

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

195) Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member: Cllr Joanne Bourke declared an interest in planning application 24/05254/FUL.

196) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February 2024.
Unanimously approved.

197) Finance Report

a) Income Received in February:

Bank Interest Lloyds £72.96

b) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balance as at 29/02/2023 was £174,410.25

Pauline McBride	February Salary	£685.14		£685.14
HMRC	PAYE	£4.40		£4.40
TBS	Bin Emptying February	£22.00	£4.40	£26.40
Margaret Forbes	Rent re bench at The Old Stables	£20.00		£20.00
Robertsons	Post extensions re speed signs	£146.08	£29.22	£175.30
Pauline McBride	Expenses February	£35.90		£35.90
SRT	Litter pick February	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Community Impact	Community Buildings Membership	£58.33	£11.67	£70.00
Clear Councils	Annual Insurance Premium	£675.07	£135.02	£810.09
Cashplus Account	Top up February Expenditure	£74.92	£14.98	£89.90
Total		£1841.84	£219.29	£2061.13

The total pension contribution of £108.87 (Employer £72.58, Employee £36.29) to be collected by direct debit was noted. In addition, the two invoices pulled from last month's payment run have subsequently been approved and paid. (Bucks County Council £1720.59 re B4009 traffic calming and Swarco £13799.99 re speed signs)

March payments were noted and approved.

198) Planning Applications, appeals and injunctions plus any updates of allocated sites as included in the Neighbourhood plan. To include any update on the proposed Kimblewick solar farm:

24/05299/FUL: 7 Redding Court, Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP17 9AL. Householder application for a proposed construction of single storey rear extension. The Council had no objections to make. **Clerk will submit standard no comment response.**

24/05254/FUL: Barn Pollards Farm Moreton Road Kimblewick Buckinghamshire. Demolition/removal of existing buildings and structures and erection of a detached dwelling with access, parking, amenity space and landscaping and associated use of land for residential purposes It was noted that the proposed dwelling seemed to keep the existing size, shape, and architectural character of the barn, so the Council had no objection on grounds of appearance. It was also noted that the plans do seem to have taken account of the neighbouring properties and environment. **Clerk will submit standard no comment response.**

24/05405/FUL: Briar Bank, Cadsden Road, Cadsden, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0NB. Householder application for demolition of small rear lean-to extension, erection of new rear extension to existing dwelling; external insulation with render finish to the entire house; front veranda with post and tension wire railing; removal of chimney and alterations to some windows and external doors. The Council had no objections to make. **Clerk will submit standard no comment response.**

In addition to the above planning applications, questions were raised on two previously submitted applications:

Firstly, the application for a change of use of the former public house to a dwelling house for The Prince of Wales, Marsh Lane, Marsh, Buckinghamshire HP17 8SR. The Council had previously objected to this and would like to know the status. **Clerk to follow up and report back.**

Secondly, the application for 7 residential units at Holly Tree Farm, Lower Icknield Way, Great Kimble. The Council had previously objected to this and would like to know the status. **Clerk to follow up and report back.**

Although not with the Parish, the Council were included as a consultee on the '*Stoke Mandeville Neighbourhood Plan – Publication of plan proposal*' The email and details from Buckinghamshire County Council were received and sent to all Councillors on 1st March 2024. It was noted that the plan looked very similar to Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Neighbourhood Plan. Noted.

The following status changes of applications were noted:

23/08042/FUL: The Jasmines, Marsh Road, Little Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5XS. Householder application for construction of a replacement outbuilding (alternative scheme to pp 22/08158/FUL). Application permitted 06/03/2024.

199) To update on Banking status with Lloyds. The Clerk reported that, at long last, the removal of three prior Parish Council signatories had been successfully actioned by Lloyds bank. The clerk summarised the current position of 4 signatories (Cllr Austin, Cllr Burton, Cllr Williams and Cllr Cripps) and explained that Cllr Cripps does not have internet banking access to sign off on-line payments but is able to sign cheques or any physical documents. It was agreed to leave this as it stands with just the three councillors with on line payment approval access and to revisit in future if required.

200) To update on Swarco speed sign status. It was discussed that the speed signs and extension posts had been received, inspected, and approved for payment. Discussion around positioning, responsibility and the need for spare batteries and security padlocks took place and agreement was reached for the following:

3 sets of spare batteries and 3 long shank combination padlocks to be ordered. (Council have agreed number combinations).

First sign will be placed on the A4010, with Cllr Austin responsible for moving this sign from one end of the A4010 to the other within the parish.

Second sign will be placed at the Longwick end of the B4009 near Holly Tree Farm. Cllr Burton will install and be responsible for this sign.

Third sign will be placed in Marsh near the Prince of Wales public house. Cllr Williams will seek Marsh volunteers to be responsible for this sign.

