

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at Kimble Steward Hall at 7.30pm

Attendance: Cllr John Austin, Cllr James Good, Cllr David Williams, Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr Harvey Alison, Cllr Delia Burton and Clerk Pauline McBride.

In addition, Stephen Jenner of Kimbletech was in attendance for part of the meeting.

57) Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr James Cripps.

58) Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member: Cllr Williams declared in interest in agenda item 4 (minute number 60). Cllr Austin declared a conflict of interest due in agenda item 7 (minute number 63).

59) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2023. Unanimously approved.

60) Presentation by Stephen Jenner of Kimbletech re potential solar panels for Kimble Steward Hall. Stephen Jenner, of Kimbletech, was in attendance to outline options for providing and installing solar panels on the roof of Kimble Steward Hall. Stephen outlined the company in terms of its history, experience, and reputation. Stephen stressed that all the work is done in house and not sub contracted. He also outlined how the system works and that there seemed to be two potential options, either to provide just 9 panels or to provide 15 panels and 2 zappi electric vehicle charging points in the car park.

The return on investment was estimated at 10 years, the warranty is 6 years, every 12 to 13 years an upgrade is required and every 14 years the inverter would need to be replaced. Panels last for 25 years.

Stephen answered the many questions on end-of-life recycling, cleaning requirements, panel security options, country of manufacture. The Parish Council agreed that a European manufacturer would be preferable, and that the Council would attempt to have the minor increased costs to be absorbed by Kimbletech. **Councillor Burton to liaise with Kimbletech to advise the preferred option (10 European panels as opposed to 9 Asian panels) and to request the addition cost is absorbed by Kimbletech. Cllr. Burton to liaise with Kimbletech re the Parish Council preferred options.**

61) To discuss road safety, footpaths, speeding etc. The Parish Council firstly discussed the lack of footpath issue under the bridge at Little Kimble, on the turning to Marsh. James Tunnard of Buckinghamshire County Council had rejected the idea of a painted footpath under the bridge. Since pedestrians now have priority under the highway code, this was not accepted. The Parish Council noted that the County Council have collected £50k from the developers and felt this ought to be used to improve pedestrian safety. The idea of a pedestrian controlled pelican crossing was discussed. **Clerk to respond to James Tunnard, planning officer, highways team, John Callaghan and Marsh resident who was chasing this issue.**

The Parish Council then discussed the issue of speeding along Station Road in Little Kimble, noting that many surveys have been undertaken over the years. The average speed has been found to be 35 mph. Speeding is a police matter and this has already been reported by a County Councillor. The VAR speed sign is regularly moved around the village and considered to be a good speeding deterrent. **Clerk will investigate permanent sign options and potential grants. Clerk will also respond to resident who had reported the speeding issue.**

62) Finance Report:

a) Income Received in June:

VAT Refund	£3773.15
KSH	£1.00
Bank Interest	£41.79

Income Received was noted.

b) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balances of £163,214.80. were noted.

c) To Approve July Payments

Pauline McBride	May Salary & holiday pay	£714.23		£714.23
HMRC	PAYE	£11.60		£11.60
Chiltern Society	Annual Subscription	£30.00		£30.00
Isambard & Joes Pub	Coronation BBQ	£833.33	£166.67	£1000.00
TBS	Bin Emptying June	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00

Pauline McBride	Expenses June	£35.90		£35.90
Richard Billyard	June mowing	£1239.00		£1239.00
SRT Trading	Litterpick June	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Cashplus Account	Top up June Expenditure	£17.02	£3.40	£20.42
Total		£3056.08	£205.07	£3261.15

Clerk outlined that SRT and Richard Billyard invoiced had been received and process since the meeting pack and payments for approval had been sent out. Also, that SRT were only invoicing for one litter pick per month but we had asked for two. **Clerk to email SRT to see if they are doing two litter picks and only invoicing for one.**

June Payments were noted and approved.

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

22/07782/REM: Land South East of The Bungalow and South West of Footpath 39, Kimblewick Road, Kimblewick Buckinghamshire HP17 8NA. Cala Homes proposed development. Originally submitted and now plans revised. Responses had been received, summarised, and submitted by the Clerk as the comment deadline was 10/7/2023. These comments included speed of landscape development, roofs and disappointment on the lack of a MUGA facility. **James Good will ask Cala homes to address the Parish Council on landscaping concerns. Councillor Alison will provide James Good with an example of a sensory garden to pass on to Cala.**

23/06556/FUL: The Red House Church Lane Great Kimble Buckinghamshire. Householder application for construction of two storey side extension, single storey front extension and alterations to roof (alternative scheme to 16/07983/FUL). No comments on this application. **Clerk will submit the standard no comment response.**

64) Kimble Stewart Hall: Cllr. Burton reported a quiz night is planned for October and again mentioned that they are still waiting for electrical improvements. A reminder was given that Kimble Stewart Hall is 100 years old next year so celebration ideas would be welcome.

The Kimble Stewart Hall committee had asked if the Parish Council would like a regular meeting to discuss items of mutual interest. As there already is an agenda item for Kimble Stewart Hall at every meeting, it was agreed to consider an early start meeting every 6 months when the Kimble Stewart Hall committee could attend and address the Parish Council.

The Parish council requested the removal of all covid notices from the Hall. **Cllr Burton to feed back the 6 month early meeting idea to the committee and to request the removal of covid signs.**

65) Community Board Report: Nothing to report.

66) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update: Nothing to report.

67) To note AGAR clerk will attempt ILCA. The budget includes training items which include ILCA. Noted.

68) To note quarter one accounts. The clerk had previously distributed the accounts from April to June with the meeting pack and had also posted to the Parish website. **Noted.**

69) To update on potential new additional bank accounts. The clerk had previously distributed the investigative work to date on potential bank accounts. It was agreed that Unity Bank looked to be the best option, although Metro Bank and the Post Office were suggestions which had not yet been investigated. It was noted that this account would only be used to for transfers to and from the Lloyds accounts and not for day-to-day transactions. It was agreed to set up with dual authorisation with 2 from 3 signatories as approvers of transfers of funds. **Clerk to check whether Metro Bank or Post Office had any relevant accessible and higher interest accounts and to proceed with the set up of the best option.**

70) To discuss potential CIL funded land purchase for tennis courts. Cllr Burton had previously distributed the communication with the land owners who had indicated their content with considering the sale of this land. It was not quite clear exactly which piece of land it was. **Cllr Burton to ask for exact location map/plan and to distribute to Councillors.**

A local resident had suggested seats at the bus stops in the area which had previously been rejected based on potential vandalism.

Whilst discussing CIL funds, there were several discussions, suggestions, and policy proposals to consider. Cllr Alison suggested a CIL Investment strategy in order to consider and prioritise CIL projects. It was also thought a good idea to publish a register of CIL status, including where funds have come from (exactly which approved planning applications the CIL funds have been received from and how any funds have been spent). Although a register is currently kept and must be submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council by the clerk on an annual basis, it does not outline the source as this data is held by Buckinghamshire County Council.

Clerk to investigate if there are other published policies on this subject and, if anything available, to prepare initial draft policy. Cllr Williams to review/amend and work with the clerk to prepare a draft policy for the Parish Council to review. Clerk to prepare a more detailed CIL funds status to include the individual approved planning applications which have contributed the CIL funds. Clerk to also to prepare list of suggested CIL funded projects for consideration.

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

Cllr. Burton proposed that, with the large number of new residents, due to the new estates in the Parish, it might be a good idea to publish a welcome pack from the Parish Council to signpost residents to local amenities. The Clerk mentioned that developers normally provide a welcome pack to new home owners which sometimes includes local information e.g., bus times. It was thought that details of the parish council and parish website could be included with the developer's pack. It was also thought a good idea to maintain a specific web page with a welcome and relevant local information for new and existing residents **Cllr. Burton will check what the local developers provide as part of their welcome packs.**

Cllr Burton had brought an example of a recycled plastic brick which might be used to build the coronation wall. It was felt this was not good enough quality and that a good quality brick would be more appropriate for this. **Cllr. Burton will pass this information on so that updated designs can be prepared.**

Councillor Jones mentioned the village gates and posts need treatment. The Clerk added that Marsh noticeboard is also tired and tatty and perhaps could be treated at the same time. **Cllr. Jones to arrange with the parish preferred supplier.**

James Good informed the meeting that he had earlier resigned to The Chairman and Parish Clerk. Cllr. Austin gave his heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Council. **Cllr Austin to remove James Good from the bank signatories. Clerk to inform the electoral services and to investigate how the process for invitations to join the Council as a co-opted member should be undertaken.**

72) To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council Meeting: 13th September, 2023

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman.....

Date: