

# Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.00pm

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

**137) Welcome and Apologies:** There were none.

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

**139) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** Unanimously approved.

## 140) Finance Report

### a) To approve December payments.

Pauline McBride	November Salary	£687.30		£687.30
Pauline McBride	Expenses November	£35.90		£35.90
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin emptying November	£47.66	£9.53	£57.19
SRT Trading	October Litter pick	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
TEEC	Annual web hosting charge	£197.29	£39.46	£236.75
Cashplus Account	Top up November Expenditure	£26.94	£5.39	£32.33
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1115.09</b>	<b>£78.38</b>	<b>£1193.47</b>

**December payments were noted and approved.**

### b) Income Received in November

Lloyds deposit account interest £60.29

**c) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balance as at 30/11/2024 £466,114.20.**

## 141) 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:

24/07637/FUL: Orchard House Lower Icknield Way Great Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 9TU Householder application for construction of detached three bay garage. The Parish Council noted that this was a fairly large garage but had no objections. **Clerk will submit standard response is support of the application.**

24/07622/FUL: Floridan Marsh Road Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP22 5XS. Householder application for demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension insertion of roof lights to existing roof. The Parish Council had no objections. **Clerk will submit standard response is support of the application.**

24/07684/VCDN: Briar Bank CADs den Road cads den Buckinghamshire HP27 0NB Variation of condition 2 (plan numbers) and condition 4 (materials) attached to 24/05405/FUL (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) to allow for changes to external finish. The Parish Council had no objections. **Clerk will submit standard response is support of the application.**

24/07772/FUL: 2 Clankin Cottages Marsh Road Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP22 5XS. Householder application for demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side/rear extension. The Parish Council noted that this was a fairly large garage but had no objections. **Clerk will submit standard response is support of the application.**

The following status changes of applications were noted:

24/07166/CLE Willow Croft Marsh Lane Marsh Buckinghamshire HP17 8SP. Certificate of lawfulness for retention of use of land to rear of site as part of residential curtilage for Willow Croft. Refused certificate of lawfulness 18/11/2024. The Parish Council resolved to monitor the enforcement.

24/05180/FUL: Grove Barn, Grove Lane, Great Kimble, HP17 9TR. Householder application for demolition of two garden outbuildings, construction of home office/garage/carport with first floor playroom and solar panels to front/side, creation of swimming pool to rear. Detached summer room to rear and associated hard and soft landscaping. Planning was refused. Appealed on 14/10/2024. Appeal dismissed 02/12/2024

**142) To update on Cala Homes, including Coronation project.** More detailed drawings of the sensory gardens had been completed and were well received. Cala are aiming to start work on the gardens early in the new year and Cllr Alison will aim to work with the Parish volunteers to make a detailed plan for planting. **Cllrs Alison and Burton will continue to liaise with the developers.**

**143) To discuss banking status in light of new Lloyds bank charges and additional CIL funds received.** The clerk had sourced a new deposit account with Mansfield Building Society and had completed the application forms for signatures at the meeting. Cllr Cripps had attempted to contact Lloyds business banking department to challenge their proposed new bank account fees but had not received any response. **Clerk will complete the application process with Mansfield Building Society. Cllr Cripps will chase up Lloyds Business Banking. Clerk will aim to analyse and confirm CIL funding status from all relevant developments over the next few months to establish whether there are any further funds due.**

**144) To update on speed signs replacement** Further investigation is required to establish the most effective solution. **Cllr Austin will continue to investigate options.**

**145) To review third draft of the 2025/2026 budget and precept.** The third draft had been circulated with the meeting pack. The budget spend of £148,884 was approved. A precept of £42000 was agreed, noting that the balance of £106,884 is to be funded by reserves. **Clerk will publish third and final draft and complete the Buckinghamshire County Council precept request forms for approval at the January Parish County Council meeting.**

**146) To discuss Cricket Club request for assistance re flooding.** Following a request for funding assistance, Representatives of the Parish Council organised an on-site meeting, with the Cricket Club Chairman, in order to understand the exact issues and how best the Parish Council might be able to assist. The Clubhouse is in a very poor state and has, due to lack of funds, not been well maintained. The drains were blocked, and it was apparent that ditches needed to be cleared before any remedial flood prevention work could be scoped. There was a question on the legal status/title deeds as it appears the club is owned by its trustees and thus there would be legal implications/rules relating to any financial donations by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will await answers to its questions on deed/ownership in order to continue to investigate how it might be able to provide any support. **Cllrs Williams and Jones will continue to investigate how best to move forward with this potential project, taking advice and input from Cllrs Cripps and Burton.**

**147) To update on potential development of sports facilities (tennis courts and cricket club).** See minute 146 above.

**148) To discuss potential Parish stiles audit to agree and prioritise any replacements.** The Parish Council discussed this subject again and concluded that they do not have the authority to replace any village stiles, even if willing. **The Clerk will again request Buckinghamshire County Council Footpaths Department to**

**consider replacing the 5 reported stiles with kissing gates to allow less able users to use paths with ‘walk through’ as opposed to ‘climb over’ stiles.**

**149) To discuss possible employment of Parish handyman.** This had been brought up at the November Parish Council meeting and agreed to add to the agenda for December. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that employing a general ‘handyman/person/company’ would allow for prompt action on minor items such as cleaning road signs, painting gates and other small maintenance issues would be a good idea. Having used and been very satisfied with other Parish work that A1 Maintenance had undertaken, the Parish Council resolved to trial A1 Maintenance as a preferred supplier for these tasks. **Clerk will add to the list of preferred suppliers.**

**150) To discuss Parish footpath clearance.** The Clerk advised that Ellesborough Parish Clerk was unaware of any footpath clearance and so was unable to assist in identifying the company and machinery that had been reported as achieving excellent and speedy results in clearing one of their footpaths. **Clerk will approach Buckinghamshire County Council to see if they can assist.**

**151) To update on Parish bus shelter maintenance.** Quotes had been received and were discussed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that, due to weather conditions, this would be best undertaken in the Spring under a Spring cleaning schedule and should be included with the A1 general handman/person/company preferred supplier tasks.

**152) Community Board Report.** Although some progress had been made over the last 18 months, it was felt that a large number of proposals are made to Community Boards but hardly any are taken on. Therefore, nothing to report.

**153) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update.** As above in minute 152

**154) Kimble Stewart Hall Report.** The Clerk reported that the hearing loop will be installed on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Burton advised that the solar power battery is showing as very low and that this had been reported. A discussion revealed that this is most likely to be very normal at this time of year and that the usual electric supply will ‘kick in’ to prevent the battery running out of power. Nevertheless, the Parish Council agreed that it was a good idea to have everything double checked at this early stage of the installation of the solar panels.

**155) Parish Matters.** Nothing to report

**156) Correspondence, reports and issues (for information only).** Nothing to report

**157) To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman.....

Date: