

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

Attendance: Cllr John Austin, Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr Delia Burton, Cllr David Williams, Cllr Joanne Bourke, Cllr Harvey Alison and Clerk Pauline McBride. Also in Attendance were PC Bryony Powell of The Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police Team and one member of the public with planning concerns.

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

99) Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member: None were declared.

100) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2025.
Unanimously approved.

101) Finance Report:

a) October Payments for approval.

Pauline McBride	September Salary	£676.00		£676.00
HMRC	Tax and NI	£64.20		£64.20
Pauline McBride	Expenses September	£35.90		£35.90
TEEC	new .Gov.uk domain and emails	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
RBL	Tommy Statues	£1175.00		£1175.00
Starboard Systems	Annual scribe software	£345.60	£69.12	£414.72
RBL	Wreath Donation	£150.00		£150.00
A Simmons	Power Supply	£1931.61	£386.33	£2317.94
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin emptying September	£47.66	£9.53	£57.19
SRT	Litter pick Aug/Sep	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
Richard Billyard	September grass cutting	£1202.00		£1202.00
Cashplus Account	Top up September	£38.86	£7.77	£46.63
		£6006.83	£540.75	£6547.58

October Payments were noted and approved.

b) Income Received in October

Precept 2 nd instalment	£21000.00
Lloyds Bank interest	£36.47
Unity Bank quarterly interest	£502.99
KSH rental	£1.00
TOTAL	£21540.46

c) Bank Balances -Total Bank Balances at 30th September were **£436,249.88**

Income and bank balances were noted.

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

There were no new applications in the month.

The following status changes of applications were noted:

25/06063/VCDN: 2 Clankin Cottages Marsh Road Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP22 5XS. Application for a variation of condition 2 (Approval of Materials) attached to pp 24/07772/FUL (Householder application for demolition of existing garage and construction of single side/rear extension) to allow for alternative roof tiles. **Application permitted 18/09/2025.**

25/06644/FUL: Barn Pollards Farm Moreton Road Kimblewick Buckinghamshire. Application for: Change of use of land to residential garden (in connection with on-going works associated with implementation and completion of 24/06192/PNP3Q (as amended by 24/07506/MINAMD). **Application Refused 23/09/2025.**

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25/06688/FUL: 5 Old Chapel Close Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 0RA. Householder application for loft conversion; installation of velux windows front and back. **Application permitted 29/09/2025**

Application PL/25/2413/FA for the Change of use from C3 (Dwellinghouse) to C2 (Residential Care Home) for the care of children at 2 Roundhill Cottages, Kimblewick Road, Kimblewick, Buckinghamshire, HP17 8TB was discussed again. This application had previously been discussed by the Parish Council who confirmed they had commented on the lack of facilities in the area for teenagers in care.

An update was given on the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the proposed solar farm at Kimblewick. The appeal was made at the very last minute. Local residents would like the support of the Parish Council in their continued opposition to this proposed development. **Clerk will comment that The Parish Council continue to support Buckinghamshire County Council in their refusal of this development.**

103) Update re Cala Homes. A speed limit of 30 miles per hour had been proposed and submitted for consultation by Buckinghamshire County Council. (There is not enough street lighting to make the speed limit an automatic 30mph under the Road Traffic Act 1984, hence the consultation) **Clerk will comment that 20 mph would be more appropriate and that 30mph would be safer than 40mph on the main road in front of this development.**

104) To update on Sensory Gardens and Coronation Memorial Project and to note that HS2 grant application has been submitted. Cala Homes had been owned by Legal and General who have recently sold it on to investment companies Sixth Street Partners and Patron Capital. Following this sale, The Parish Council have been unsuccessful in obtaining any responses to requests for status updates and meetings. There was speculation that there may be a current 'freeze' on all but house sale activity which would certainly impact the planned timings of the grand opening of the sensory garden for May 2026. The Unity Tree and Pergola are currently being manufactured and so there could be storage issues should the project be stalled/postponed. The transfer of land has not yet reached the stage of a draft legal agreement for The Parish Council to review and take legal advice on. Much work and expense has been incurred on this project and it is imperative that Cala re-engage and move forward with the transfer of land. **Councillor Williams and The Clerk will work together to establish who is now in charge at Cala and/or their new owners and will write to inform that legal action will be taken unless they recommence meaningful communication**

105) To consider the County Council draft local plan for Buckinghamshire A local plan has been drafted and any comments/objections are required by the end of October. (This is a very short consultation period) It had been advised that this plan does NOT consider the Parish Council Neighbourhood plan. The map contained within the draft plan outlines possible/potential housing development sites. The new draft Local plan should include in its entirety the 88% Democratically approved in a Referendum **Great & Little Kimble-Cum-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan 2013-2033**. That plan was legally adopted by Buckinghamshire Council, Wycombe Council after a 5-year consultation period and approval by an independent visiting Planning Inspector from Bristol. With this adopted plan in place there should be no further developments until those endorsed by the plan are complete. **Clerk will send email containing local plan and links to all Councillors. All Councillors will review map of proposed/potential housing developments in the Parish and advise Clerk if any can/should be objected to. Clerk will look up the legal wording withing the Parish Neighbourhood plan and will comment/object that the local plan is not considering the Neighbourhood Plan.**

106) To consider the next steps of the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan. Although the next plan is not due until 2030, the Parish Council would like to get advice on next steps with the aim of starting sooner rather than later, especially in light of the County Council Local Plan. **The Clerk will contact Neil Homer (consultant for current Neighbourhood Plan) to ask advice on actions/timings etc.**

107) To note accounts to September and arrange for quarterly Internal Controls Check. Noted.

108) To consider request to pay for KSH survey re cracks in meeting room. Approved

109) To consider first draft of 2026/2027 budget. Check. A first draft budget had been distributed with the meeting pack. **Cllr Austin will undertake first review. Clerk to add second review to agenda for the next.**

110) To note 3-year insurance deal is ending in March 2026 and new quotes will need to be obtained. Noted.

111) To review asset register. The latest register had been distributed with the meeting pack. **All will review and advise of any additions or disposals.**

112) To update on potential development of sports facilities (tennis courts and cricket club). Nothing to report.

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

114) Kimble Stewart Hall. Following the recent structural survey, measurement devices had been fitted to monitor the cracks which had appeared in the committee room. There had been a number of requests for assistance with funding for building and asbestos surveys and the possibility of drainage issues were also mentioned. The lack of new volunteer committee members was mentioned again and the fact that this remains a high-risk issue. The Council resolved to review three months bookings and to bring ideas to the next meeting on how the Parish Council might best assist the KSH committee in the immediate, medium and long term. **Cllr Burton will request the booking information. All Councillors will bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion.**

115) Parish Matters. (Bin price increase etc.)

- Police Officer Bryony Powell of the Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police Team attended to introduce herself, her team, their contact details, reporting details and priorities. She mentioned that it was well worth reporting All crimes, issues, community events etc. (even if residents thought they would not be actioned or attended). **Clerk will forward contact details to Councillors and all will consider if this is something that should be publicised more widely.**
- Bin price increases of 25p per bin were noted.
- A request to fund/offer a donation to the Xmas lights turn on event was discussed. **Clerk will add to agenda for next meeting.**
- Quotes had been obtained for the previously agreed pruning of the Cherry Tree (which will host the Xmas lights). Quotes had been obtained from 3 firms and it was resolved to use APB Trees (middle priced quote of £700) as this company had been used before and came highly recommended. **Cllr Burton will liaise with APB to organise pruning prior to the delivery and fitting of Xmas lights in November.**

117) To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting. Wednesday 12th November.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman.....

Date: