

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

Attendance: Cllr John Austin, Cllr Delia Burton, Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr Harvey Alison, Cllr David Williams and Clerk Pauline McBride. In addition Bludenell, on behalf of Cala Homes, attended for part of the meeting.

179) Welcome and Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr James Cripps and Cllr Joanne Bourke.

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

181) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2024.
Unanimously approved.

182) Finance Report

a) To approve February payments.

Pauline McBride	January Salary	£687.10		£687.10
SRT Trading	December Litter pick	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
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Pauline McBride	Expenses January	£35.90		£35.90
Margaret Forbes	Annual rent for bench	£20.00		£20.00
RPS Consulting Ltd	Landscape architect fee.	£2050.00	£410.00	£2460.00
Playspace Solutions	Remove and dispose of equipment	£615.00	£123.00	£738.00
Shield Maintenance Ltd	Bin emptying January	£47.66	£9.53	£57.19
Cashplus Account	Top up January Expenditure	£78.92	£5.81	£84.73
Total		£4524.58	£596.34	£5120.92

February payments were noted and approved.

b) Income Received in January

Lloyds deposit account interest £56.73

c) Bank Balances Total Bank Balance as at 31/01/2025 £464077.47

183) 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:

24/08053/VCDN. Woodlands, Cadsden Road, Cadsden, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0NB. APPLICATION FOR: Variation of condition 2 (plan numbers) attached to 18/08174/FUL (Householder application for replacement of existing shallow pitched, concrete tiled, hipped roof with new steeper pitched structure over reduced area in traditional plain clay tiles, straight gable ends, part flat/curved planted roof, associated roof lights and new chimney stack. New subterranean basement under existing decking area and reconfiguration of garden terracing with associated landscaping. Replacement tree house and stable block within woodland to rear) to allow for changes to approved plans. There were no objections. **Clerk will comment in support of this application.**

25/05082/FUL. Building 1 Marsh Hill Farm Marsh Lane Marsh Buckinghamshire. Construction of a replacement barn with associated B8 use (storage or distribution) with associated parking, E.V. charging points, bin and cycle store. There were no objections. **Clerk will comment in support of this application.**

25/05065/FUL. 5 Buttercup Crescent Little Kimble Buckinghamshire HP17 0BF. Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension. There were no objections. **Clerk will comment in support of this application**

25/05109/FUL. Brook Farm Marsh Lane Marsh Buckinghamshire HP17 8SP. Change of use of existing agriculture land to equestrian and development of Manege with post and rail fence and five bar gate (retrospective). The Parish Council fully support this application. **Clerk will comment in support of this application.**

The following status changes of applications were noted:

24/07622/FUL. Floradene 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. Application permitted 10/01/2025

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. Application permitted 10/01/2025.

22/07668/FUL. 4 Roundhill Cottages Kimblewick Road Kimblewick Buckinghamshire HP17 8TB. Erection of dwelling and creation of associated parking and amenity areas. Application refused 3/11/2023. Refusal appealed 02/07/2024, Appeal allowed with conditions 13/01/2025.

24/06195/FUL. Long Hill, Marsh Lane, Marsh, Buckinghamshire, HP17 8ST. Householder application for construction of two storey front extensions containing a reconfigured ground and first floor layout, first floor balcony, replacement roof of the existing dwellinghouse, existing garage to be maintained and connected to main house by a single storey flat roof extension and demolition of existing conservatory on the rear elevation. Plan was refused, then appealed 4/11/2024. Appeal dismissed 24/01/2025.

22/07341/FUL. The Lodge Marsh Lane Marsh Buckinghamshire HP17 8SP. Householder application for construction of timber framed and timber clad outbuilding for use as workshop and gym (retrospective). Application refused 30/05/2023. Enforcement Notice issued 24/11/2023. Appeal against enforcement notified on 18/01/2024. The appeal is allowed, the enforcement notice is quashed, and planning permission is granted 24/01/2025. The Parish Council were disappointed, having strongly objected throughout the planning and appeal process.

In addition, prior to the meeting, The Parish Council had been informed of the solar farm central committee meeting taking place on 12th February. Cllr Bourke had kindly agreed to represent the Parish Council in opposing this development on behalf of the residents of Kimble and will report back afterwards.

184)To update on Cala Homes, including Coronation project. Jack Bludenell outlined the current status noting that the construction work was progressing well. He said the show home should be completed within the next couple of months and invited the Parish Council to a viewing. Jack outlined that the sensory garden is now being costed and Cala will have a draft legal agreement drawn up detailing the responsibilities around the work to be done. All agreed that this was a sensible thing to do and that the Parish Council would also instruct their own solicitor to review the draft agreement. There is also some work to do regarding the actual transfer of specific common areas to the Parish Council. There had been some delays in the dealings with RPS consultants but the revised planning amendment should be available within a couple of weeks. **Cllr Jones will provide the contact details for Henry Ovens of Lightfoots Solicitors and the clerk will email/call to mention the upcoming legal work/advice that the Parish Council will require.**

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

The clerk explained that the new 180 day deposit account with Mansfield Building Society was now open and had been funded with the agreed £85,000 from the Lloyds current account. The interest rate is currently 4.25% on this account. The Lloyds bank charges are still to be challenged. **Cllr Cripps will chase up Lloyds Business Banking.**

186) To update on speed signs replacement. Several options had been reviewed over recent months and the Parish Council were in agreement to purchase 3 from Stocksigns Limited, at a total cost of £10,000. As previously mentioned, earlier signs had been damaged and stolen, insurance claims had been settled and, since then, the Parish Council have been investigating signs which would be more secure and less prone to vandalism. **Cllr Austin will place the order as The Clerk will be on holiday.**

187) To update on potential development of sports facilities (tennis courts and cricket club). There had been no further developments and Cllrs Williams and Jones again reported that they had yet to receive that land registry/ownership information that they had requested from the cricket club. There was a repeat question on whether the Parish Council would consider funding work to repair the flooding issues at the cricket club. The Parish Council advised that they had already visited and viewed the flooding issues and advised that the cricket club needed to contact Buckinghamshire County Council to get ditches cleared to alleviate draining issues that were causing the flooding. **Cllr Burton will remind Bob Whitehead to reply with the required legal information and advise again on contacting Buckinghamshire County Council re ditch clearance.**

188) To discuss potential Parish stiles and village gate replacements. The Clerk outlined that Cllrs Austin and Alison had worked hard to provide footpath/grid references of 8 desired stile replacement sites. The clerk had reported these on to Buckinghamshire County Council footpaths department, who have agreed they will liaise with landowners to obtain agreement on stile replacements. **The Clerk will continue to liaise with Buckinghamshire County Council Footpaths Department and report back on progress.**

189) To discuss increased charges from Ionos re website hosting of neighbourhood plan. The clerk explained that Ionos host the Neighbourhood plan website and costs had increased dramatically over time. (From the initial £8 per month and rising now to £27 per month due to being on an old version of the software). The Parish Council agreed that the sensible option would be to move all the neighbourhood plan data over to the standard Parish Council website and to cancel the Ionos website hosting. **Cllr Alison will copy all the data over and inform The Clerk when completed. Meantime, The Clerk will enquire re cancellation procedures.**

190) To update on playground repairs and agree 2025 annual inspection. Playspace Solutions had review the latest annual inspection report and undertaken the necessary repairs and removals, noting that one item was not in disrepair as had been reported. A new piece of equipment to replace the item removed was estimated to be around £1500 plus VAT and installation costs. The Clerk advised that The Play Inspection Company had quoted £147 plus VAT to undertake the 2025/2026 inspection around December 2025. All agreed the recent report for 2024/2025 was very detailed and appeared very good value for money and resolved to appoint the same company again this year. **Cllr Burton will liaise with Playspace Solutions re the purchase and installation of replacement piece of equipment. The Clerk will complete the instruction to schedule the 2025/2026 inspection by The Play Inspection Company.**

191) To review asset register (including insurance cover). An asset register, noting insurance cover values, had been distributed with the meeting pack. It was noted that all classes of asset have more than adequate cover under the current Clear Council policy. A question was raised over the Village Hall insurance. The Clerk explained the Hall Charity are responsible for the Hall insurance and that the Parish Council do check their policy each year to see that adequate cover is provided. On the disposals then the 'timber trail and log walk' was noted as requiring checking. **Cllr Burton and The Clerk will double check whether this needs to be re-instated as opposed to marked as disposed of.**

192) To discuss year end preparation. The Clerk outlined the very large amount of work that will be required, from March until June, and suggested that some items could possibly be reviewed and considered in March and April, rather than try to do so much in the May meeting. (Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Approved/ Suppliers, Internal Controls etc.) **Clerk will send copies of above documents to Cllr Austin who will suggest who/when they could be reviewed.**

193) To discuss local elections. The Clerk had included Buckinghamshire County Council election details, timetable and links with the meeting pack. All Councillors will need to completed their nomination papers to be submitted by hand to a Returning Officer in Aylesbury. This needs to be done between 18th March and 2nd April between 10am and 4pm on a weekday. It was agreed that election details should be posted on noticeboards and included in the Parish magazine. **Clerk will remind Councillors to download nomination papers and bring completed documents to the March meeting for collation and delivery. The Clerk will produce a noticeboard elections announcement and provide details to include with the Parish magazine.**

194) Community Board Report. Nothing to report.

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

196) Kimble Stewart Hall Report. It was reported that gas bills are now down from £500 per month to £300 per month as a result of the recently installed solar panels. The Village Hall Committee were keen to refresh the hall interior by redecorating and had obtained quotes for around £5500. They had approached the Parish Council to ask for funding to go ahead with this. The Parish Council discussed and asked that they don't paint everything white as this was thought to be too clinical and also that they obtain quotes for cleaning/repainting the outside of the village hall. **Cllr Burton will convey the Parish Council's request to the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk will double check whether they can pay directly for hall redecorations, or whether they need to give a grant to the Village Hall Committee to pay for the redecorations.** (Although they were able to pay directly for the Solar Panels, Hearing Loop and Fire Alarms, these are classed as fixed asset additions to the village hall, owned by the Parish Council. Redecoration would not be a fixed asset addition and so it is most likely a grant would have to be paid to the Hall Committee instead)

197) Parish Matters.

Sign Cleaning had been previously discussed and agreed by the Parish Council and a question arose on whether this was scheduled. It was advised that A1 Build had a list of village repair/odd job items to undertake, including cleaning the village signs. This will be scheduled for March/April time once the weather has improved.

Defibrillators. Both defibrillators had problems this month which, once again, appeared to be caused by the very cold weather. Having been removed and kept in the warm, both were now showing as working again. The cabinets were thought to be the problem and the Clerk had found the cost of new cabinets would be approximately £600 each. It was discussed that the actual defibrillators were 10 years old and it might be better to replace the entire units package as opposed to just the cabinets. **Clerk will add to agenda and investigate costs.**

A4010 verge/road litter pick. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of SRT extending their monthly litter pick to include the A 4010 from the northerly Village Gate (Mill Lane) to the southerly Village Gate (Asket Nurseries).

Road Island Bollards. It was reported that all but one of the Parish road island bollards have no lights. Once broken, they are replaced with ugly plastic bollards that are then run into again very quickly. It was felt that these are dangerous and are unseen by the many larger SUV type vehicles, hence being run into so many times. It was thought to be so serious it should be escalated within Buckinghamshire County Council as opposed to just logging on fixmystreet. **Clerk will report on fixmystreet and escalate to Buckinghamshire County Council.**

198) Correspondence, reports and issues (for information only). The clerk advised that she will be on holiday from 18th February until 2nd March.

199) To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting 12th March 2025

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman.....

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