

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

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

158) Welcome and Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr James Cripps.

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

160) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2024.
Unanimously approved.

161) Finance Report

a) To approve January payments.

Pauline McBride	December Salary	£687.10		£687.10
SRT Trading	November Litter pick	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Delia Burton	Amazon Flag lines	£8.32	£1.67	£9.99
Pauline McBride	Expenses December	£35.90		£35.90
Playground Inspection Co.	Annual Inspection	£142.00	£28.40	£170.40
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin emptying December	£47.66	£9.53	£57.19
Cashplus Account	Top up December Expenditure	£66.94	£5.39	£72.33
Total		£1107.92	£68.99	£1176.91

January payments were noted and approved.

b) Income Received in December

Lloyds deposit account interest	£60.29
Unity deposit account interest	£582.94
Total income received	£634.14

c) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balance as at 31/12/2024 £465351.71

162) 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:

24/06107/CLP. Willow Croft Marsh Lane Marsh Buckinghamshire HP17 8SP. Appeal against refusal of certificate of lawfulness for retention of use of land to rear of site as part of residential curtilage for Willow Croft. The Parish Council had been notified that this application had gone to appeal, however Buckinghamshire County Council had not notified interested parties. Upon further investigation it was discovered that interested parties will only be notified once Buckinghamshire County Council are informed of the appeal and timelines by the Planning Inspectorate. **Clerk will monitor and look out for notification of the appeal so that the Parish Council are able to respond.**

The following status changes of applications were noted:

24/07250/FUL. Clematis Cottage Lower Icknield Way Great Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 9TX. Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension. Application Permitted 13/12/2024.

24/07509/FUL. Kimsale House Brookside Lane Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 0UF. Householder application for construction of new outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding. Application Permitted 13/12/2024.

24/07637/FUL. Orchard House Lower Icknield Way Great Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 9TU. Householder application for construction of detached three bay garage. Application Refused 24/12/2024.

23/08171/FUL. Holly Tree Farm, Lower Icknield Way, Great Kimble. Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 7 x residential dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) and 1 x commercial unit with associated access, parking, cycle spaces, hard and soft landscaping. Application is made by Bugler Homes Limited. Application Refused 23/12/2024.

163) To update on Cala Homes, including Coronation project. Although the Parish Council were expecting that updated plans would have been submitted by now, there had been no further updates from Cala homes. **Clerk will check the planning portal for any updates that may have been missed.**

In addition, The Parish Council had been advised of possible future access routes which were now showing in the published marketing plans, whereas they had not been shown in the original drawings. **Clerk will respond to residents and formally query this with the planning department. Cllrs Alison and Burton will mention to the developers.**

164) To discuss banking status in light of new Lloyds bank charges and additional CIL funds received.

The clerk outlined the progress in the application for the new deposit account with Mansfield Building Society and noted that the account manager expected the account to be fully operational within a few days. The Parish Council resolved that, once open, the account should be funded with £85000.00 from the Parish Council Lloyds current account. Since Cllr Cripps was absent, it was not known if there had been any success in challenging Lloyds Bank on the bank charges which apply from January. **Clerk will enter the Lloyds payment for authorisation, once the new account is open, and will inform Bank signatories once the payment is ready to be authorised. Cllr Cripps will chase up Lloyds Business Banking**

165) To review the playground inspection report and agree any actions required. The report had been distributed with the meeting pack and reviewed by all. The Parish Council were impressed with the detail and quality of the report and, although all defects were either low or medium risk, resolved to take the opportunity to make all necessary repairs. **Cllr Burton will liaise with the playground repairs preferred supplier to obtain a quote for all repair work.**

166) To note quarterly accounts report and accounts review. The accounts reports had been distributed with the meeting pack and Cllr Alison had reviewed the accounts files and completed the internal financial checks. The clerk outlined that both income and expenditure were higher than budget due to CIL receipts and CIL expenditure (mainly on the village hall).

167) To note precept was submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council. Noted.

168) To discuss the Rural Housing Service (Housing Needs Survey) An email from Ashleigh Stent, the Rural Housing Enabler, had been distributed with the meeting pack. The Parish Council discussed the offer of an updated housing needs survey, for the Parish, but concluded that the current neighbourhood plan obviated the need for a further survey. **Clerk will respond accordingly.**

169) To update on speed signs replacement. Several options were discussed but concluded that a little more investigation is required to establish the most effective solution. **Cllr Austin will continue to investigate options.**

170) To update on potential development of sports facilities (tennis courts and cricket club). There had been no further developments and Cllrs Williams and Jones reported that they had yet to receive that land registry/ownership information that they had requested. **Cllr Burton will remind Bob Whitehead to reply with the required legal information.**

171) To discuss potential Parish stiles audit to agree and prioritise any replacements. The Clerk outlined progress with Buckinghamshire County Council, who have offered to liaise with land owners to obtain agreement on the replacement of specific stiles. If and when land owners' agreement is obtained, The Parish Council will then utilise the £500 per gate suggested donation to the 'donate a gate' scheme and choose the most appropriate gate designs. Five stiles have been identified and will need footpath/grid references to inform Buckinghamshire County Council. **Cllr Alison and Cllr Austin will provide specific references for each stile to The Clerk. The Clerk will notify Buckinghamshire County Council Footpaths Department to allow them to pursue land owners' agreement.**

172) To discuss Parish footpath clearance. The Clerk advised that neither Ellesborough Parish Clerk or Buckinghamshire County Council were aware of any footpath clearance and so were unable to assist in identifying the company and machinery that had been reported as achieving excellent and speedy results in clearing footpaths. Buckinghamshire County Council suggested that it must be land owners undertaking the work and they only undertake footpath clearance in the Spring. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda until Spring, unless further clearance activity is witnessed.

173) Community Board Report. Nothing to report.

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

175) Kimble Stewart Hall Report. It was reported that, although the hearing loop had been installed in December, the loop has stopped working on 8th January. **Clerk will check progress with Sue Howgate.**

176) Parish Matters.

Damaged bus stops. Previously reported damaged bus stops had yet to be repaired. Since A1 Maintenance had been appointed as a preferred supplier for odd jobs, it was agreed to ask them to undertake the repairs asap. **Cllr Jones, on behalf of the Parish Council will instruct the agreed preferred supplier A1 Maintenance.**

177) Correspondence, reports and issues (for information only). It was reported that a large amount commercial and building activity had been observed in the field opposite Redding Court. HGV's emerging from the site had apparently also caused a highways incident. An arial photograph had also been supplied, showing apparent building work, with the request that this activity is reported to the authorities. **Clerk will report to Buckinghamshire County Council Enforcement Officer.**

Parish Council 2025 elections were discussed and will be added to the agenda for February, meantime the Clerk will approach Buckinghamshire County Council Elections Department to obtain advice on procedures and timings.

Cllr Bourke advised that she will be attending a 'New Councillor' course on 12th February and so would not be able to attend the next meeting.

178) To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting 12th February 2025

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman.....

Date: