

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr. James Cripps.
2. **Declaration of interest on any item on the agenda.** None were declared.
3. **Minutes:** To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2026. Unanimously approved
4. **Finance Report:**

a. April payments for approval.

Pauline McBride	March Salary	£676.00		£676.00
HMRC	Tax and NI	£64.20		£64.20
Pauline McBride	March Mileage etc	£35.90		£35.90
Shield	March bin emptying	£57.41	£11.48	£68.89
Clear Council	Insurance	£863.81	£97.06	£960.87
Momo Signs	Gilding 30% deposit	£1,740.00		£1,740.00
Weather IT	50% unity tree and pergola	£15,262.57	£3,052.57	£18,315.14
Community Impact	Annual subscription	£58.33	£11.67	£70.00
SRT	March Litter pick	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Julie Bunker	War memorial plants etc.	£131.90		£131.90
Cashplus Account	Top up re March Expenditure	£33.86	£6.77	£40.63
Total		£19,043.98	£3,203.55	£22,247.53

April payments were noted and approved.

b. To note any income received.

Lloyds Bank interest	£21.39
Heart of Bucks Grant	£16204.30
Total	£16,225.69

March 2026 income was noted.

c. To note bank balances.

Total bank balances as at 31/03/2026 of £ 543,322.57 were noted.

5. **Planning Applications, appeals and injunctions plus any updates of allocated sites as included in the Neighbourhood plan.** Note, due to deadlines, applications received prior to the meeting may also be considered.

The following new applications were received:

PL/26/01420/FA: Hatch Furlong, Station Road, Little Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP17 0XN. Erection of an annexe for ancillary use to the main dwellinghouse. Since the comment deadline had already passed, comments in favour of the application had been submitted.

PL/26/00729/FA: Land North West of Charlottes Farm, Marsh Lane, Bishopstone, Buckinghamshire, HP17 8SN. Change of use of existing agricultural land to form an additional 5 x Gypsy/Traveller Pitches comprising the siting of 1 x static homes, 1 x touring caravan and 1x utility rooms, parking and amenity per pitch. Associated hard and soft landscaping (part retrospective). The Parish Council have previously strongly objected to previous applications for this and resolved to do the same again. **The Clerk will submit strong objections in line with previous comments.**

PL/26/02597/RM: Existing Base Station, Old Rifle Range Farm, Risborough Road, Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire. Removal and replacement of the existing 22.5-metre-high tower and 2 no. antennas, with a 25-metre-high tower and 4 no. upgraded antennas, the relocation of 3 no. antennas and 4 no. transmission dishes to be located on the new tower, and ancillary development thereto including the installation of 1 no. GPS module. The Parish Council were notified but with no powers to comment. **Application Noted.**

The following status changes of applications were noted:

PL/25/5840/FA: 1 Brookside Cottages, Brookside Lane, Little Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP17 0UF. Conversion of garage from storage and utility for main house to ancillary accommodation including bedroom and study including changes to external cladding and addition of insulation. Removal of shed to the rear of garage. **Conditional planning granted 11/03/2026.**

PL/25/4987/FA: Orchard House, Lower Icknield Way, Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP17 9TU. Erection of a detached double garage. **Conditional planning granted 13/03/2026.**

PL/25/6077/PIP: Clematis Cottage, Lower Icknield Way, Great Kimble, Buckinghamshire, HP17 9TX. Application for permission in principle for the erection of a minimum of one and maximum of four dwellings. **Application refused 18/03/2026.**

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, appealed 19/11/2025. Appeal dismissed 02/04/2026.**

PL/25/6214/FA: Land Off, Brookside Lane, Little Kimble, Buckinghamshire. Replacement of existing stables. **Conditional planning granted 01/04/2026.**

6. **To update on Sensory Gardens and Coronation Memorial Project.** Representatives of the Council had been working hard but are still waiting for the next meeting with Cala. Both the Parish Council and Cala legal representatives had made initial contact and were communicating. It was thought that Cala may have not adequately briefed their legal team as the land transfer had been incorrectly understood. The Parish Council repeated their resolve that no payments can/will be made until the land transfer takes place, whereas Cala legal documents were suggesting payments as work progresses. It was also noted that the grand opening was much more likely to be August as opposed to May bank holiday now. **Cllr Burton will continue to press for a meeting and updates and will re-emphasise that no payments can be made without the land transfer.**
7. **To consider next steps for the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan.** The Parish Council discussed whether anything more could/should be done over the next couple of months as they felt it might be sensible to await further developments on the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. There was agreement that ONH (Neil Homer) should be retained, in order to assist with next steps and advise if there are things which the Parish Council should meantime be considering/progressing. **Clerk will reach out to Neil Homes to ask to retain his services, obtain costings, check on next steps and advise the Parish Council would like a retention and pay as you go option on his services.**

8. **To note changes to planning appeals – Parish Councils will no longer be able to comment.** A notification of the change had been distributed to all. It was thought to be yet another removal of local powers. Noted.
9. **To note playground inspection 2026 forms completed.** The Clerk advised that, as previously agreed, The Play Inspection Company been booked again this year as their report had been very professional, detailed value for money. Noted.
10. **To note grant monitoring form submitted.** The Clerk advised that, having recently received the £16k grant for outdoor gym equipment from Heart of Bucks, their end of grant monitoring form had been completed, submitted and passed their review process. Noted.
11. **To update on year-end status, including external audit and reserves.** The clerk advised that the external audit forms had been received and would be completed and presented at the May meeting for approval. In addition, the 2024/2025-year end reserves listing had been distributed with the meeting pack. These had been reviewed and a number of changes and additions were discussed and agreed. **The Clerk will complete the audit forms and update the reserves accordingly.**
12. **To review and approve Standing Orders.** The Standing Orders had been distributed with the meeting pack. Two minor amendments were discussed and agreed. **The Clerk will update and publish the updated Standing Orders.**
13. **To review S106 and CIL funds.** The latest statements had been distributed with the meeting pack and were noted.
14. **To update on Footpath GLK/27/1.** The blocked gates on the encroached public footpath were reported to both Buckinghamshire County Council and The Ramblers Association. The unsatisfactory response from BCC had been challenged. **The Clerk will ask Buckinghamshire County Council for an explanation of how the decision to install two gates on a public footpath was taken/approved. In addition, The Clerk will continue liaising with the Rambler Association to resolve the full public access.**
15. **To discuss Annual Parish Meeting and agree proposed agenda.** The proposed agenda had been distributed with the meeting pack and was approved.
16. **To note accounts to March 2026 and financial controls.** The accounts had been distributed with the meeting pack and the financial controls had been undertaken and forms completed. Noted.
17. **To consider Clerks salary and outstanding holiday.** The Parish Council discussed and approved 36 hours outstanding holiday pay and a pay rise to £21 per hour. **The Clerk will inform the payroll provider, attach minutes and copy Cllr Austin.**
18. **To update on potential development of sports facilities (tennis courts and cricket club).** Nothing further to report until the meeting on 24th April takes place.
19. **Kimble Stewart Hall.** A further meeting between the chairs of the Parish Council and Kimble Stewart Hall had taken place. Kimble Stewart Hall did not feel able to directly employ a Hall Manager and hoped that the Parish Council would be able to. The Parish Council do not think they have powers to do this but will check. As previously stated, the committee are desperate and actively advertising for volunteers. A flyer in the Parish Newsletter had been distributed and one or two responses received. Requests for funding for security cameras, a finance and booking package and a laptop were made. **The Clerk will check again re powers to employ a Hall Manager and actively investigate how other Parishes manage this process (e.g. utilise service**

providers, self employed etc.) Cllr Austin will continue to liaise with the KSH Chair. The clerk will include funding requests in the agenda for the May meeting.

20. Parish Matters.

Damage to the bus shelters had been reported. Cleaning and repairs will be organised.

Bridleway planting of trees was suggested. **Clerk will add to agenda for May.**

Defibrillators for Marsh and Kimblewick were suggested. **Clerk will add to agenda for May.**

The newly planted war memorial and village gates flower beds were noted and appreciated.

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

Sale price expectations for the land behind Kimble School had previously been discussed and dismissed as too high. The school had suggested a smaller parcel of land to increase the playground area and were awaiting the landowner response with price suggestion.

It was noted that a Parish Council welcome letter to new residents had been distributed.

The suggestion to include something from the Parish Council in the Parish Magazine had previously been agreed and Cllr Austin noted that he would continue to draft a note to include a summary of items the Parish Council are working on.

22. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting. 13th May, 2026

Meeting closed at 8.45

Chairman:

Date: