to the detriment of the users. Once the plan has been agreed at council level then we will publish it in a later edition of Crosstalk.

The Town Council very much appreciates your views and comments and should you have any relating to the work of the Town Committee then please let us know either by email, phone call or even a letter to the address as shown on the back page of this edition of Crosstalk.

Cllr John Coombs

- Chairman of Town Committee

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF **A TOWN COUNCILLOR**



(Cllr Ball & Cllr Turner visiting Greatmoor Recyling Centre)

Many of our town residents believe that our local Town Councillors are paid a salary or an allowance every week to perform our roles whilst representing our town. Sorry to spoil this myth but our Town Councillors do not receive an allowance or a salary and all the work that we take on any the meetings that we attend are done so on a purely voluntary basis.

Some weeks your average councillor can complete anything between 2 and 15 hours of unpaid voluntary work whilst attending council meetings, visiting our town's residents or replying to the vast amount of emails we all receive from our residents and our Town Clerk.

An example of this occurred last month when ClIrs Matthew Walsh, Alan Turner and I visited the Greatmoor recycling centre just outside Westcott to see how this brand new state of the art plant turns household rubbish into energy and then sells this energy to the national grid.

We all met at the Princes Centre at 9am and returned at around 12.45pm, after grabbing a quick sandwich and a coffee we then all attended a Christmas events meeting that lasted until 2.30pm.

I then took part in our maintenance team appraisals finishing at 4.30pm, the remaining appraisals are pencilled in for the end of this month.

After going home for my dinner, a quick shower and change I was on the road to Aston Clinton to attend an event on behalf of our Town Council from 7pm to 9.00pm.

A total of 9 and a half hours of unpaid work performed in just a single day, obviously not all days are as manic as these thankfully or I would never be attending work for my employer.

This is just an example of what a Town Councillor can sometimes be expected to do for no financial reward, please bear this in mind that we are all very passionate volunteers that have been elected by you the town residents to represent you as best as we can.

Cillr Andy Ball.

CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION

Win a moment in the spotlight and help to turn on our Christmas lights this year!

Design a Christmas poster to celebrate switching on this year's Christmas lights on Friday 2nd December.

Age categories: under 5's; 5-7yrs; 8-11yrs.Winner from each category will be invited to join Father Christmas and our Panto Star on stage to help switch on our Christmas lights. Download an entry form online or pick up a copy from Art & Office, the Library or the Town Council office.

Competition Closes: Friday 25th November 2016, winners to be announced on
our website on Tuesday 29th November 2016.
Scanned entries emailed to:
towncouncil@princesrisborough.com
(additional entry forms available at www.princesrisborough.com)

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Parking Review Update

Since my Crosstalk article last June, I am pleased to inform you that Cllr Alan Turner and I met with Bucks County Council councillors on the 15th September 2016 to go through the final set of draft maps that outlined the proposed no waiting and permit restrictions for our town.

As I reported in my last update there was an online formal consultation carried out in August for residents of the affected roads, there were 154 responses in total.

As a result of these responses there have been a final few changes to reflect a more palatable option for our residents in the following roads.

After a lot of persuasion from our Town Council we have managed to remove the double yellow lines from the corner of Oak Road and Chestnut Road, as a compromise the grass verge side of this bend will now be protected by double yellow lines meaning our residents can park on this bend parallel with the houses along Oak and Chestnut Roads as at present

Residents that live in Jasmine Crescent were not entirely in favour of the proposed parking restrictions between the hours of 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm, around a dozen out of approximately 100 residents emailed during the online consultation expressing their views against these proposed restrictions. However, as this amount only reflected around 12% of the residents of Jasmine Crescent the proposals will remain as at present, this was mainly to protect the parking for local residents and not turn this road into a free all day carpark.

Willow Way residents were largely in favour of the restrictions between 10am and 11am and 2pm to 3pm, although residents with more vehicles than the amount of off road parking available were not in favour of this proposal. As a compromise it was agreed that a residents parking permit scheme between these same hours should be introduced. This way the only residents that will need to buy permits are the residents that have more vehicles than available off road parking. Every resident from Willow Way and Angood Close were sent a letter to fill in which of the 2 options they favoured, the result was a massive 90% in favour of the residents permit scheme.

Disappointingly the Town Council were unsuccessful in our attempts to get the Retreat, Berryfield Road and the Avenue included within this current parking review as the public consultation had already taken place. However funds permitting we will be having phase 2 of the BCC parking review starting around July 2017 to address these 3 roads above and any more roads that are suffering due to the implementation of this current parking review.

Copies of the final agreed maps and the online formal consultations comments are still available online, in the public Library and the Town Council office within the Princes Centre.

Once all the legalities have taken place and there are no issues, it is anticipated that this parking review will be implemented between January and March 2017.

As always if any residents wish to contact me on any aspects of this parking review, including looking at the final agreed maps, then please don't hesitate to contact me.



Cllr Andy Ball

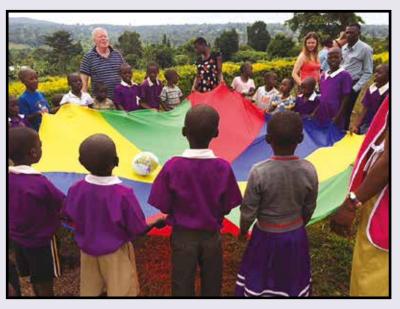
News from St Mary's Church

Huge Financial Boost to Local Charities

Big hearted parishioners who attend St Mary's Church have donated a staggering $\pm \frac{1}{4}$ million over the last ten years to various charities around the globe including those operating in the town and nearby Saunderton.

The amazing total was revealed as the town centre church announced the charities it would be supporting for the next year which locally include the Princes Centre, Saunderton Lodge and Helen and Douglas House.

Rector, David Williams said; "I am overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of God and our church family and through their kindness we have been able to continue to support the vital work carried out by charities around the world."



He added; "Our church vision is to share the love of Christ with all and I think it is remarkable that we have been able to honour this vision for so many years. As Princes Risborough continues to develop and we respond with appropriate support within our community, I hope we will be able to continue to provide help to those in need not only locally, but across the globe for many years to come."

More information about St Mary's Church can be found at www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk/

LPD Lighting

The Town Council owns and maintains more than 500 street lamps known as 'footway lighting'; these are typically the 5 metre black painted lighting columns on the residential roads, the taller grey street lights on the main A4010 road are the responsibility of Bucks County Council who own and maintain them.

Operating costs for our street lights have gone up massively over the years; LED lighting (light emitting diode) technology has recently become mainstream, replacing traditional incandescent bulbs and has been proven to reduce dramatically electricity and maintenance charges by up to 80%. Most of you will have noticed that the main A4010 Wycombe Road/ Bell Street / New Road has been converted to LED by the county council.

The Town Council has for several months ran trial LED schemes at Longwick Road / Woolerton Court junction, at the end of Park Street and converted all the lanterns in Manor Park Avenue to LED's back in the summer. We chose this particular road because it has a high number of pedestrians until the early hours after the last train has dropped passengers off at the station. We have had no negative feedback to date, the light is of an equivalent quality and the taxpayer gets the benefit of lower utility bills, therefore we have made a decision to roll out new LED lanterns across the town over a period of a few years. The first tranche will appear within the next few months, and by 2020 most of the town should have been converted, then we can enjoy far lower electricity charges which of course are charged to council tax payers through our precept.

Cllr Gary Hall

Local Plan Update

The Local Plan continues to progress alongside the Town Plan which is looking increasingly likely will be assumed into the main Local Plan. The consultation process saw in excess of three thousand responses that I understand are currently being reviewed by the District Council.

Having taken the Chair of the Steering Group in early June, we have taken the opportunity to look at the work that has been already undertaken. We have had new people join us and we have provided briefing sessions for the newer members to be brought up to speed on Town Plan and how it has evolved.



Most importantly we held a long scrutiny session where Officers from Wycombe District Council were challenged on many areas of both the Town and Local plans. A huge amount of material was discussed and debated. Subsequently we have had meetings about the roads and the underpass at Wades Park. We have also received a presentation on the housing numbers at the reserve sites located in and around High Wycombe.

Wycombe will be publishing the final version of the plan in early 2017 prior to submitting to the Planning Inspector and further work continues to be undertaken. All minutes and presentations of the Steering Group are available at www.wycombe.gov.uk

I would also like to clarify that major infrastructure will be funded predominately by the developers. Plans are in place for two new primary schools, additional secondary and grammar school places and work continues on funding options for new roads and transport works.

In addition to the infrastructure funding, the Town Council will be receiving a share of money raised from the developers called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Town Council has begun planning how we will allocate some of the money now and if you have ideas of how we can improve the town please contact the office, we would love to hear from you.

Cllr Matthew Walsh

Planning Matters

The main thing that all our local residents need to be made aware of and understand is that even though our Town Council Planning Committee meet every month to go through our towns planning applications, we can only give our comments and pass these on to Wycombe District Council (WDC) who then make the final decision to determine if planning permission is granted or refused.

So even if our Town Planning committee agree that any planning application would fit into the town's surroundings and offer WDC no objections to the building work going ahead, WDC can still disregard our opinion and refuse any planning applications as they have the final say, obviously this works vice versa as well.

There is a lot of talk regarding the local plan and the proposed 2500 homes development as mention in the above article by our Town Mayor, however I feel there are 2 pressing issues that you all need to be made aware of regarding planning applications within our town.

(**Planning Reference:15/07870/OUT**) - The ongoing saga of the Molins Sports & Social Club and their application to build 140 new dwellings, is scheduled to go to a planning appeal on the 31st January 2017. Please make sure you keep an eye out and visit the Town Council website where all planning decisions can be found.

(Planning Reference: 15/07825/OUTEA) - Park Mill Farm has currently got a proposal of up to 500 dwellings at appeal stage, this will be heard over an 8-day period between the 17th and 20th and the 24th and 27th of January 2017 in the council chambers at Wycombe council offices.

As with all Town Council meetings members of the public are most welcome to attend for the first 10 minutes of our planning meetings, please check the website for dates and times.

Cllr Andy Ball - Chairman of Planning Committee



Your Local Council Needs You!



As a youngster growing up in Risborough I always took a keen interest in our town, what was going on, what was planned for the future, and more importantly who

were making the decisions on our behalf. On a regular basis I would read the local papers (no internet or local radio in those days) and fume at what I perceived to be out of touch people whom I had never met making seemingly ridiculous decisions which affect us all. In my twenties I shrugged off any shyness and inhibitions and put myself forward for the office of councillor and 25 years later it's all history.



We Need You!

There are now 2 vacancies among the 13 places on PRTC, we've lost some good people due to totally normal circumstances and now we need to replace those individuals with local people willing to step up to the challenge. From my own perspective looking back, I would be astonished if there aren't dozens of individuals from all walks of life reading this article with the passion and drive to come onto the council and try to change them for the better.

Now is your opportunity; any Town Councillors need to commit to a regular full council and committee meetings, usually in the evenings, and these last rarely more than two hours.

The Town Council has influence in most areas of life and activity in the town, if not directly then on a consultee basis, it's not a difficult role but it requires commitment and a measure of passion for the town and community, and trust me, you can make that difference. On many occasions over the years individual councillors have put passionate, sometimes comprehensive arguments to the rest of the council and have won the day, their idea or project having gone through by a majority vote.

Today with the expansion of our town imminent we deserve good and right-minded local people taking or influencing those key decisions on matters which will affect our community for many generations going forward.

Please contact the office (details on the back page). The co-option procedure involves a simple process with the successful candidates adopted as councillors. Good luck, your town needs you!

