



**TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019
INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 7.30PM**

Welcome and Introductions by the Town Mayor and apologies for absence

The following councillors were present:

Cllr M Walsh (Chairman)

Cllrs, P Summerbell, A Ball, N Davis, J Roberts, G Hall, L Byrne, T Murali, D Knights and A Turner

Susanne Griffiths – Clerk, Kirsty Pope – Deputy Clerk, Jayne Mylchreest - Administration Officer, Annabelle Denbury – Projects and Communications Officer Kevin Locke - Maintenance Team Leader

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Coombs, I Pearce and I McLauchlan

78 members of the public were present.

Bucks County Councillor Bill Bendyshe Brown

P.C. Andy Ralph Thames Valley Police

P.C.S.O. Carina Gomez de Costa Thames Valley Police

Chairman's Report

Welcome to this evenings Annual Town Meeting. On behalf of everyone at the Town Council, thank you for taking time to join us here for an update on the past twelve months and to hear about our plans for the future. Tonight, you will see we have made significant changes to the format of the Annual Town Meeting.

We have placed a greater emphasis on the key events that have occurred this past year, whilst continuing to celebrate the wonderful people that live and work in our community.

There is a special edition of CrossTalk which contains reports from the Chairman of each committee which covers the main work of the Town Council.

Last year I mentioned that the Town Council continues to "step in", indeed this year we have "stepped up". We are undertaking the greatest period of investment in our history. The purchase of the former NatWest building will enable the council to have a strategic stake in the future of the High Street whilst providing a long-term income stream. This coupled with the Community Centre refurbishment, which will include a brand-new café and function room, will continue to protect and enhance our community assets.

Movies in the Park kicks off a week-long of Festival celebrations, (June 29th - July 6th) which I am confident will deliver our best festival to date. Our brand-new quarterly Farmers Market begins on the 18th May with a host of excellent local producers and the first outing of our mobile demonstration kitchen. Located around the Market House, this will be one event not to miss.

The highest honour from the Town Council, the Citizens Award, has been joined by new awards this year. Community groups give so much to the vitality and diversity of this town and we want to recognise their crucial work with our Community Group Award. As part of the Town Council agenda of promoting the role of business and supporting our High Street, we have created a Business of the Year Award.

Finally, we wanted to recognise the role of our Young Citizens; the future of our community and with the calibre we received in nominations, I strongly believe our best days are ahead of us.



I would like to thank everyone for their commitment this year. We have faced many challenges and dealt with them as a team together. I often mention that the Town Council 'punches above its weight' and I think our successes this year continue to reflect that. I would also like to thank Annabelle Denbury for her efforts in organising tonight's meeting. We welcome your feedback on tonight and indeed any town matters.

Public Open Forum

Questions were raised regarding the following

- Car parking charges levied by Wycombe District Council
- The Town Council plans had to welcome all the new residents in the area.
- The future of Molins Sports ground
- The Town Council plans for 39 High St
- The Town Council website to include local business
- The path at St Dunstan's
- Lack of Speed awareness initiative in Monks Risborough
- The state of pavements
- Dog fouling signs in the parks
- A Dog Warden
- Anti-social behavior in Wades Park
- Gateway to the Chilterns signposting/ maps at train stations
- New builds sustainability
- Improved cycle ways and green spaces

Presentation to Major Grant Recipients

Presentation of Princes Risborough Citizens Awards

The Mayor thanked the public for attending and the meeting closed at 9 pm