

Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

Prior to the start of the Parish Council Meeting time is allocated, subject to the sole discretion of the Chairman of the meeting, for statements or questions from members of the public.

Mrs Sue Howgate and Mr Gerald Redding attended for item 4 of the Agenda. Mr Redding also enquired about the Affordable Housing Scheme.

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Councillor David Williams (Chairman)

Julie Bunker - Clerk

Councillor John Austin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Alun Jones

Councillor Delia Burton

Councillor Donna Johnson

Councillor Julia Northway

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

Councillor Alun Jones declared an interest in Planning Application

3 Minutes

To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 and any matters arising from those minutes not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda.

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record.

To review and determine a course of action on the following subjects

4 Kimble Stewart Hall – To discuss the Hall Committees Action Plan

Sue Howgate attended and talked through the new action plan for the Hall, giving each member of the Parish Council a copy of the plan including costs and timescales. Sue asked the Parish Council for approx £6000 for the replacement of the windows, the Parish Council agreed in principal but would discuss formally under Item 5 on the Agenda.

Councillors Williams and Austin will attend the Hall AGM on 27th July 2011 which will enable joint discussion to happen. Councillor Williams suggested that more ambitious refurbishments could be looked into through longer term funding from the Parish Council. Sue Howgate agreed with this and suggested that the wider community should perhaps be consulted.

Councillor Williams thanked Sue Howgate and all the Hall Committee for their continued hard work.

5 To review the Accounts for April, May and June 2011

The accounts were reviewed and all balances and payments approved.

It was agreed in principal that the Parish Council will aim to provide £10k per annum for the Kimble Stewart Hall refurbishment project for at least the next 2 years plus £10K for this current financial year.

6 **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)

The Council carefully reviewed planning applications and unanimously approved responses.

Councillor Jones left the room whilst the rest of the Council discussed the application relating to his property.

7 **Report on any outstanding BCC highways matters** (including footways, footpaths, Vehicle Activated Signs and BCC Grass cutting.)

Councillor Johnson had received a call from a member of the community enquiring about the proposed diversion of a Footpath which she knew nothing about. The Clerk had received a letter from WDC Legal Department informing the Parish Council of this; however it was not a consultation it was just for information and asking for any comments to be made. The letter was not distributed by the Clerk but given to the Chair of the Planning Committee and it was decided no comment was necessary. The footpath diversion is not the same as a planning application and is therefore not subject to normal planning procedures. Notices are posted near the proposed re-directed path for anyone to comment on. The Clerk apologised for the error and in future footpath diversion notices will be circulated.

8 **Kimble Stewart Hall – To discuss the Hall Committees Action Plan**

Covered in item 4 of this agenda

9 **Making a difference – Ideas from Councillors for projects around the Parish for 2011/12**

Councillor Williams suggested the Kimble Stewart Hall.

Councillor Johnson suggested creating a 'Greener, Cleaner, Safer' Parish environment. Suggestions to achieve this were Recycling Facilities (especially Glass), removal of litter and making the roads safer for all users who share it, i.e. Pedestrians, Horses, Cyclist and vehicles.

Councillor Northway suggested that Bulbs be planted at each Village entry gate, that a real Christmas tree is erected outside the Swan and more grass cutting be considered.

Councillor Burton and the Clerk will look into the bulb planting near Village entry gates and the Clerk will contact WDC regarding recycling facilities and the possibility of introducing collections of green waste and glass for each household.

10 **HS2 Government Consultation – To approve draft response prepared by Councillor Donna Johnson**

The Parish Council unanimously approved Councillor Johnson's letter and the Clerk was asked to submit the letter

11 **Request for funding for the Parish Newsletter**

A request received from the Editor of the parish newsletter for funding of £500 was considered and unanimously agreed.

12 **Snippets article for produced each month for the Parish Newsletter**

The Parish Clerk will produce the Snippets and consult with Councillor Northway prior to submitting,

13 **Forthcoming Village Celebrations**

(Christmas Party and Carols and Queens Diamond Jubilee)

The Parish Council are willing to financially support these events but are looking for volunteers to organise and run these events. Councillor Northway will make contact with Ellesborough Silver Band for the Carols as they will need booking soon. The Clerk will include this in Snippets for the newsletter.

14 Reports from Councillors and Parish Clerk on various matters

To include any correspondence on the following matters:

- a) Parish repairs/maintenance (non BCC matters)
Councillor Northway reported a pothole on the A4010 heading towards St Nicholas Church, Councillor Jones will report to BCC.
- b) Proposed TRO regarding the Byway Open to All Traffic –
It is likely a further inquiry will take place but no confirmation has been received to date.

15 Any other business and items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the council on Wednesday September 14th 2011 at 7.30pm at Kimble Stewart Hall

Councillor Jones attended a Planning Committee Meeting at Wycombe District Council where it was discussed that a new planning policy was being consulted on.

The Clerk will try to progress the replacement of the Bench outside Grove Farm buildings.

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council after the retirement of Major General Stuart Watson.

N.B. - Councillors

The Clerk must be notified at least 3 working days before the next meeting to add an item to the Agenda

Friday 29th July 2011 – minutes prepared Julie Bunker

Councillor David Williams (Chairman)

Julie Bunker (Parish Clerk)