

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 8pm

Present

Cllrs: Delia Burton, Alun Jones, James Good, Gerald Redding, John Austin (Chairman)

Clerk and RFO: Julie Bunker (**note taker**) plus approx.100 members of the public

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1. Welcome

A warm welcome to you all to the Annual Parish Meeting. I'd like to start on behalf of the Parish as whole thank those you who support the Parish in various way throughout the year, whether that is on the Parish Council, the Committee of the Kimble Stuart Hall, various fund raising activities or in a multitude of other ways.

2. Planning Applications

Hopefully you are all aware that the PC is invited to comment as a consultee on all Planning Applications made for properties in our Parish. The PC has no power, but acts to advise Wycombe DC on our views: positive or negative on the merits of planning applications. This is overseen by a PC Planning Committee made up of 3 of the Parish Councillors, all of whom have also been on the NP WG. The PC can only comment as it sees the merits etc. of a particular application, so if Parishioners have views on any application that they'd wish for PC endorsement you need to let us know.

3. HS2

As you are aware some HS2 work has commenced in around Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns. Your PC continues to monitor progress and has been visited by the local HS2 consultative representatives and we continue to press for any improvements in the plans for noise reduction schemes. It is planned that HS2 will hold a drop-in exhibition to provide information about the likely disruption we will face once the large scale groundworks commence.

4. Playground

The playground outside the Swan has had some renovation and maintenance work over the last year and appears to be a popular attraction with our Families. Our thanks goes particularly to Councillor Delia Burton who looks after this project on our behalf.

5. Kimble Stewart Hall

The KSH remains one of the key focal points for our village community. Its success remains down to the ever loyal small band of residents that make up the hall management committee.

6. Your Parish Officers

You should all recognise the dedication and time that your Councillors put it on your behalf to run this Parish. It may be that the PC has only an influence in the matters concerning us all, but by having a PC we actually have a voice. So my thanks to the team, who have all contributed to the workings of the council.

7. Council Meetings & Information

Hopefully you are all aware that your PC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August), here at the KSH Committee Room, normally at 7:30 p.m. The agenda is published 5 days before on the website and meetings are open for all to attend and contribute. Previous minutes are available on the website along with links to planning applications around the Parish and other useful information. Please visit our website www.kimblecouncil.org

If you have matter you would like addressed please contact the Julie Bunker the Parish Clerk (clerk@kimblecouncil.org) 07494 691605

8. Neighbourhood Plan

I'll not dwell on the NP at this juncture, suffice to say that it has been a long and busy road upon which the NP Working Group has taken us to the point where we will launch the next stage of process towards having an endorsed Neighbourhood Plan. www.kimbleplan.org

I think we should all very grateful to the time, effort and dedication of all involved, but I would like to give special recognition to the WG's chairman, James Good without whom, I believe we would have floundered long ago.

John Austin

3. Report from the Kimble Stewart Hall Committee

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, Private Celebrations, Local and National Elections. Ante-natal classes have now been added to the regulars. Sadly one of the regular art classes has now finished as the tutor, associated with the Stewart Hall for some 40 years, is experiencing ill-health. Ill-health also affected the exhibitors for Bucks Art exhibition week so that did not go ahead in the hall, neither did their usual November event

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

The redecoration of the main hall has been carried out. A wi-fi connection may now be a moving forward given the possibility of a signal from a property on the B4009.

Heating issues faced us this winter but fortunately our contract with British Gas ensured the heating boiler was fully refurbished at no additional cost. Our hirers were very patient whilst it was being attended to. We did not charge those hirers who braved a cold hall.

Fire and Electrical inspections

Electrical work to comply with the latest regulations has been completed month. Remi Chapman who lives locally is now our 'resident' electrician.

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

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

A fun musical evening was enjoyed by many locals with entertainment provided by one of the groups that hires the hall. Committee member Peter Parsons showed off his talents at this event.

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. John Simmons has now moved from the area. Penny Standen who is new to the Parish has now joined the committee.

Booking Secretary: Amanda Robinson; Cleaner: Doreen Tietjen;

Small Maintenance: Terry Kaye

The Stewart Hall AGM is to be held on Wednesday 4th September 2019

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, responding to unexpected situations such as heating breakdowns and carrying out a multitude of small housekeeping tasks. The team devotes much time to creating a valuable community facility. We are fortunate in 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 2019
Chair, Stewart Hall Committee***

4. Forthcoming projects and events
 - Parish Litter Pick Day
 - Design a Parish Council Logo
 - Village Entry Gates – refurbishment and replacement
5. Open forum
 - Councillors were questioned on various topics by members of the public.
6. Launch of the Public Consultation on the Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan

Signed.....
Chairman

12th June 2019