CROSS talk Princes Risborough Town Council Newsletter





Message from the Mayor

Things as ever continue to be busy here at the Town Council. As you will see throughout this edition of CrossTalk there are a considerable amount of new projects being undertaken, alongside our continuing responsibilities. Some projects are coming to fruition whilst others are only beginning. For example the trees that were planted a few years ago, although they take time to establish the end result is worth it. With the completion of the Market House imminent and the introduction of 300 new LED footway lights, the Council continues to invest in

the town's future whilst protecting its heritage.

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I hope many of you had the opportunity to look at the Easter eggs decorating some of the trees in both Princes and Monks Risborough. Our thanks go to the students and staff at Princes Primary, Monks Risborough Risborough Primary and St Teresa's Schools and the clients at the Princes Centre for their wonderful creations. As Councillors we had great fun hanging them on the trees and seeing the reaction from parents and children alike.



This was the first project organised by our Projects & Communications Assistant, Nicola Mackinnon so a huge well done to her too!

continued inside.

Risborough Festival 3rd — 9th July Enjoy a Day at the Seaside!

We have now taken over the running of the Thursday Market. Like the festival, bringing the market under the control of the Council will enable us to preserve its longevity. I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in the running of the market, past and present. It helps to create one of the highest footfalls of the week and has raised thousands of pounds for good causes.

I was honoured to present the Citizens Awards at our Annual Town Meeting recently, to Jan Salmon and the Risborough Area Community Bus; two worthy winners. So many people give their time for the betterment of our community and it is wonderful to be able to share the Council's appreciation with a few of you.

The Council took the difficult decision to raise our share of the council tax this year (the precept). This is the first increase in eight years and I can assure you it was not taken lightly. In those eight years without an increase we have supported local organisations with grants in excess of £100,000 whilst helping pay towards our Town Centre CCTV at a cost of £172,000. This year's increase, is in the region of 7p a week for a Band D property, which enables us to continue to provide these level of services and take on additional staff in the maintenance team to ensure our town continues to look great. The Town Council steps in when our residents expect us to and we will continue to do so with your support.



Cllr Matthew Walsh

Events in our Town

Events is a relatively new committee which was formed to relieve the pressure on the Public Relations Committee and to allow us to concentrate on the planning and execution of the major events that are controlled by the Town Council or in which we have some involvement.

The two most prominent events that have been handled over the past 12 months have been the Summer Festival and Christmas lights switch-on, which fell to the council to organise when the festival committee felt that it could no longer carry on.

The Summer Festival which was held in the first full week of July was a great test of both the organisational skills of the Council and also the commitment to ensure that the event would continue.

The committee formed a working group to oversee the Festival and this meant we were able to bring on board other town residents, which greatly increased our ability to run this week long event. I would like to pay thanks to those who joined us and whose skills helped to make the festival the great event that it was.

As in recent years we included a number of events through the week, such as the school's concerts at lunchtimes, visits to factories and open sessions at some of our local clubs, culminating in the annual street festival on the Saturday.



Plans are already well advanced for this year's festival and again the working group are coming up with new ideas to give the street festival a new look as well as retaining some of the tried and tested ideas. This year the theme will be "Risborough by the Sea" and will include a sandy beach where children can make sandcastles, bungee trampolines, stilt walkers, deck chairs and much more, as well as the well-received food court. We have created a website dedicated to our festival plans. This can be found at www.risboroughfestival.com.

At this point I would like to thank all the working group members for their hard work in the planning and execution of the festival and especially our office

staff who have taken on the mantle of the crazy amount of admin that it takes to 'get the show on the road'.

The Christmas lights event, although smaller in size, still attracts great crowds and also requires a vast amount of planning. Last year we introduced some new ideas, such as Santa's Grotto, choirs in the church and a snow machine. This event went very well and we will soon be deep in organisation for this year's event. We are potentially looking at changing the plans for this year's Christmas Lights and would really appreciate your valued feedback. Please visit our online survey which can be found on our website home page www.princesrisborough.com

The Town Council allocates money towards these events but we still rely on sponsorship to help to reduce the costs borne by the local rate payers. We are pleased to have received support from local businesses and suppliers which means that we can improve both these events.

A big thank you to Michael Graham Estate Agent, who for the 4th year running have agreed to be the main sponsor for our 2017 events.

