



PRINCES RISBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JULY 2019 AT
THE PRINCES CENTRE, PRINCES RISBOROUGH AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr M Walsh – Chairman
Cllrs J Roberts, N Davis, A Turner, G Hall and T Murali
Susanne Griffiths - Clerk to the Town Council
No members of the public

THE TOWN COUNCIL PRAYER

1. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllrs Byrne, Coombs, Knights, Summerbell and Pearce.
RESOLVED: To receive and note the above apologies for non-attendance at the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 28th MAY 2019

Cllr A Turner proposed to agree and sign as a correct record of the minutes of the Town Council meeting on the 28th May 2019 Seconded by Cllr N Davis.

RESOLVED: To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting on the 28th May 2019

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and confirmation of any relevant dispensations. Cllr A Turner declared an interest in agenda item 8.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

5. ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Cllr M Walsh proposed to approve the Terms of Reference for the Economic Regeneration Committee.
Seconded by Cllr A Turner.

RESOLVED: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Economic Regeneration Committee.

6. OPTING TO TAX 39 HIGH STREET IN RESPECT OF VAT

Cllr M Walsh proposed to opt to tax 39 High Street, Princes Risborough, Bucks. HP27 0TT with effect from the 1st August 2019 and that the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to undertake such actions as may be necessary, including the signing of all forms and correspondence for submittal to HMRC in respect of this Option to Tax.
Seconded by Cllr A Turner.

RESOLVED: To opt to tax 39 High Street, Princes Risborough, Bucks. HP27 0TT with effect from 1st August and that the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to undertake such actions as may be necessary, including the signing of all forms and correspondence for submittal to HMRC in respect of this Option to Tax.

7. LED LIGHTING

Cllr G Hall updated the members on the LED Replacement Programme, 90% of the lanterns have now been replaced.
Cllr G Hall proposed to approve payment of the invoice for this stage of the LED lighting replacement programme to Sparkx for £49,407.75 + vat. Seconded by Cllr J Roberts.

RESOLVED: To pay invoice number 2089 to Sparkx £49,407.75 plus VAT

SG

Cllr A Turner declared an interest in the following agenda item and did not take part in the discussion or the vote.



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8. RISBOROUGH EXPANSION PLAN

Cllr Walsh proposed that the following response to the Risborough Expansion Plan, agreed by the members, be submitted to Wycombe District Council by the Chairman and Clerk. Seconded by Cllr N Davis.

“Princes Risborough Town Council’s (PRTC) consistent view that it remains opposed to inappropriate, mass development of Princes Risborough.

However, given context of central government requirements and context of threat of speculative development, a Local Plan is the sensible choice. As long as this Local Plan benefits Princes Risborough residents, now and in the future via a joined-up strategic plan and tangible, appropriate infrastructure benefits delivered in a timely manner.

From a PRTC perspective there still remain a number of unresolved questions relating to the SPD where insufficient detail has been provided by WDC to date. Specifically, this includes (but is not limited to) questions relating to the following areas of the Plan:

- Funding details including an update on the HIF bid
- Build-out rate and infrastructure delivery phasing
- Local centre details
- Relief road details
- The unacceptable delay in the delivery of the Culverton road link and impact on residents of Shootacre and Picts Lane.
- Delivery timings
- Traffic/rat running solutions for Mill Lane, Crowbrook Road and Askett Village Lane and Shootacre including sources of funding and delivery timescales.

As the plan progresses PRTC requires WDC to ensure the continued development of environmentally friendly policies. With particular reference to electric car charging points and walking and cycling connectivity. We also would like to see the greater use of solar panels, grey water recycling ground heat source pumps throughout and we also like to see installation and energy efficiency in the building of the new homes in PR.

PRTC will like to see a far greater proportion of affordable homes focused on self-build, community land trust, starter homes and shared ownership. We would like more rigorous standards to be set for property developers to deliver different combinations of renewable energy technologies and improved insulation to achieve carbon savings. This would align with the UK’s legally binding target of an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

Although PRTC recognise that it may not have been possible for Wycombe District Council (WDC) to fully develop and confirm some of the details relating to the above aspects of the SPD at this stage, PRTC are insisting an ongoing collaborative and responsive dialogue with WDC to agree these outstanding issues to the Town Council’s satisfaction. This expectation is based on recent meetings with WDC and commitments to collaborate with PRTC which have been made at these meetings by WDC officers. This constructive dialogue is seen as critical by PRTC, in order for WDC to retain the ongoing support of PRTC in the next phases of development and implementation of an adopted Local Plan.

Resolved: To submit the agreed response on the Risborough Expansion Plan to W.D.C. SG/MW

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 30th July 2019 at 7.00pm in the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 6.36pm.

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