



## PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE PRINCES CENTRE, CLIFFORD ROAD, PRINCES RISBOROUGH.

#### PRESENT

Chairman -Cllr J Coombs

Cllrs, N Davis, L Byrne, J Roberts, G Hall, T Murali, D Knights, Cllr Ball and M Walsh

#### In attendance

Clerk -Susanne Griffiths

Deputy Clerk – Kirsty Pope

Kevin Locke – Maintenance Team Leader

No members of the Public

#### 1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr P Summerbell who was unwell and Cllrs I McLauchlan and Cllr Turner who had work commitments.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and note the apologies from Cllrs Summerbell, McLauchlan and Turner

**2. MINUTES RESOLVED:** To agree the minutes of the Town Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be signed as a true record.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and any relevant dispensations. None were declared.

#### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the River Thames Conservation Trust gave a presentation – see appendix 1

#### 5. PARISH MAINTENANCE

Kevin Locke Maintenance Team Leader gave a report for the month to the members– see appendix 2

#### 6. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AT THE TOWN COMMITTEE

Cllr Walsh declared an interest and took no part in the discussion and decision.

An email has been received from the Princes Centre regarding a hedge trimming contract

The Princes Centre has requested a quotation for the Maintenance Team to cut the hedges.

Cllr Hall proposed to undertake work but at time suitable to fit the existing Maintenance Team schedule and that the current contracted hourly rate is applied. Seconded by Cllr Ball. A vote was taken with 6 for and 2 against the motion was therefore carried. The office is requested to send an official quote to the Princes Centre.

**Resolved: To send a quotation to the Princes Centre.**

KP

An email has been received regarding the notice board at the Horns Lane car park

Disappointment has been expressed at the state of the notice board in the Horns Lane car park

Cllr Walsh proposed that a letter is sent to Risborough Area Partnership to ask if they plan to continue to use the four "Fit for a Prince" noticeboards, otherwise the Town Council may look to remove/replace them. Seconded by Cllr Davis.

**All present agreed.**

KP

An email has been received regarding growing wildflowers in the grass verges

The request is for the Town Council to grow wildflowers in the grass verges around Princes Risborough.

The members discussed that a consultation was undertaken which resulted in favour of the Town Council mowing the grass verges in the Town as part of the devolved services agreement with BCC. However, it was suggested that certain areas in the town maybe more appropriate to trial a wildflower garden.

Cllr Walsh proposed that the Community Garden project at Stratton Memorial Garden would be an ideal location and that a working group be established with the resident being invited to join the group. Seconded by Cllr Knights. A vote was taken with 6 for and 3 against **the motion was therefore carried.**

JM

A request has been received from the Risborough Environmental Group to attach posters to the Town Council lampposts  
The REG ask if posters made by St Teresa's school regarding litter can be attached to the lampposts in the town  
**The office is requested to ascertain details on the number of signs and locations and how the signs will be maintained.** KP

An update has been received from Bucks County Council regarding the Electric Vehicle charging points in the town  
Due to technical issues on Poppy Road, work needs to be carried out in the lamp posts, and therefore the locations won't be making Phase 1 of the project. The groundwork was completed successfully, which will make it easier to complete the locations in Phase 2. The EV Chargepoint on Southfield Road is ready to go live soon.  
**The office is requested to ask BCC to attend a meeting prior to the next Town Committee meeting at 6.45pm in order for the members to have clarity on whether these spaces are exempt from the parking restrictions and to provide details on phase 2 of the project.** JM

A request has been received from the Chilterns Conservation Boards to access the brook at Wades Park  
Permission is sought to take access to the brook that runs alongside Wades Park with a small number of volunteers (8-10 expected) to give them the opportunity to try making water analyses having first had 'classroom' instruction in the Community Centre. The volunteers will be taking part in the Chilterns Conservation Board's 'Water in a Dry Landscape' project, investigating the quality of springs and head-waters along the Chilterns scarp.  
**Cllr Walsh proposed that permission is given to both River Thames Conservation Trust and Chilterns Conservation Board for the work, seconded by Cllr Davis. All present agreed.** JM

A request to use Wades Park for a funfair has been received  
A request has been received to put a children's funfair on Wades Park from the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 until the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
The members agreed that due to the amount of activity in Wades Park and the ongoing construction work, Wades Park would not be a suitable location. Cllr Coombs proposed that the funfair is held in the KGV Park and that a fee of £250 is charged for the period, together with the usual bond deposit. Seconded by Cllr Ball.  
A vote was taken with 7 for and 2 against. The motion was therefore carried.  
**The office is requested to provide the relevant paperwork for the W Pettigrove Fairground Amusements.** SG

#### **7. TOWN MATTERS INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT**

No high priority areas highlighted.  
The members expressed their concern with how late the summer flowers were planted and would like to invite Window Flowers to the next meeting to discuss potential future scheduling KP  
The members are requested to identify any waste bins in the town that need replacing to send details to the office for Cllr Hall to progress with WDC. ALL

#### **8. A REPORT FROM THE LIGHTING WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Solar Street Light for Lime Road  
A quotation has been sourced to resolve the issue of a failed light at Lime Road at £369.95  
Cllr Hall proposed to accept quote, seconded by Cllr Davis. **All present agreed** JM  
Cllr Walsh advised the members of a forthcoming meeting with Sparkx (16<sup>th</sup> July) and requested that any issues are reported to him prior to the meeting. ALL

#### **9. A REPORT FROM THE STRATTON MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT**

Community Garden  
Funding has been received from Wycombe District Council to contribute towards the establishment of a Community Garden in Stratton Memorial Garden. The following working group has created for the Community Garden:  
Cllrs Murali/Ball/Turner/Walsh and Byrne. TM/AT/AB/MW/LB

#### **10. A REPORT FROM THE PARKS WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT, AND DECISION ON ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.**

Wades Park  
There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.  
Works to tree  
Cllr Walsh proposed that the tree is trimmed to allow for the container to be positioned safely, seconded by Cllr Ball. A vote was taken with 7 for and 2 against. The motion was therefore carried. KP  
St Dunstan's Park  
Earle Mitchell Park  
There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report.  
King George V Park  
There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report  
Crescent Park.  
There were no priority items in the Risk Assessment Report

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY**

Cllr T Murali proposed to establish a working group to address the town’s environmental strategy, specifically around the usage of single use plastics. Seconded by Cllr Roberts.

**Resolved: To establish a working group consisting of Cllrs Murali/Davis/Byrne/Roberts and Walsh to produce an environmental strategy for recommendation to Town Council. TM/ND/LB/JR/MW**

**12. ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE TEAM LEADER**

Cllr Ball requested to withdraw this item from the agenda

**Resolved: for the agenda item to be withdrawn**

**13. LEA VALLEY DEVELOPMENT**

A proposal has been received regarding the play equipment to be installed at the Longwick Road development The members were concerned with the standard of the slide and requested that an alternative, more robust version is considered. The other play items were all considered suitable.

**Resolved: for the office to ask the Developer to look at installing a replacement slide. SG**

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee Budget – To note spending to date in respect of this year’s budgets.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Committee is to be on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7pm and will be held at the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

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

# River Thames Catchment - Water Quality Monitoring -

Hannah Worker, Project Officer



## Who are we?



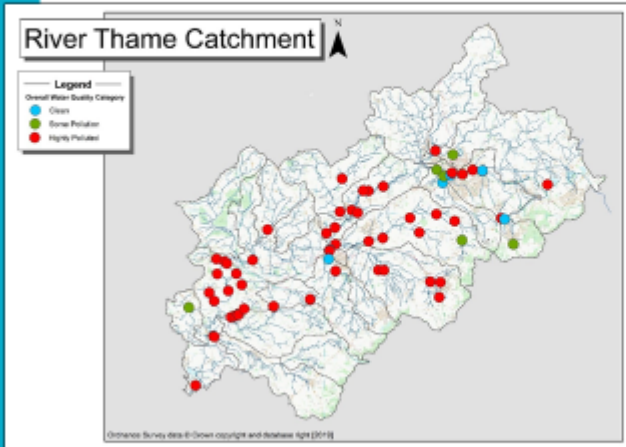
- Grassroots charity – formed by a passionate group of individuals who were concerned by the declining state of the River Thames
- Set up in 2012 – 2 project officers, 11 trustees.
- Our mission  
**To create a river catchment with healthy freshwaters and wildlife, valued and enjoyed by local people, resilient for the future.**
- We do this by working with local people in both rural and urban parts of the catchment.







# Water Quality Monitoring Network



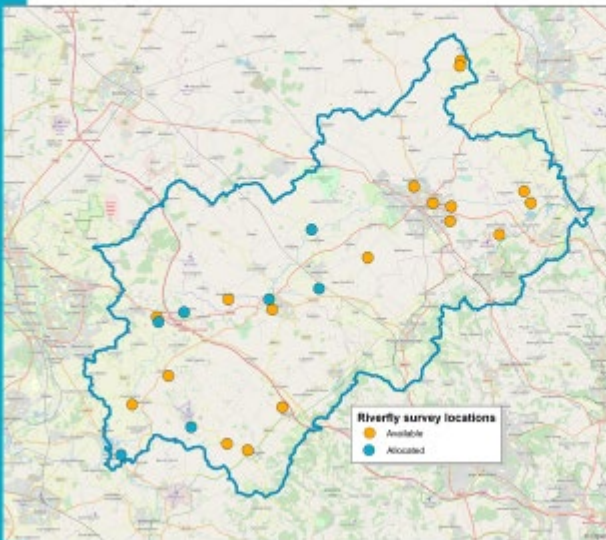
**Number of monitoring sites:**  
117

**Number currently monitored:**  
86

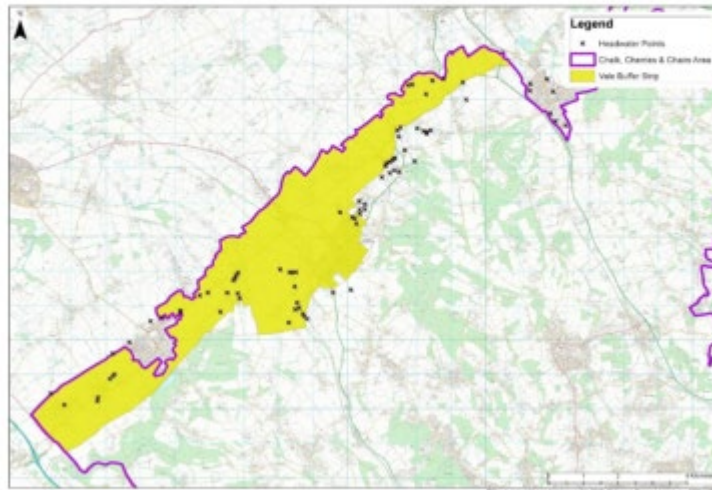
**Number of volunteers:**  
30



# Riverfly



# Water in a Dry Landscape



## **APPENDIX 2 - Maintenance Report Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Works carried out by the maintenance team in the past month include:

- Devolved services in Princes Risborough and all surrounding parishes.
- Preparation of town beds and planters ready for Summer flowers and maintenance watering and weeding thereof.
- Park mowing and strimming.
- Grass cutting around town beds.
- Light column painting.
- Erecting of festival bunting.
- Maintenance of the Stratton Memorial Garden including watering of newly turfed areas.
- Clearing of footpaths and cutting back of overgrown vegetation.
- Graffiti cleaning.
- Assisting in preparations for town events.