

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 8pm

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## Present

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

## 1. Welcome by the Chairman and 2. Chairman's Annual Report

### 1. Welcome

A very warm welcome to any first timers, and a grateful thanks to the stalwarts to this the Annual Parish Meeting, which for those new comers or those that might just stumble across this report on the Parish Web-Site. Unlike Parish Council Meetings this is the Parishioners Meeting, we the council officers merely act as facilitators for this Government mandatory event.

### 2. Your Parish Officers

In what has been a busy year for Parish officialdom, on Your behalf I'd like to thank, my all my fellow councillors for without their continued strong support over the last twelve months your Council would not have been able to function. The PC purpose is to represent the views and wishes of you the Parishioners of Kimble's and Marsh, striving to protect and improve our Parish

The annual election of Council Officers was conducted in the PC meeting immediately prior to this meeting and the results will be duly recorded and published in the minutes of that meeting.

### 3. Neighbourhood Plan

In the last 12 months our Neighbourhood Plan working group has been making good and steady progress, with the aim of getting a NP for our Parish accepted so that it can help to shape the future size, shape and style of our neighbourhood for the next 10-20 years.

One thing everyone needs to always bear in mind is that our NP must be in-line with national and local (District) planning policies.

Having conducted surveys and canvassed for your views, sites where called for and these are now being reviewed and prioritised. It is planned that there will be a public exhibition held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June where everyone is welcome to come as long and see how things are developing. With that in mind I do not intend to go into more detail here suffice to say that the aim is to submit a draft NP to the inspectorate by #####, once the inspectorate is content with the Plan it will be put to a referendum vote hopefully before the end of #####. More details of the progress and timetable are available on the links from the Parish Website.

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### 4. Planning Applications

Whilst trying to get some structure to the future the council continues to review all new Planning Applications submitted to WDC. This is a time consuming work, and my thanks again Councillors, James Good, Gerald Redding and Delia Burton that form our Planning Sub Committee who make the initial impact assessments and recommend our response back to WDC. However you are reminded that your PC no power in this regard but can only make comment.

If you have any particular concerns about an application, either in support or not, your views are welcome and would be taken into consideration when considering the PC's response.

You will all be well aware that there has been no sign of any works on the site that is the eye-sore that is the Bernard Arms. The PC will continue to try and lobby for this to be resolved, but it could be that the owners are now awaiting the outcome of the Local & Neighbourhood Plans.

## **5. HS2**

The picture around HS2 is from my point of view confusing. The project has all the government go-aheads required but rumours continue about the state of public/private finances. All we can advise is for you to follow the news and the PC will keep the web-site updated as and when we hear anything which concerns the Parish.

The only thing you be sure of is that when (if) local works commence our day-to-day lives will be seriously affected.

## **6. Playground**

Your PC continues to maintain and improve the Playground outside the Swan PH, and we are pleased to see that it is now very well used. On your behalf I'd like to recognise the good work of Councillor Delia Burton, who is the champion of this good cause.

## **7. Kimble Stewart Hall**

The KSH continues to be one of the key focal point for our community I'd take this opportunity on your behalf to praise the dedication of the small band, that make up the KSH committee who work tirelessly to maintain this essential amenity for us.

## **8. Council Meetings & Information**

As I am sure all of you either attending today or reading this on-line know when we meet and how we communicate.

Anyway, ever hopeful for new surge of interest, here is the facts: The PC convene monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 again thank Julie Bunker our Clerk without who's hard work and attention to detail we'd be left floundering, thanks Julie.

John Austin  
Chairman (2017-18)

### 3. Report from the Kimble Stewart Hall Committee

## **The Stewart Hall Annual Report to the Parish Council May 2018**

### **Activities in the hall**

This last year has seen continue: Pilates, Art Lessons, Whist, Horticultural Society, Dog Training, Women's Institute, Parish Meetings, Masons' Societies, Karate, Church and School Events, Reflexology, Art Exhibitions, Private Celebrations, Local and National Elections. The hall has also been used for Musical Performances and Aylesbury Youth Theatre events.

Bookings continue at a high level, particularly regular hirings, and there are times we have to disappoint people. We receive many compliments about the hall and its facilities.

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.

### **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**

Planned expenditure includes redecoration of the main hall, wi-fi connection and hearing loop. Fire and Electrical inspections

These have to be completed every 5 years. The fire inspection concluded we comply with the regulations. Electrical work to comply with the latest regulations is being carried out this month.

### **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.

Terry Kaye is maintaining the main hall floor and additionally is setting the heating controls and carrying out small maintenance tasks. His experience is proving invaluable.

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**

A very successful fundraising Fun Casino Night was organised by the committee in March in conjunction with the Rotary Club of the Brickhills, raising funds for the hall and the Rotary Club Charities..

The 19th May sees our Annual Theatre Event, actually postponed from last year.

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;

Small Maintenance: Terry Kaye

The Stewart Hall AGM is to be held on Wednesday 6th June 2018

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 2018  
Chair, Stewart Hall Committee

#### 4. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Next step is for the Public Consultation on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 11am to 5pm at Kimble Stewart Hall, the event will see presentations of the schemes put forward for the 10 sites that passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage criteria. Public feedback is open until Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. Forthcoming projects

- Replacement of Village entry gates which are rotting
- The Parish Council will be taking over the maintenance of St Nicholas Churchyard, probably from 2019.
- The ongoing Neighbourhood Plan is likely to increase expenditure but we have precepted for this eventuality.
- Grass Cutting – as TfB reduce the number of cuts each year it is likely the PC will have to take on more of the cutting for safety and aesthetic reasons.
- We also have our playground and bus shelters to maintain.

#### 6. Open forum

Councillors were questioned on various topics by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

11<sup>th</sup> July 2017