

# Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 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.*

Mr Gerald Redding attended to enquire about the Affordable Housing Scheme and if any further progress had been made regarding the Jubilee Beacon at Beacon Hill, Ellesborough

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### 1 Attendance and Apologies

Councillor David Williams (Chairman)

Councillor John Austin (Vice-Chairman)

Julie Bunker - Clerk

Councillor Delia Burton

Councillor Alun Jones

Councillor James Good

Councillor Donna Johnson

**Apologies** Councillor Julia Northway

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

There were no declarations of interest

### 3 Minutes

To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011

The Council decided that the wording in item 10 of the minutes needed to be changed, new wording was agreed and the Clerk will re-issue the minutes to be signed at the February meeting.

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

#### 4 To review and agree the Accounts for December 2011

The accounts were reviewed and unanimously agreed.

#### 5 Clerks formal Training

The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support her through formal training and membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. The initial course would be 'Working with your Council' and distance learning course requiring approximately 20 hours to complete. The next step would be to gain the Certificate in Local Council Administration, a portfolio based course taking up to 2 years to complete. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to fund the training.

#### 6 Snow Wardens – Cllr Northway - This item was rolled forward to next month.

#### 7 Councillors Training

The Clerk reported that there would be training course available to all new Councillors, run by BALC, which would be good grounding for the newer members of the council. The Clerk will inform Councillors when these courses are available.

#### 8 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)*

No new applications received since the last meeting

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

- **Illegal Dumping, Fly Tipping and Litter**

There has been a spate of fly tipping in the Marsh, again some being around the entrance to Bridleway GLK/27. Wycombe District Council have been extremely responsive to requests for removal of this and the way they have responded to individuals. Terry Hill from Wycombe District Council delivered an information pack regarding all aspects of this including a very useful leaflet which the Parish Council were keen to be delivered to each house. The Clerk will contact WDC to see if a supply can be obtained and if so will ask Sue Howgate if these can be delivered with the newsletter.

**10 Affordable Housing – Update**

Councillor James Good had tried to contact Elizabeth Leyland for an update on this but she is out of the office until the end of January.

**11 Proposal to drive a High Speed Rail Line through the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and The Vale Of Aylesbury**

This project had been recommended by the Coalition Government for approval by Parliament. The £34 billion cost is still regarded as a waste of taxpayers money. The Council would prefer to see the upgrade of local services and the installation of ultra High Speed Broadband in our rural area instead. HS2 is still a controversial national issue.

The detailed plan locally has changed in response to lobbying, including our own. The proposal is now to lower the 75 metre wide tracks by 6 metres as they pass, noisily, alongside our Parish. However this plan is not to be trusted and will require close monitoring. This proposed lowering of the track into a shallow cutting together with banking, trees and other noise mitigation measures should radically reduce the impact on our residents and countryside, There will however be a huge building project for the bridge on the Marsh to Stoke Mandeville road, and laying of the track, which will cause significant disruption for some years from 2017 onwards.

It was noted that, despite their public commitments to do so, neither David Lidington MP nor Cheryl Gillan MP had resigned their seats. Gillan had however sold her house in Amersham a few weeks before the decision was announced.

**12 Projects around the Parish for 2011/12 – Update**

- **Greener, Cleaner, Safer – Councillor Donna Johnson**

We are first on the list to have Community Speed Watch Team in our area; they are currently undergoing training on new equipment and will be in touch to set a date. At least 2 volunteers will be needed to help out on the day.

- **Kimble Stewart Hall – Councillor David Williams and Councillor Delia Burton**

The external cladding for the village hall is almost complete; the cladding has been erected on all of the external walls. The cladding has then been rendered and painted a soft green. This will help considerably to reduce heat loss from the hall and, along with the new double glazed windows, will make the hall warmer, more presentable, and reduce the running cost of the hall.

- **Planting 6 Trees to mark The Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – Cllr David Williams**

Prices have been received for planting of trees from Nicolsons Plant Landscape and Forestry, they will supply and plant trees. The Parish Council agreed on 3 Silver Birch and 3 Copper Beach to be planted on the Green near the Children's playground. Councillors Alun Jones, Donna Johnson and Delia Burton will meet on the green to decide the locations. A further 6 trees, supplied by Askett Nurseries, will be donated to the Kimble Pastures Committee to be planted near the public footpath that borders the site. The Kimble Pastures Committee will plant and maintain these trees.

**13 Forthcoming Village Celebrations  
Queens Diamond Jubilee**

Councillor Delia Burton reported that an initial meeting will be set up for either January or February to gauge enthusiasm for Parish celebrations.

**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)
- b) Proposed TRO regarding the Byway Open to All Traffic  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> inquiry was held on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, outcome not known at present

**15 Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the council on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm at Kimble Stewart Hall**

**N.B. - Councillors**

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

**Minutes prepared Julie Bunker on Friday 26 January 2012**

**Councillor David Williams (Chairman)**  
8 February 2012

**Julie Bunker (Parish Clerk)**  
8 February 2012