Cllr Gary Hall

The Earle Mitchell Project

Jumpers for goalposts. Last ditch sliding tackles in torrential rain. Over paid prima-donnas wearing neon boots. A thirty-yard screamer into the top corner. The beautiful game. FOOTBALL.



Football both brings people together and causes divides. It can bring jubilation and exhilaration; a last minute winner, beating your local rivals, a cup upset. On the flip side, it can bring lows and crippling despair; getting thumped 5-0 in your own backyard, losing bragging rights to your mates or something even worse, like getting your hopes up about England's chances at every major tournament.

Me? I love the game. Always have and always will; and so, when the discussion came up about the Earle Mitchell changing rooms and the need to refurbish them, it was a project I was very keen to be involved with. Having played at the Earle Mitchell recreation ground myself, I knew the changing rooms were in need of 'an update', even as far back as when I was in the pomp of my career (ie: sauntering about on a Sunday morning).

Upon first inspection, they weren't in too bad a state. Peter Wynn, who has carried out some work for the council, recently installed new cupboards, shelving, re-tiled the showers and made the changing rooms as water-tight as possible. It has certainly gone some way towards making the changing rooms more hospitable to the kids who currently play at the ground. However, there is more work to be done! A little TLC will go a long way.

This is where I will need YOUR help. During the upcoming months, I will be turning into Risborough's version of Nick Knowles from DIY SOS (but without the dodgy guitar songs and tiny electrician sidekick). I will be begging and borrowing for tools, materials and hands on deck, as we look to improve the quality of the changing rooms even more. Exterior and interior paint, guttering, a new door and your time, are just a few of the things I will be asking for.

Once all the materials have been sourced, a day will be arranged where all volunteers willing to chip in, will meet up and get the job done. I'm going to be roping in ex-teammates, local tradesmen, and maybe even the mayor himself, to help with the refurbishment. Keep an eye on the Twitter and Facebook Risborough related pages, where I will be posting a full list of materials required in the near future.

If you'd like to know more, or want to be involved, drop the council an email and I'll get back to you and keep you up to date with the project.

Thank you, Cllr Nick Knowles - Cllr Kyle Wilkins



THE PRINCES CENTRE AWARD WINNING DAYCARE

Staff Vacancies at the Princes Centre

We are looking for staff to join our dedicated team at our day care facility, the Princes Centre. We would like to fill such positions as:

Support worker

Cleaner

Relief Support workers

Relief Driver

We are looking for flexible, reliable staff to join our existing team, and are happy to hear from people who want to support a local community charity project.

If you are interested in joining our team or just curious as to what we do, contact Kim or Irene for an informal chat on 01844 345105

Red Kite Community Housing

Recently the Town Council held a joint meeting with Cabinet at Wycombe District Council (WDC). These meetings have been held previously and it was a good opportunity for Councillors from Princes Risborough to discuss Wycombe's aims and objectives for the future.

A significant amount of time was spent discussing the relationship with WDC and Red Kite Housing. Members of the Town Council thought afterwards that it would be useful to arrange a meeting with Red Kite.

Before we meet with Red Kite we would like to hear from you. If you have had experiences good or bad or would simply like a question answered on your behalf. Please drop me an email via the office.

Once we have met with Red Kite we will produce an article for the next addition of Crosstalk.

Cllr Matthew Walsh

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

The full Town Council meets at 7.00pm bi-monthly at The Princes Centre, Clifford Road. There is a 10-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting when the public can express a view or concern relating to Town matters. Please check the website to confirm time and venue. The next meetings are: Tuesday November 29th Tuesday January 31st Tuesday March 28th

The Town Council aims to be as accessible as possible, and welcomes the views, comments and concerns of the Princes Risborough electorate. Although the views of the whole Council are given wherever possible, for constitutional and legal reasons we must state that the views expressed here in Crosstalk, and in any personal correspondence received from individual Councillors, are those of the author concerned and do not necessarily express the opinions or policy of PRTC unless explicitly stated.