Although these two major events are the main thrust of this committee we are also heavily involved in the RAF Freedom March in September, where the personnel from

RAF High Wycombe will exercise their right to march bearing arms through the towns of the district, and we were honoured to be selected again by the RAF to host the event, which was last held here in 2012.

As with all committees we are committed to getting best value whilst providing events that the town can be proud of and if you have any



comments to make regarding these or any other event then please get in touch by phone, email or send us a tweet, contact details will be found on the back page of this Crosstalk.

Cllr John Coombs



MICHAEL

GRAHAM

Protecting our Heritage, investing in our Town

The Town Committee and its working groups have been very busy over the past few months preparing the budget and planning for the coming and subsequent year to keep our parks and buildings in tip top shape for your enjoyment.

Perhaps the most obvious work has been done on the Market House where a dedicated team of restoration experts have been carrying out a full refurbishment of the building. The work was planned to be finished early

this year but because when the work started it was found that there were significant structural problems, it has taken much longer than expected to finish the job. When this project is complete we will have a listed building that the town can be proud of and also a small meeting room which can be used by any local group as well as the Council.

As part of the refurbishment we are installing the latest digital projection, restroom facilities and Wi-Fi, which will create a hotspot for FREE internet access for anyone in the lower High Street and the Market Square.

The old staircase will be removed and replaced with a new wrought iron stair which is more in keeping with the original design and will allow us to open up the last archway that has been blocked by the stairs for as long as anyone can remember.



The clock has been completely refurbished and has now been reinstalled in the tower and will give us good service for many years to come.



Over the winter we have carried out improvements to the Crescent recreation ground where we have installed new play equipment as identified by our consultation with a group of children from Princes Risborough Primary School.

We have also had all the equipment in all of our parks inspected for defects in preparation for the heavy usage that comes with lighter nights and the long summer holiday. Any defects that have been identified have been corrected so we are confident that the equipment is in tip top condition.

We are in the process of relaying the paths in the Stratton Memorial Garden, which had become worn and unsightly and we are confident that this will bring the garden back to pristine condition.

It will soon be time to redo the flower beds around the town with our summer planting, although in a way we will be sorry to lose the winter flowers which have been the source of many compliments and which have provided much needed colour during the dull part of





If you have any comments to make regarding the work of the Town Committee and its working groups then please do get in touch by phone, email or send us a tweet. Contact details can be found on the back page of this CrossTalk.

Cllr John Coombs Chairman of Town Committee



Lighting Update

working group of councillors have held meetings with companies who wished to tender for the replacement of our old incandescent lanterns on the poles with new energy saving LED lanterns. We will be choosing the successful bidder shortly. Our plan is that over the summer months replacement of the lanterns will commence for the first half of the town's residential streets, the first tranch will include all of the oldest and most unreliable lanterns, then we will replace in numerical order from number 1 upwards. We hope to complete the replacements in

the next financial year.

Because we will be changing all the old lanterns in the first instance which are dotted randomly around the town, many roads will have a mixture of new LED lamps plus older style ones for the time being, this will of course be corrected next year.

The council will see immediate energy savings from the new technology which leaves funds available to be spent elsewhere.

Cllr Gary Hall



Planning Matters

Our Town Council planning committee meet every month to go through our towns planning applications. We 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.

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 reverse our decision and refuse any planning applications as they have the final say; obviously this works vice versa. An example of this was seen last month when on two occasions our Town planning committee objected to Churchill homes building a 37-bedroom development on the corner of Aylesbury Road and Longwick Road, like the Windsor Lodge development along Wellington Avenue. The main concern was that the developers are only offering parking for around 12 vehicles for 37 flats. WDC over ruled the Town Council and accepted their amended plans in early March 2017.

The ongoing saga of the Molins Sports & Social Club is now with the Secretary of State who has decided it should be him that makes the final decision after the planning inspectorate has submitted a written report to him. The main reason for this is that the proposals by Molins PLC to build 140 new dwellings involves significant development on green belt land. The planning appeal was heard on the 31st of January 2017, although at present no decision has been made by the Secretary of State. (Planning Reference:15/07870/OUT)



The Park Mill Farm proposal to build up to 500 dwellings was declined by WDC after our Town planning committee also rejected their plans. This went to appeal over an 8-day period in January in the council chambers at Wycombe council offices. (Reference: 15/07825/OUTEA). I attended on behalf of our Town planning committee and Cllr Alan Turner on behalf of WDC. We both gave evidence against the developer's proposal to build these houses, and I am pleased to confirm that the appeal was thrown out by the Secretary of State in the middle of March 2017.

