

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

Attendance: Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr David Williams, Cllr James Cripps, Cllr James Good, Cllr Harvey Alison and Cllr Delia Burton.

132) Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Austin (Chairman). In the absence of Cllr Austin Cllr Williams stood in as Chairman.

133) Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member: There were none declared.

134) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th January 2023. Unanimously approved.

135) To approve February Payments.

Payee	Detail	NET	VAT	Gross
Pauline McBride	January Salary	£428.90		£428.90
HMRC	PAYE	£29.40		£29.40
Margaret Forbes	Yearly rent for bench	£20.00		£20.00
TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying January	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Pauline McBride	Mileage/ Homeworking	£44.00		£44.00
Playspace	Remove/fit playground equip.	£650.00	£130.00	£780.00
Cashplus Card	Reinstate Balance	£69.97	£6.00	£75.97
TOTAL		£1292.27	£146.00	£1438.27

February Payments were noted and approved.

136) Planning Applications, appeals and injunctions plus any updates of allocated sites as included in the Neighbourhood plan

23/05038/FUL: Box Cottage Church Lane Great Kimble Buckinghamshire. Householder application for demolition of an existing residential outbuilding and the erection of a replacement residential outbuilding, and the erection of a single storey infill extension following the demolition of an existing side/rear element. There was some discussion regarding the size and usage of the proposed outbuilding but the council had no objections to make. **Clerk to submit no comment to make on application.**

Change of Status:

22/07614/FUL: Grove Farm, Grove Lane, Great Kimble. Application Permitted.

In addition, the Parish Council discussed whether any update had been received on planning application number 22/06883/FUL, which relates to a change of use of existing agricultural land to form an additional 5 Gypsy/Traveller Pitches. A strong objection had been submitted in August 2022 and no further information appears to have been received. **Clerk to follow up with planning officer to obtain an updated status report.**

A discussion concerning The Willows, in Marsh, concluded that the site was looking much clearer and that the agreed fencing along the bridleway should go ahead. **Photos of exact location to be provided so fencing quotes can be obtained from suitable contractors.**

137) Kimble Stewart Hall: Cllr Burton reported that Kimble Stewart Hall committee had been discussing whether to organise the installation of solar panels and, whether this might need a whole new roof or tiles to enable the panels to be installed. Councillors agreed that this would require a feasibility study and probably a survey in order to consider the project and potential funding/grants/donations etc. **Cllr. Burton will look into this and report back to the Parish Council.**

138) Community Board Report: Cllr. Cripps reported that a satisfactory meeting had been recently held. He summarised that the Police no longer had a shortage of police officers in Princes Risborough but the Fire Brigade are still short of staff. Also, the transport sub group still continues to make very slow progress re the Transport for Buckinghamshire changes.

139) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update: It was noted that contractors appear unwilling to become involved unless/until planning permission is granted and that most contractors had also been too busy over recent months. The consensus was that plans/drawings ought to be done by a person approved by Transport for Buckinghamshire and then submitted for planning approval. **Cllr. Jones will approach a potential contractor to see if they are able to assist with this project.**

140) To note the agreed precept of £42000 was submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council.

The clerk confirmed that an acknowledgement of receipt of this submission had been received and filed.

141) To review and approve insurance renewal quotations. The clerk outlined the insurance renewal work undertaken to date and explained that the insurance documents were totally clear that the parish fixed assets should be insured at latest replacement value. Having reviewed all fixed assets the clerk felt that the insurance, relating to fixed assets, should be increased from £77k to £130k to allow for full current replacement value. The clerk explained that, having then further explored other insurance companies, a cheaper quote was available with standard, generic insurance amounts specified for all categories of fixed assets (e.g., street furniture, playground equipment, war memorials etc.), without the need to specify the current replacement value of each individual asset. The clerk confirmed that all other aspects of the insurance cover (e.g. public liability, personal accident, employers liability etc.) were at least as good, if not better than the existing insurance company. There was also an option to take out a fixed 3 year insurance policy at a slightly reduced fee than the one quoted. (Which was less than the current insurance provider) The clerk also confirmed that Parish Council is only required to review the insurance of Kimble Stewart Hall and is not responsible for its organisation and payment. **Clerk to check whether new the housing developments would bring the parish into a larger parish category (since their quotation was based on the small parish council with less than 1000 persons on the electoral register), and, if so, would the current 3 year quotation still be valid. Also, for due diligence purposes, which other parish councils are insured under this company. If everything in order then the parish council agree to the 3 year fixed and insurance option.**

Cllr. Burton and Clerk to also check on Kimble Stewart Hall buildings insurance.

142) To note receipt of latest version of Arnold Barker's Local Government Administration. Noted.

143) To consider 'drop kerb' request by Cllr. Burton. The Councillors discussed that this was really a Buckinghamshire County Council items that would be best logged for investigation and fixing under the 'fix my street' option on the Buckinghamshire County Council Website. **Cllr. Burton to suggest resident takes photos and explain the problems that can be logged. Clerk and Cllr. Burton will assist with logging the request via 'fix my street'.**

144) To consider request for resurfacing work around the parish bench at The Old Stables, Grove Lane, Great Kimble. There had been an annual rental invoice received, for the parish bench, at this address and a request for resurfacing work along the path around this bench. The Parish council discussed and were supportive of the request and agreed that the most likely way obtain rectification was to refer the resident to Buckinghamshire County Council 'fix my street'. **Clerk to confirm £20 annual rental had been approved and paid and refer resident to the Buckinghamshire 'fix my street' on line portal if required.**

145) To update on Lloyds bank entry and approval status. It seems that no on-line signatory/approvers have been added to the Lloyds Bank Account. Cllr Williams is set up as a signatory but does not have on-line access. Cllr Good has still heard nothing from Lloyds. Disappointment was expressed over the poor service that Lloyds appear to

provide. The clerk confirmed that other Parish Councils appear to have lots of banking issues and that the various forums and discussion groups appear to recommend Lloyds and Unity bank.

Cllr Burton will check who is set up a signatory and confirm to clerk. Clerk will then provide link for on-line access request to those signatories currently without this access.

146) To note the current playground equipment and grant application status. Cllr Burton explained that both she and the playground installation contractor had been away on holiday and so would be meeting this week to decide how to proceed with the hurricane swing, which does not fit exactly where it was initially intended. The intention is to 'rejig' the equipment to fit everything in. The clerk reported the laborious process of completing all the back up required for the grant of £2000 which, hopefully, will be paid by Buckinghamshire County Council by the end of March.

147) Correspondence, reports and Issues (for information only).

Cllr Jones mentioned he had responded to the complaint from Cllr. Harris concerning Meadow Bank Farm, Risborough Road, Little Kimble. Nothing further received on this.

Cllr. Alison mentioned that Sue Howgate was hoping the Parish Council would contribute to the Parish newsletter as they have done in previous years. The Parish Council noted that, in light of very high inflation, costs will certainly be higher and so expected to offer a higher contribution. It was suggested that the Parish Council could be proactive in assisting Sue Howgate to request funds. **Clerk to find out how the contribution was requested and paid last year and start the process/inform Sue.**

148) To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council Meeting: 8th March, 2023

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman.....

Date: