

Great & Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

Notice of the Annual Meeting of Great & Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

To: Cllrs J Austin, D Williams, G Redding, D Burton, A Jones, J Good, J Cripps
You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held Kimble Stewart Hall Committee Room on
Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 7.30pm for the purposes of transacting the following business

Members of the Public are welcome to attend

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman

To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office, to be signed in the presence of the Clerk.

2. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies for absence

3. Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member

4. Minutes

To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting both held on 10th May 2017

5. To approve payments for June 2017

Payments for approval atJ June 2017 Meeting			
979	Sovereign Playgrounds	Interim payment for phase 3	£3,240.00
981	Clerks Salary	Jun-17	£312.50
982	Clerks Expenses	Jun-17	£31.00
983	Sovereign Playgrounds	Final Payment for Phase 3	£5,400.00
984	TBS Hygiene	Waste Collection - April 17	£32.40
985	The Chiltern Society	Subscription	£30.00
	Total for month		£9,045.90

6. To approve the annual return 2016-17

7. Planning Applications and appeals

*To review and confirm the responses made to Wycombe District Council by the planning committee.
(Updated list sent prior to meeting)*

8. Kimble Stewart Hall - Report from Committee members (Cllrs Burton and Redding)

9. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

**10. To consider a response to WDC asking for views on the creation of a Town and Parish Charter
(see letter with this agenda)**

11. Broadband in the Parish – Update

12. Playground Refurbishment – Phase III - update

13. To agree for the Annual Playground Inspection to be undertaken by WDC at a cost of £60

14. Clive Harriss – Ward Budget proposals

15. To consider a grant application from Friends of Great Kimble School for their Annual Fayre

16. Correspondence, reports and Issues (for information only)

- a. *Clerks Report*
- b. *Reports/Issues from Councillors*
- c. *Correspondence Received*

17. To receive items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th July 2017

Julie Bunker
Clerk

8th June 2017

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7pm

Prior to the start of this meeting a short time will be allocated, subject to the sole discretion *Chairman of the meeting, for statements or questions from members of the public*

Attendance

Cllr Gerald Redding, Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr Delia Burton, Cllr James Good, Cllr Alun Jones, Julie Bunker (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office, to be signed in the presence of the Clerk.

Councillor James Good was proposed by Alun Jones as Chairman for this meeting only, this was seconded by Cllr James Cripps and unanimously agreed.

2. Election of 3 members of the Planning Working Group and to elect on of those members as Chairman

Cllrs James Good, Delia Burton and Gerald Redding were proposed en-bloc with Cllr Good as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.

3. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr John Austin and Cllr David Williams

4. Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member

None were declared

5. Minutes

To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2017

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

6. To approve payments for May 2017

All Payments were agreed

Payments for approval at May1 2017 Meeting			
971	Sovereign Playgrounds	Deposit for phase 3	£2,160.00
972	Clerks Salary	May-17	£312.50
973	Clerks Expenses	May-17	£47.94
974	Mrs D Goodchild	Rest and Be Thankful Bench rent	£20.00
975	D A Fane	Payrol Admin 2016/17	£120.00
976	MHP	Domain Renewal (kimblecouncil.org)	£21.58
977	Kimble Stewart Hall	Room Hire April17 to Mar 18	£223.00
978	Richard Billyard	Grasscutting	£687.00
	Total for month		£3,592.02

7. Planning Applications and appeals

To review and confirm the responses made to Wycombe District Council by the planning committee. (Updated list sent prior to meeting)

All applications were discussed with no comments being submitted on the new applications.

8. Kimble Stewart Hall - Report from Committee members (Cllrs Burton and Redding)

New chairs have been brought for the main hall, with trolleys for stacks of chairs making it easier to move the chairs around the hall. The old chairs are being auctioned off to raise funds for the hall. Terry Kaye has started work on improving and maintaining the hall floor.

9. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

An email received from Penelope Tollitt in response to our letter was felt to be poor and also intimated we had formally taken an agreement to undertake a NP. James C and John will draft a response to her for John to send once he returns from holiday. A meeting will be arranged to formally start the process but not before WDC have agreed working for their New Local Plan.

10. Broadband in the Parish – Update

Cllr David Williams will draft a letter giving more information about the provider and how the scheme would work. These will be delivered to each household and Public Meeting, where Voneus present all the information, held in June. The Parish Council are only facilitating this scheme and cannot provide any guarantee or assurance of the technical capability or service from any single provider. That ultimately is a commercial arrangement, as it is for all other utilities, between the householder and service provider.

11. Correspondence, reports and Issues (for information only)

a. Clerks Report

The Clerk reminded everyone that she will be away from May 13th to 30th inclusive and an out of office response will be added to emails with Johns email as an emergency contact.

b. Reports/Issues from Councillors

It was reported that the footway on the A4010 had been sided out by a group of Community Payback workers. It was felt this would be a good option for the rest of the footpath along this road through our Parish. The Clerk will make enquiries.

The footpath near Silver Nugget in Marsh has a septic tank obstructing it, Cllr Cripps will send detailed information and photos to the Clerk to report to TfB.

Parking in Church Lane near junction with A4010 has become an issue with cars parked right up to the junction. This is likely to be from the School as the cars are there during School time only. Cllr Redding will get registration number(s) of the cars and the Clerk will write to the School.

c. Correspondence Received

All email correspondence received has been circulated to Councillors and, where necessary, added to the agenda for discussion.

12. To receive items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th June 2017

Signed.....
Chairman

10th May 2017

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 8pm

Present

CIrs: Delia Burton, Alun Jones, James Good (Chairman) Gerald Redding, James Cripps,
Clerk and RFO: Julie Bunker (**note taker**)
3 members of the public

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Chairman's Annual Report 2016/17

Content:

1. Welcome
2. Your Parish Officers
3. Planning Applications
4. Neighbour Hood Plan
5. EW Rail & HS2
6. Road Safety
7. Playground
8. Kimble Stewart Hall
9. Dog Waste Bins
10. Council Meetings & Information

1. Welcome

Good Evening Everyone.

First, my apologies for not being with you this evening, however on behalf of the council I would like to welcome you all to this Annual Parish Meeting and thank you for taking the time to attend. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this is not a Parish Council Meeting!

The subtle but important difference is that this is the Annual Parish Meeting held by and for the Parishioners of Great & Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish, the Parish Council merely facilitate it.

2. Your Parish Officers

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank, on your behalf all my fellow councillors for their continued strong support over the last twelve months. The only way any Parish Council can operate is by the volunteer councillors sacrificing their own free time, with the sole aim of protecting and improving our Parish.

It is at council meeting preceding this council officers are elected and those offices will duly be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

3. Planning Applications

One of the regular tasks that the council does is to review all new Planning Applications submitted to WDC. This is a time consuming work, and my thanks to three councillors that form our Planning Sub Committee who make the initial impact assessments and recommend our response back to WDC, noting that this Council has no power in this regard but can only make comment.

In considering a response to a Planning Application we do take cognisance of any inputs from you the parishioners and neighbours, so if you have a concern or a view on any application please present it to us in good time to be considered.

You will all be more than aware that the site of the Bernard Arms remains a blot on the Parish landscape. WDC granted planning permission for 1 detached 4 bed house and 2 x 3 bed semi-detached dwellings in Dec 16, but as you can see there has been no sign of work commencing. As and when the PC becomes aware of news it will be posted on the web-site

4. Neighbourhood & Local Plans

As hopefully you are all aware, WDC informed us in November 2016 that they were having to revise their Local Plan (LP) to include the requirement for 160 new homes within our Parish. At the subsequent public meeting this was explained to us all. It was at that meeting, by an overwhelming show of hands we had consent from yourselves that we should: (a) Not contest this, but could actually see benefits to re-invigorating our community with some new blood. (b) That the Parish should actively pursue writing our own Neighbourhood Plan (NP) so as by far the best means of controlling this growth in the way that we saw best suited our needs.

Since then some of your councillors have met with other PCs in the area to glean information about how to best approach creating a NP. We have also met again with members of WDC's Planning & Sustainability dept. WDC took on board that our priority was the preservation and ideally strengthening our local communities whilst maintaining the historic nature of the parish. We were both agreed that the AONB and Green Belt should be protected. WDC appear to have accepted that the Parish has had more than its quota of Gypsy and Travel sites, especially in and around Marsh.

I would also highlight Princess Risborough's plans which include changes to the roads in and out of the town, in effect making the present B4009 the A road, which will affect any plans we develop.

What now - It is your PC's intent to now look at writing a pathfinder document, essentially publishing our intent for a NP and an outline plan to complete this. However you should be aware that a NP is no small undertaking and will require the buy-in of all parishioners to ensure that it meets not just our needs but all the statutory requirements for it to be endorsed so it can be effective.

5. HS2 and East West Rail

HS2

The HS2 bill received Royal assent in February which gave HS2 Ltd the powers to build the railway and after seven years of relaunches and debate there are signs around the region that HS2 is starting to carve its first marks on the landscape. However the project keeps hitting hurdles with sub-contracting irregularities and finance.

Even whilst this was going on the PC continued to lobby for increased mitigation agreements including against Noise over the last year as we believe that this project is ill conceived and blight our lives for many years.

EW Rail

We have consulted with the Parish and sent robust comments in response to the Consultations. The consultation was poorly managed with many people being given the wrong information or information was missing in consultation packs.

There has been much rumour and changes in plans for this project and currently EW Rail have informed us that, as part of the current East West Rail phase 2 project (EWR2), no work other than platform lengthening at stations and Marsh Lane level crossing will take place, but there are still plans to replace the crossing that the School use with a bridge.

6. Road Safety

We continue to move Mobile Movable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) around the parish as part of our speed awareness campaign and would welcome feedback on whether people believe it is making any difference and if we need more. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the use of the MVAS please contact the Clerk.

There was a further purchase of wheelie-bin speed signs which have been distributed and we'd encourage everyone to get them out and seen. If you need more or replacements again contact us.

7. Playground

Having completed the first two phase of the refurbishment plan work is about to start on the final stage, hopefully completed by the summer. We believe this has been a very successful local project and money well spent for the benefit of our community, I hope you agree.

8. Kimble Stewart Hall

The Parish Council on behalf of the Parish wish to thank the small team of volunteers on the KSH committee who do a sterling job running this key facility at the heart of our community.

9. Dog Waste Bins

We have purchased dog waste bins in the Parish, one in Bridge Street, one in Gove Lane and one near the Railway Station. It is hoped that these will go some way to reduce the amount of dog waste in the Parish. Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Goodchild who installed the bins without charge.

10. Council Meetings & Information

We convene monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30pm in the Committee room at the rear of the KSH. These meetings are open to the public and you are all welcome to come and raise issues for our consideration at them as well as listen to our deliberations.

For more information, please visit the website which has regular updates and news plus a host of useful information. It is especially useful for viewing current planning applications. There is a newsfeed which has useful information from our local authorities plus information added by the Clerk for local events. If there are any events you wish to publicise in this way please contact the Clerk.

Finally I must thank Julie Bunker our Clerk without her hard work and attention to detail we would find it extremely hard to operate.

Cllr John Austin
Chairman

3. Report from the Kimble Stewart Hall Committee – 2016/17

Gerald Redding presented a report from Sue Howgate, Chair of the Kimble Stewart Hall Committee.

Activities in the hall

Pilates, Art Lessons, Whist, Horticultural Society, Dog Training, Women's Institute, Parish Meetings, Masons' Societies, Karate, Church and School Events, Private Celebrations, Local and National Elections, Badminton.

Bucks Open Studios is using the hall for the eight year running as part of the Bucks wide two-week long exhibitions in June.

A small number of parents of Great Kimble C of E School continue to use the car park to facilitate walking along the footpath and across the fields to the school in order to relieve traffic congestion in Church Lane. The Women's institute also use the car park facility for their occasional trips out.

Bookings appear to be on the increase, particularly regular hirings, and there are times we have to disappoint people. We receive many compliments about the hall and the improvements. Amanda Robinson does a brilliant job managing enquiries and being the public face of the hall.

Finances

Our finances remain strong enabling us to continue with upgrading facilities within the hall. Thanks go to Julie Bunker, our treasurer, for the management of the monies. This year's audit, as last year's, is being carried out by Roger Nash.

Maintenance and Improvements

Kitchen

The final touches have now been completed in the refurbished kitchen, including the drinks water heater.

Decorating

Hirers will have noticed the freshly decorated Committee Room and Rear Lobby. We are grateful to Tool Shed who carried this out. Tool Shed is a Wycombe College based organisation who are sometimes available to carry out work so that students can gain experience of practical skills. Under the supervisor's careful guidance students arrived once a week to carry out the redecoration.

Chairs

As you will have noticed there are now new chairs in the hall. They will provide extra comfort and are more easily moved about on their bespoke trolleys.

We are most fortunate that some of the local trades people are prepared to give of their time and materials to help improve and maintain the hall.

General Housekeeping

Most hirers are responsible but we need to monitor the condition of the hall with daily checks and to perform such necessary tasks as putting out the dustbins.

Elliott Shirra is now in charge of setting the heating and small maintenance items

Terry Kaye has taken on board the responsibility for wielding the heavy polisher and is maintaining the main hall floor

The cleaning of the hall continues to be satisfactory; cleaning is often restricted by occupation of the hall. Our cleaner, Doreen Tietjen, is very conscientious about notifying potential issues and is prepared to offer some degree of flexibility with the cleaning times.

Village Events/Fund Raising

Theatre in the Villages was thoroughly enjoyed by the many people who came. This year's event is on 14th October and for this we have received private sponsorship. Theatre in the Villages is no longer supported by district councils and the committee considers this event a valuable community event will continue to organise the evening calling it Theatre in Our Village.

Last November saw the revival of the **Village Fayre** in the hall. Lesley Steptoe was the village organiser for this and the committee were pleased to provide the venue and refreshments. Many groups and organisations came together to provide an interesting, fun community day

A very successful fundraising **Fun Casino Night** was organised by the committee in March, raising funds for the hall.

We are grateful for the donations from the **Whist Group** towards the upkeep of the hall.

Stewart Hall Committee

Julie Bunker (treasurer), Delia Burton (vice chair), Sue Howgate (chair), Maggie Kaye (secretary) Richard Needle, Gerald Redding, Peter Parsons (representing hirers) and John Simmons

Booking Secretary: Amanda Robinson

Cleaner: Doreen Tietjen

It is pleasing to note that we receive frequent compliments from hirers about the facilities the hall offers.

The Stewart Hall AGM is to be held on Wednesday 5th July

It is important to stress that the successful management of the hall would not be achieved without the team of volunteers on the committee assuming responsibility for such roles as treasurer and secretary and carrying out a multitude of small housekeeping tasks; devoting much time to creating a valuable community facility; the responsible approach of our cleaner; the diligence and care for hirers by our booking secretary and importantly the valuable support of the Parish Council and the reliable and supportive local trades people.

***Sue Howgate May 2017
Chair, Stewart Hall Committee***

4. Forthcoming projects

The Chairman highlighted all the forthcoming projects which include

- Phase III of the Playground Refurbishment
- Exploring the possibility of Kerbing through parts of Marsh
- Facilitating a Superfast Broadband option in the Parish
- Undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan – a major undertaking over at least 2 years.

5. Open forum

Questions were asked about what help will be needed for the Neighbourhood Plan, this was explained by the Chairman.

Planning Issues were also raised and the Clerk offered to assist with raising the issue with WDC

Cllr Good resigned from position of Chairman of the Parish Council will immediate effect.

Signed.....
Chairman

14th June 2017

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT JUNE 2017 MEETING

9/Jun/17	Date of application	Address			Brief description of proposal	Comments	Current status of application
16/08176/FUL	04/12/2016	Stables Farm	Marsh Road	Little Kimble	Change of use of land to provide 4 additional mobile homes and creation of additional access	Objection comments submitted	Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 24th November 2016)
16/08454/FUL	24/01/2017	Land at Stables Farm	Marsh Road	Little Kimble	Application for erection of single storey 3-bed detached dwelling (Retrospective)	Objection comments submitted	Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 22th February 2017)
17/05920/FUL	19/04/2017	Old Rifle Range Farm	Risborough Rd	Great Kimble	Erection of detached agricultural building to provide handling facilities and temporary accommodation for stags.		Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 19th May 2017)
CHANGE OF STATUS SINCE LAST MEETING							
17/06236/PNP6B	08/05/2017	Field 1 Between Stables Farm And Footpath 22A	Marsh Road	Little Kimble	Prior Notification for erection of detached Agricultural building for storage of farm machinery and crops		Application refused
17/05590/FUL	21/03/2017	Hideaway	Hill View	Great Kimble	Householder application for erection of single storey side extension and new front porch, pitched roof over existing flat roofed side/rear element		Application permitted
NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING							
17/05946/FUL	16/05/2017	Willow Croft	Marsh Road	Marsh	Householder application for raising of roof, roof extension/alterations in connection with the extension and conversion of existing bungalow into house (alternative scheme to pp 16/06924/FUL)		Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 13th June 2017)
17/06299/MINAMD	18/05/2017	Longacres	Marsh Lane	Marsh	Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of detached outbuilding with one closed garage, two open carports, garden store/hobby room and workshop granted under householder planning ref: 14/05252/FUL		Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 15th June 2017)
17/06321/FUL	18/05/2017	Woodleys Cottage	Marsh Lane	Marsh	Householder application for construction of infill extension with stairs to garage, new timber boarding to garage external walls and new tiles to garage roof		Awaiting decision by WDC (expiry dates for comment 28th June 2017)

Kimble Stewart Hall Committee

Minutes of the Kimble Stewart Hall Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.00 pm

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Sue Howgate

Richard Needle

Gerald Redding

Peter Parsons

John Simmons

Delia Burton

Maggie Kaye

Apologies

Julie Bunker

2 To agree and sign the minutes from Meeting of 5th April 2017

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising from minutes not included in this Agenda

None

4 Information update (items not covered in the agenda)

The Committee were asked if anyone owed money for the Casino Night but none is outstanding.

5 Treasurer's Report

Current Account Balance £5600.32

Deposit Account Balance £5218.32

No outstanding overdue invoices

Cost of Chairs £2430.66

The accounts are due to the auditor on Julie's return from holiday.

6 Booking Secretary's Report

Sue Howgate is now holding the key to the Steward Hall, and all the regular users have been informed.

The Bucks Adult Education Art Class held on a Monday will be charged for the first two Mondays only as there is insufficient uptake for the rest of the term. The Art Tutor is carrying on for the rest of this term and will be invoiced for the remaining classes held. Bucks Adult Education will restart in September.

Julia Meades has informed Sue Howgate that permission has been given that the field can be used for parking for the dog training classes.

Parking will be available for the Parish Council AGM.

Bucks Art will take place on 10/11, 16/17/18 and 23/24/25 June 2017.

Owing to the Local Elections taking place, 2 classes have had to be cancelled on 4th May 2017.

7 **To discuss and agree weekend hire charge rates.**

This is to reviewed in 6 months.

8 **Village Hall Caretaker – update**

Elliot is doing well with his duties.

9 **Fund Raising Events**

- **Theatre in our Village - 14th October 2017**

The £600 donated will be a rolling account. Delia Burton will thank the donors on behalf of the Committee.

10 **Maintenance**

- **British Gas**

The boiler has now been serviced.

- **New Hall Chairs**

The new chairs are now being used and are comfortable. There is currently a stacking problem and 4 new trolleys will be ordered by Delia. More notices will be put up and notices sent to booking people regarding the correct stacking of these new chairs.

There are currently 86 old chairs to be sold.

The Committee thanked Peter for kindly agreeing to store them.

Ross Prenter has now cleared out the guttering but reported that the roof needs an inspection as some tiles are missing. It was agreed by the Committee that a report on the state of the roof would be needed and John has kindly agreed to provide a tower if needed and he will look to see if he has any tiles that would match the existing ones.

- **The weeds in the car park**

John has administered the weed killer.

- **Bracket for Fire Extinguisher**

To be fitted.

11 **Any Other Business**

- **Parish AGM 10th May 2017.**

Sue Howgate cannot attend but Gerald Redding has kindly agree to present the report.

- **Stewart Hall AGM meeting in July**

The Committee members all agreed to carry on.

- **Stewart Hall Spring Clean**

Several members of the Committee have agreed to help remove cobwebs etc on 21st May 2017 at 10.00 am.

Signed

Date 7th June 2017



Stronger in partnership

Town and Parish Councils in Aylesbury, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe District Council areas.

Dear Town or Parish Council,

Creation of Parish Charter

You will no doubt be aware that contrary to published expectations there was no announcement from DCLG about a reorganisation of local government in Buckinghamshire in March. We have now been informed that, in the light of the General Election, the current government will make no decision in relation to the unitary question. There will need to be a formal consideration of the submissions that have been made by the new government. Whilst we are disappointed that this Government has not yet announced support for our proposals, we remain confident that a new Government will recognise the merits of the District Council proposal and create two new unitaries in Buckinghamshire.

In the meantime you will be aware that the County Council has launched an online survey for anyone to indicate their views and express support for their preferred unitary option. Obviously we welcome your support in completing the survey in favour of two unitaries and the District proposal but recognise that surveys are not everyone's cup of tea and it is very much up to you. The link is below if you would like to do so.

<http://futurebucks.co.uk/yourviews/>

In the meantime we are keen to ensure that we do not lose momentum in taking forward some of the ideas in our proposals which we feel do not require a decision from government.

In particular we suggested that a Town and Parish Charter would enable us to develop an understanding with parishes about how we want to work together moving forward. We would like to understand whether Town and Parish Councils feel that this would be helpful and what a Charter might usefully include. For example it has been suggested that parishes should have an account manager for each parish. An individual within the Council who would act as a single access point for queries with the Council and who could pursue responses on behalf of parishes and towns when necessary.

A Charter could also set out response times, or provide specific requirements on eg consultation in areas like planning and highways.

There are some examples of Town and Parish Charters below in both unitary areas and those with County and District as a three way Charter with the Town and Parish Councils and their Associations. These are examples only and if you feel that the issues that you feel should be included are different we would be happy to discuss options with you.

https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200393/parishtown_council_and_councillors/620/parish_charter

https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/1-8_tcm15-13359.pdf

http://www.calc.org.uk/Images/Carlisle%20Charter%20smaller%20file_tcm131-98959.pdf

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/jobs-and-careers/schools-and-education/strategies-polices-and-plans/strategies-polices-and-plans/strategies-polices-and-plans/strategies-polices-and-plans/strategies-polices-and-plans/Strategies-ParishCharter-2015.pdf?inline=true>

We would welcome your views on whether you would be interested in developing a charter and if so what are the key areas it should cover. Responses can be sent to the current parish liaison officer in each district. We will also be approaching the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils with a view to asking them to act in a co-ordinating role as has been done in other areas. If it becomes clear that this is an idea that Towns and Parishes would be interested in developing further we will arrange a series of meetings in our respective areas to enable further discussion to take place.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Neil Blake
Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council



Cllr Isobel Darby
Leader of Chiltern District Council



Cllr Ralph Bagge
Leader of South Bucks District Council



Cllr Katrina Wood
Leader of Wycombe District Council

Dear Resident,

5th June 2017

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Public Meeting : Kimble Stewart Hall, Tuesday 13th June at 7pm

We now have an opportunity for fast, reliable broadband for Marsh and the Kimbles.

BT have consistently shown over the past decade that they are not going to do anything substantive in our area, but if we get just 65 or more people interested, we can get SuperFast wireless fibre broadband direct to your premises and into our villages at relatively little cost to the community by the end of 2017.

Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council have been aware that the slow broadband in the area has been holding back education, business, healthcare, leisure and the growth of the area. Fast broadband has become an ever more vital utility.

Efforts by many groups have not persuaded BT and Openreach to improve accessibility, so we have started to actively explore alternatives. We have concluded that we should support and facilitate other commercial providers to give our area every chance to succeed. We have put time and effort into exploring the technical feasibility and appetite of the most active of alternative providers, including Voneus.

Register now for faster broadband for The Kimbles and Marsh parish areas by: emailing name, full address and contact details to erica.stanford@voneus.com or call Erica Stanford from Voneus Broadband on 07808 191771

How does it work?

Voneus specialise in working with rural communities to provide a new, superfast wireless fibre to the premises infrastructure. It entirely avoids BT's network. This means building a new fibre infrastructure into the heart of an area struggling with poor existing broadband, and then installing a series of small but very powerful masts, to wirelessly relay around the signal.

Voneus have secured planning permission to place their main transmitter on County Hall in Aylesbury. It will then beam the signal to a powerful local mast at a selected high point in our Parish. An initial survey, facilitated and attended by your Councillors, has proved promising and a key site has been identified that covers most of our area very well from a technical perspective.

It works on line of sight, so they need the addresses of those who are interested, to help plot where the relays should go. Anyone then wanting to take part in the project then gets a small receiver which is connected via a fibre cable into their router. The receiver itself is very small and unobtrusive and can even be painted to blend in aesthetically with your property.

The infrastructure costs Voneus rather a lot of money to build, and as such, they need a minimum of 65 homes or businesses to register their interest, in order for Voneus to bring superfast broadband to the area. If we can get at least 65 homes registering their interest, they would then do a final survey of the area and look to have it all built within 3-4 months.

As Voneus have demand from other communities they need to prioritise their efforts. By acting quickly and decisively we believe Kimbles and Marsh can get the service in place ideally by Autumn 2017.

Where can it go?

Whilst the wireless signal can travel up to 10km from County Hall in Aylesbury, it works best at shorter 5km distances, and as such the more people we can get interested closer together, the better it works. Anyone wanting faster broadband, should register their interest so they could get included on the network build. IT will need to be first come, first served.

Key Points

- ✓ Fast and reliable, so several people can use the internet at once. No delays on streaming or downloading files or movies.
- ✓ There are 2 package options. Both options replace the costs of both broadband and line rental, as you no longer need to pay line rental. **The options are £20 per calendar month for 20gb data use. Or £34.99 pcm for unlimited use.**
- ✓ You can keep your existing landline phone number – it works through VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) - if you wish to do this, you can get call packages direct from Voneus for £11.99pcm.
- ✓ You can keep your existing email address (other than BT internet ones at present, but this may change)
- ✓ Average **speeds are reliably 50mbps** upload and download although can be much higher – up to 70/80mbps depending on distance and line of sight. We have however assumed only 30mbps in deciding to support this alternative. Even at 30mbps it is five times stronger than is currently available on average from BT;
- ✓ **Installation is free with a BDUK /Connecting Counties voucher** for those with speeds slower than 2mbps, otherwise installation is a one-off-cost of £150. These can be applied for nearer the time.
- ✓ Once we have the required interest (minimum 65 homes), they will complete the survey of the area and then have it ready within 3-4 months;
- ✓ Free broadband for the Church and Village Hall.

Who are Voneus?

UK based, with their Operations Office in Frome, Somerset, and many happy customers connected with superfast broadband. Because of their infrastructure and their ability to provide wireless fibre to the premises, they are able to connect the 5% of rural England otherwise not getting reliable broadband.

More information is available on www.voneus.com for those who currently have some broadband connectivity.

What this means for our community?

The Kimbles, Marsh and Bishopstone and all areas in between have struggled for a long time now with poor broadband with some people getting very little signal at all.

As we know everything is now going online. People will soon rely totally on the internet for their school/homework, business, for working from home, for medical care, government (e.g. HMRC, DVLA Tax and DEFRA returns), news and for keeping in touch with family members. TV is going online, and Netflix , Amazon and other entertainment. BT have continually failed to deliver and won't guarantee to do anything soon.

Without access to good, reliable broadband, we will lag behind as a community unable to do many of the things now a necessary part of life. Finally we have a company offering to invest in providing broadband to our community at relatively little cost to us as a community. Their technology apparently does not from the same degree of lags, or unreliability issues or data caps that 4G/ satellite do. Given the relatively low downside we need to jump at the chance now to make sure we don't lose this opportunity as rural demand for this service is growing, so need people to register their interest now.

Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council cannot provide any guarantee or assurance of the technical capability or service from any single provider. That ultimately is a commercial arrangement, as it is for all other utilities, between the householder and service provider. We can however facilitate the more active operators to get an audience and the critical mass required to provide a service.

- We have organised a village event where Voneus will be coming to the **Kimble Stewart Village Hall on Tuesday 13th June at 7pm** to explain to everyone how it works and answer any questions. If you are interested, please do make sure you are able to attend this event. **Please let Erica know that you wish to attend** so that we can plan how many people will be there on the night.

How can we get Voneus superfast broadband?

For anyone who is interested, we need you to contact Voneus with your contact details, your full address and postcode, ideally by Monday 12th June. This will enable them to establish the level of interest ahead of the event along with them plotting how they will deliver the network.

Anyone who wants to register their interest, should email name, full address and contact details to erica.stanford@voneus.com or call Erica Stanford from Voneus on 07808 191771.

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