As with all Town Council

meetings, the first ten minutes are available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. The public are then welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting. Please check our website for dates and times of our meetings.

Cllr Andy Ball Chairman of Planning Committee



Unfortunately the decision from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding Unitary reorganisation in Buckinghamshire has been delayed until after the County Council elections in May. Once a decision has been recommended there will be further consultation. As a Council we hosted meetings from both leadership teams at County and District and have attended subsequent meetings. County propose the creation of one

council for the whole of Buckinghamshire and WDC propose two, one for the North and one

for the South. We always want to hear your views so please let the office know your thoughts.

Cllr Matthew Walsh



Parking Review Update

Since my Crosstalk article last November I am pleased to inform you that the proposed "no waiting and permit restrictions" for our Town were fully implemented from the 18th of April 2017.

You will have seen the new double yellow and single yellow lines around the town along with the new signs that clearly state the hours of when the "no waiting" is in force.

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.

The Town Council will be keeping a log of any issues from our residents surrounding the

implementation of this parking review, unfortunately there may be a knock-on effect of displaced motorists that will now have to find other roads within our town to park all day.

As always if any residents wish to speak to 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





Award Winning Council!

Princes Risborough Town Council has received a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This award recognises that the Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Princes Risborough Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well

as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.



2017 Citizen Awards



Congratulations to Fairway resident, Jan Salmon. A worthy winner of this year's individual citizen award and a wonderful volunteer within our town.



Peter Johnson receiving the award on behalf of the Community Bus Team

Congratulations to the Risborough Area Community bus team, who operate this invaluable service and who give up their time so willingly both to operate the bus and raise funds towards its continuation. Without these willing volunteers the service would not be able to operate.



We are delighted to learn that the Princes Centre has just been presented with two awards at the SME Community Business Awards Ceremony; Business of the Year (with most of the credit due to the business acumen of our Chairman, Matthew Walsh) and Manager, Kim Challinor, has very deservedly won the Employee of the Year.

Work is progressing on the landscaping of the clients' garden area using the grant received from Tesco for this purpose. It is hoped that it may be possible to incorporate a ramp to enable wheelchair access from both the halls. The buildings at the Princes Centre are situated on three different levels which is quite problematic when trying to work out accessibility solutions for wheelchair users.

Plans to refurbish the clients' toilet areas and the provision of further facilities for staff and visitors are progressing satisfactorily and further enquiries are taking place concerning the restructuring of the porch to the lower hall to enable the provision of new doors (being funded by the Risborough Masons] to improved access and security.

Another successful quiz and bingo evening raised nearly £500. Kim is using the monies raised from the quiz evenings to enhance the experience of our clients, and visitors were shown the new comfortable armchairs she had recently purchased for their use. The next quiz and bingo evening will take place on Friday 30th June. Please remember to put the date in your diaries and give Kim a ring if you would like to come along. It's a fun way to show your support for the Princes Centre.

We gratefully acknowledge all the recent donations from people sponsoring David's Kilimanjaro climb. We have also received two donations from the National Citizen Service group team Reiss from their summer fundraising campaign, and donations from St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough School Nativity Play, and several other

generous donations from residents, some through 'My Donate, and others through standing orders.

If you wish to donate please contact Kim Challinor, Day Centre Manager on 01844 345105 or visit **www.princescentre.org.uk.**





Meet your New Town Councillors

I am sure that to many of you reading this, the morning of the 10th February was as normal as any other. To me it was the morning I signed my declaration of office (At 10:55 to be precise!). It was that day that I became Councillor Nathan Davis and entered the world of



local government, and indeed I believe that I am the youngest member of Princes Risborough Town Council to date (Although I'm willing to be proved wrong!).

I signed my declaration on that grey winter morning because having lived in the town for my whole life I decided it was time, in keeping with the old cliché, to give something back to the town which I grew up in and it is very much something I look forward to doing. There will be a lot going on in Risborough over the next couple of years and I hope to represent the best interests of everyone within the town during my time on the Town Council. If at any point you have any questions or concerns do attend our open council meetings (dates available at princesrisborough.com), send me an email, follow me on twitter (@CllrNathan) or stop for a chat if you see me in town, on the train, bus or at the railway station. I look forward to working on your behalf.

Cllr Nathan Davis

I feel very privileged to have been invited to become a Princes Risborough Town Councillor.

I was brought up in the Isle of Man and started my career as a Chartered Surveyor in Liverpool, I moved South in 1970 and eventually settled in



Askett almost 20 years ago where my wife Gillian and I brought up our three children.

Although now retired, most of my business life I have managed companies directly involved in the planning and delivery of regeneration in town centres throughout the country, which has frequently been both challenging and enjoyable.

We are fortunate to live in a particularly beautiful part of the country and with Princes Risborough we have a delightful town with tremendous potential. Working with other councillors and the local community, I hope I can bring some of my experience to assist the Town Council with the inevitable challenges and opportunities we are going to confront as the demand for more development intensifies.

I am looking forward to playing my part and to hearing the view of local residents and to discussing any concerns with you.

Cllr Ian Pearce





If you are interested in taking a stall, you will now need to contact the Town Council office.

Stalls are available from only £15 per week (subject to contract). Market stalls are a great way to start-up a new business, in fact one of the current High Street businesses started as a Thursday trader! Studies have proven that Thursday is the busiest day on the High Street so don't delay as spaces are limited.



E: towncouncil@princesrisborough.com for further information.



Meet Cllr. Summerbell

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else

Having been a resident for almost 55 years, Pam Summerbell is no stranger to Princes Risborough. "When I moved here it was a much smaller village", she explains, "but over time it has expanded and become the friendly place that it is today. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else".

Pam is a rare breed, she is currently the only female Town Councillor, but sees it as her

mission to recruit others. "I've not always been the only woman on the Council", she says, "but unfortunately over time we have struggled to recruit new women and through a number of unconnected events, I find myself the only one at the moment".

Having been a Town Councillor for 16 years, did she still enjoy serving on the Council? "Absolutely", says Pam. "It's such a great way to get involved in what is happening in the town". "I want the town to be successful and feel that in some small way I can help contribute to that success."

Pam, who lives in Woodfield Road, is keen to ensure that the Council maintains the local parks and flowerbeds. "Last year the town parks and floral displays looked amazing, and already this year the grass has been cut and the summer flowers are coming into bloom; it's such a great time of year and they will look great for the Festival". Being no stranger to children (she has 3 children and 12 grandchildren, aged 5-31!) Pam has also been incredibly impressed with the displays of eggs that have been made by the local school children and members of the Princes Centre. "The eggs hanging on the trees over the Easter holidays have added so much colour and shown the pride we take in our town".

So how can Pam persuade more women to serve as Town Councillors? "I'm not sure", she says, "But what I do know is that it's an incredibly interesting role and a very worthwhile thing to do. To know you are having a say in how the town develops and changes is great. It's not at all scary and I hope that some new women will come forward and give it a try. Come along to one of our meetings and see if this is something that would appeal to you".

Finally, does Pam have a secret desire to be the Mayor? "I think Matt, our Mayor, is doing a great job, but it looks like a lot of hard work and time consuming. My grandchildren keep me busy enough, so I think I will stick to being an ordinary Councillor thank you!".

Cllr Pam Summerbell

If you are interested in finding out what is involved in being a Town Councillor, please contact Pam or Susanne Griffiths, the Town Clerk, on 01844 275912 or email towncouncil@princesrisborough.com We especially welcome enquiries from women and younger people, who are currently under represented on the Council.

Devolved Services

Time continues to move forward with the Town Council now into our third year of our Devolved Services contract. You may have noticed we completed a siding out (removal of vegetation from footpaths) which has made a real difference. We hope to complete more later on in the year.

Like any organisation we have reflected on the success and failures of last year. We have made a huge investment in equipment, investing in a gang mower which will be primarily used in our parks and across some of our external contracts. This new equipment should enable us to reduce the time it takes to cut our parks whilst also providing a higher standard of finish.

We will be replacing both of our vehicles this year with new ones that again should reduce travelling and loading time generating further efficiencies. We also have taken on two summer operatives alongside our three full time members and with our apprentice, the team is larger than before.

We hope that all of these improvements will enable us to deliver a superior service. As ever the weather is a factor and we will not undertake works when we have experienced heavy rain. This may result in slightly longer grass, but the damage that a wet mow causes would have longer lasting implications.

Cllr Matthew Walsh





A life saving message



Rural Community Defibrillator Group

Defibrillator locations



- Haddenham Library
- Longwick Village Hall
- The Red Lion at Longwick
- Bledlow Village Hall
- Community Impact Bucks
- St Dunstans Whiteleaf Dentists
- Risborough Community Centre
- Risborough Fire Station
- Princes Risborough Literary Institute
- Princes Risborough
 Golf Club
- Lacey Green Millenium Hall
- Speen Village Shop
- The Old Chapel House
- Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
- Bradenham Village
- Naphill Village Hall
- Winchmore Hill Memorial Hall

It is a recognised fact that if treatment to stabilise a patient's heart is provided quickly then the patient has a much improved chance of making a full recovery. We want to give people in trouble an increased chance of survival.

We are working in co-operation with volunteer First Responders in Princes Risborough, the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS), Princes Risborough Golf Club and Risboro Garage, Risborough Town Council, local Parish Councils and will be working with many other people and organisations who want to make a difference to the lives of our local people.

Our initiative seeks to save lives by placing defibrillators in accessible places around Princes Risborough and in surrounding villages. The defibrillator is quickly and easily accessible by anyone to use in co-operation with SCAS after dialling 999 to seek help with a potential heart attack victim. The defibrillators we will make available for use (if people want to use them) are the same units that are supplied to the SCAS teams.

We target as priority rural areas where ambulance response can be outside the target time of 8 minutes. This will hopefully provide help to a few of the many thousands of people who live, work and socialise within these areas who are unfortunate enough to suffer with a heart related problem at some point.

"If we save one life it will be priceless to the family concerned".

For more information please visit www.rcdg.org

Princes Risborough School

We are delighted to be able to contribute this small update to Crosstalk and sincerely hope that we can continue to publish future updates to what is a fantastic resource for our Community.

It's hard to believe that our school — your school - now enters its 'Diamond' year, our 60th year! Officially opened on Friday 6th December 1957, and designed, quote: 'for? 300 boys' and girls' we now teach a little

under 1,000 students, and from a much broader demographic diaspora than was originally planned often opening our intake to as far afield as Chesham and Waddesdon; a huge change from the days when Bledlow and Kimble seemed on the very periphery of our remit!

As can be seen from the photos below, not much has changed in 60 years'(!); the thirteen students shown in 2017 are volunteers from our current Sixth Form Young Enterprise initiative, they have recently won several competitions and are now through to the county finals their hard work and achievements epitomise everything that we do at the school; they are truly 'Successful Learners, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens. Please visit their website, www.solidlightprs.co.uk to see what they're doing as a successful 'Team and Company'.

This is just one of the very many successful initiatives and projects we are currently running and a fantastic example of the good work 'we' are doing as a school. There are many more examples and we encourage you to engage with us and visit the various information

Class of 1957...



website.

resources available to you: Facebook and Enjoy & Achieve Twitter will provide you with 'immediate bursts' of information, but to give you a longer-term overview of 'what were doing and how were doing it', we suggest you visit the Newsletter and Prospectus areas of our

> We are also very happy to entertain prearranged visits to the school, but please call to arrange an appointment.

Whatever your view or perception of the school and in whatever guise you know it as 'the Top School, PRS, Senior School...' it has been an omnipresent feature in the local area and has served, indeed continues to serve, our Community very well.

As a school, we continue to evolve and strive to improve our practices whenever we can, to ensure our students receive the very best support and education available. We trust and believe in our 'Enjoy and Achieve' motto and it is firmly embedded in our outlook and philosophy; it governs how 'we', staff and students, operate and manage the daily rhythm of our school day.

Finally, we are always looking for new teaching and support staff, so please monitor current developments via the Job Opportunities area of our website and we invite you to post an Expression of Interest via our Talent Pool webpage if we are not currently advertising.

On behalf of all at PRS, we wish you and your families all the very best for the year ahead.

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Supporting our Community

Did you know that Princes Risborough Town Council allocates a sum of money within each year's budget for disbursement as grants?

Grants are made for activities and projects: in the interests of the town, for the benefit of some or all residents or community of Princes Risborough, or to improve the range of services and activities in the town.

Grants are made to support voluntary groups, charitable bodies and community organisations or new organisations or bodies who want to get established.

In the last eight years we have supported local organisations with grants in excess of £100,000. Organisations such as our local churches, TV & Chiltern Air Ambulance, Lighthouse, Mother & Toddler groups and more recently, Risborough Runners, The Princes Centre and Chinnor & PR Railway.

For further information, please visit our "policies" page on the Town Council website www.princesrisborough.com where you will find full information.



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Office Hours

Monday 9.30am – 3.00pm Tuesday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm

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 May 30th Tuesday July 25th Tuesday September 26th**

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.