Clerk will order spare batteries and long shank combination locks (possibly Masher brand). Cllr Austin and Cllr Burton will install the two they are going to be responsible for and deliver the third to Cllr Williams.

201) To update on CIL income and investment status. The clerk outlined the work she had undertaken, since October 2023, to understand how S106 payments are calculated and how they are passed on to the Parish Council or applied for by the Parish Council. The latest information from Buckinghamshire County Council was that there was no way to find the total S106 funds within the parish so the Clerk has now asked how to apply for them. During this S106 investigation, the Clerk had come across some CIL liability statements and so had tried to validate all CIL funds paid to the Parish Council. Eventually the clerk was able to establish that all were correct and that a further £50k would be expected from The Laurels development. **Clerk will continue to investigate S106 fund and continue to monitor and validate CIL funds.**

202) To discuss Clerks unused holiday. The clerk explained that she had 26 hours holiday remaining and was not in a position to take these hours before the end of March 2024. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should be paid for these outstanding hours. **Clerk will give details to payroll provider and copy Cllr Austin.**

203) To update on year- end status. The clerk outlined work to date and work to do over the next two months. Noted

204) Kimble Stewart Hall. Cllr Burton explained that the Hall costs had escalated to such great extent that the committee were concerned they were running out of reserves and only just about broke even in the last year. The gas, for example, had reached £1000 per month, even though timers were programmed each week so that heating was only on when the hall was booked to be occupied. The committee had explored switching providers which was found to be a more complex than expected process. The Parish Council were sympathetic and asked Cllr Burton to report back with measures taken/to be taken to reduce costs and increase revenue.

Cllr Burton also informed the Parish Council that she has resigned from the Kimble Stewart Hall committee but would still attend the meetings in her capacity as a Parish Council representative.

Cllr Burton outlined the on-going issues of finding an electrician to move the fuse box, which has been delaying the installation of solar panels by Kimbletech.

Cllr Burton to report back on measures taken/to be taken to reduce costs and increase revenue.

205) Community Board Report (including Rail Bridge Pedestrian Safety Issues): Nothing to report for this month.

206) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update: Transport for Buckinghamshire had finally agreed there was an issue here and had suggested road markings and signage to highlight that the road narrows. Cllr Williams had spoken to the residents whose verges are being eroded by the traffic on this narrow stretch of road and, whilst they agreed to these suggestions and a first phase, they remained hopeful that the kerbing solution would be agreed as a second phase. **Cllr Cripps will push for this second phase.**

207) Correspondence, reports, and issues (for information only).

There has been a request for more purple litter sacks which, although free, would need to be collected from either Aylesbury or Wycombe. Cllr Bourke offered to collect them. **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bourke to order from Buckinghamshire County Council and arrange collection.**

An opportunity to enter 'Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village' competition. The consensus was that this was a great idea, dependent upon work involved and timescales. It was also thought to be a good reason to contact the leader of Buckinghamshire County Council to mention the council contractor's debris around the village which would spoil the Parish entry to this competition. **Clerk will investigate effort involved and timescales. Cllr Williams will work with clerk to draft a letter to Buckinghamshire County Council.**

There had been an offer for all Parish Councils to request a free portrait of HM King Charles from Buckinghamshire Association of Local Council. **Clerk will make a request on behalf of the Parish Council.**

The Clerk mentioned that the Annual Parish Meeting would be coming up in May and preparation would be required. **Clerk to add to next month's agenda.**

The Clerk had been progressing with quotes for the agreed replacement laptop and had narrowed and will arrange to visit suppliers to discuss this further.

Cllr Burton explained that she and Cllr Alison have a meeting with Cala Homes next Friday. (Cllr Alison added that landscape and tree experts will also be at the meeting). A meeting to discuss the 'coronation wall' is also arranged for Thursday. **Cllr Burton will report back on both meetings at the next Parish Council meeting.**

Cllr Burton outlined the progress being made towards the potential Tennis Courts project. Land had been offered for sale adjacent to the Cricket Club on Marsh Lane. **Cllr Burton will liaise with the Cricket Club to see if a joint effort could be mutually beneficial to both the Parish Council and the Cricket Club.**

It had been reported that the footpath GLK27 in Marsh had been partially blocked and that The Ramblers Association had reported this to Buckinghamshire County Council Footpaths department. **The Clerk will follow up to report back on the status of enforcement action.**

It had been reported that a building yard in the field behind Kimble Free Church had expanded. Noted

Cllr Williams mentioned that the light pollution issues from both The Laurels and The Solar Farm appeared to have improved.

Cllr Bourke mentioned that she will be unable to attend the next meeting. **Clerk will note in apologies.**

208) To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council Meeting: 10th April, 2024

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman.....

Date: