

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

Attendance: Cllr John Austin, Cllr James Good, Cllr David Williams, Cllr Alun Jones, Cllr Harvey Alison, Cllr Delia Burton and Clerk Pauline McBride.

39) Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr James Cripps.

40) Declaration of interest in any item on this agenda by a member: None Declared

41) To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2023. Unanimously approved.

42) Proposed Kimblewick Solar Farm development. Nick Beddoe, of Lighthouse Development Consulting, was in attendance to summarise plans for a Solar Farm development and to outline the possible community benefits which could be provided to the Parish if the development was to go ahead. Nick outlined the location and answered questions on the construction process, levels of noise anticipated, vehicle movements and traffic implications, upgrades, decommissioning, recycling, number of panels, hedge, and tree planting to shield view from Bridleway, grid connection, battery storage etc.

There had been a recent, well attended public exhibition of the proposed plans and members of the public had suggested the funding of solar panels for Kimble Stewart Hall could be a popular community benefit. **The Parish Council will look out for the planning application and will also consider and communicate potential options for community benefit funding. (Solar Panels for Kimble Stewart Hall are being considered separately but could well be the most appropriate option for funding)**

43) Finance Report:

a) Income Received in May:

CIL Funds (initial incorrect amount)	£41977.12
CIL Funds (revised underpaid amount)	£27984.74
Total CIL payment	£69961.86

Bank Interest	£37.27
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Income Received was noted.

b) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balances of £162,415.75 were noted. This was mainly due to 1st tranche of precept received in April (£21000) and May CIL funds received (£69961.86) in May. **Clerk to investigate an additional, separate bank** (to hold Parish funds over £85,000 since this is the maximum covered by the FSA in the event of a collapse.)

c) To Approve June Payments

Pauline McBride	May Salary & holiday pay	£1014.71		£1014.71
HMRC	PAYE	£96.37		£96.37
Playspace	Visit to repair slide tower	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00
Playspace	Repair and refit goal	£365.00	£73.00	£438.00
TBS	Bin Emptying May	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
Pauline McBride	Expenses May	£35.90		£35.90
Richard Billyard	May mowing	£1094.00		£1094.00
SRT Trading	Litterpick May	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Julie Bunker	War Memorial Plants	£29.50		£29.50
Cashplus Account	Top up May Expenditure	£38.23	£7.64	£45.87
Total		£2913.71	£128.64	£3042.35

June Payments were noted and approved.

44) Planning Applications, appeals and injunctions plus any updates of allocated sites as included in the Neighbourhood plan

23/06129/VCDN: Sunnydale Upper Icknield Way Cadsden Buckinghamshire HP27 0NA. Variation of condition 3 (materials) attached to 22/08008/FUL (Householder application for construction of two storey side extension with rear first floor terrace and fenestration alterations following removal of existing rear single storey attached structures) to allow for alterations to proposed materials. **Clerk to submit no comment to make on application.**

It was noted that the retrospective application for The Lodge, Marsh Lane, Marsh had been refused by Buckinghamshire County Council on 30/5/2023.

A resident had asked the Parish Council about planning application 2018/07975/OUT for a new development of 14 units in Little Kimble. (The Laurels Development) They had serious concerns on the safety of pedestrians walking under the railway bridge and thought that the mitigation of this risk was part of the planning requirements. Because of emergency road closures in the area, it was felt this required urgent attention. **Clerk to send email containing the questions prepared by Cllr. Good and including a proposal that, to clearly indicate the danger of pedestrians, an outline footpath could be painted on the road way under the bridge. Copies to Cllr Harris and Cllr Broadbent and James Tunnard.**

Cllr Williams outlined that the former Prince of Wales pub in Marsh appears to be applying for a change of usage. This had not been done via a normal planning application but rather a legal route of requesting a certificate of lawfulness for proposed change of use. **Cllr Good will forward details and clerk will write to see if the application can be challenged.**

45) Kimble Stewart Hall: Cllr. Burton reported fibre broadband had been installed and the extender to reach the meeting room would be next. The committee are still awaiting the costings of the electrical work. Cllr Burton mentioned that Community Impact are using the Parish Council as an example on their website. It seems this relates to an insurance query which they were able to assist with in the past. As Kimble Stewart Hall is 100 years old next year, Cllr. Burton suggested that some form of celebration to bring people together at the hall would be appropriate. All agreed. **All Cllrs to give thought around ideas for 100 year celebration to discuss at next meeting. Clerk to provide Sue Howgate with Community Impact subscription number/reference.**

46) Community Board Report: Cllr. Cripps had emailed the current status with nothing new to report on the Community Board front, with no discernible movement on the various outstanding traffic improvement proposals despite the new transport for Bucks getting access to the papers at the beginning of April.

47) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update: Cllr. Williams reported that there is no progress and unlikely that there will ever be any without the involvement of Buckinghamshire County Council. As mentioned previously Council contractors appear unwilling to even quote for the work. **Clerk to invite Cllrs. Harris, Broadbent and Caffrey to the next meeting to discuss kerbing and pedestrian access.**

48) To note AGAR return completed and sent to external auditors. Noted

49) To note CIL annual return submission and current CIL funds status. The clerk had challenged CIL funds received of £41997. They were then correctly increased to £69961.86. The annual CIL report had been submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council and a summary CIL status report had been distributed with the meeting pack. Noted.

50) To review a draft Financial Controls Policy. The clerk had produced a draft policy and sent out with the meeting pack. All Cllrs had reviewed and agreed the policy. **Clerk to update website with newly adopted Financial Controls Policy.**

51) To review a draft Financial Controls Checklist. The clerk had produced a draft financial controls checklist and sent out with the meeting pack. All Cllrs had reviewed and agreed the checklist. **Clerk to update website with newly adopted Financial Controls Checklist.**

52) To review a draft Reserves Policy. The clerk had produced a draft policy and sent out with the meeting pack. All Cllrs had reviewed and agreed the policy. **Clerk to update website with newly adopted Reserves Policy.**

53) To review Standing Orders. Adopted October 21 and should be reviewed annually. The clerk had sent out the current Standing Orders with the meeting pack. All Cllrs had reviewed and agreed the orders. **Clerk to update website with Standing Orders noting their review and agreement on 14th June.**

54) To note that the previously agreed Electors Rights Notification was posted to noticeboards and website on 8th June coronation plans. Noted.

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

A resident had approached the Council about overgrown trees and hedges. The resident had tried Buckinghamshire County Council initially but had been advised the trees were the responsibility of the land owner. There are two areas of concern and the Parish Council discussed and agreed the quickest solution would be to take on this responsibility this time. **Cllr. Burton to advise of the exact locations and Clerk to ask Richard Billyard to cut back the trees/hedges as soon as possible.**

Cllr. Burton had received a potential design for the Jubilee bench. The consensus was that brick, as opposed to Oak, would be much more durable. **Cllr. Burton will pass on this information.**

Cllr Burton had received several quotes for Solar Panels for Kimble Stewart Hall. All were around the same total value but Kimble Solar supplier had provided the greatest detail. It was discussed and agreed that this supplier is far superior to others in the area but that this needs to be investigated as a separate agenda item. **Clerk to include agenda item for next months meeting.**

A resident had approached a Parish Councillor to ask why the Parish Council had not communicated/publicised the recent court case where a Marsh resident had been found guilty of crimes against vulnerable homeowners. The information had been publicised by Buckinghamshire County Council but not all residents are signed up to receive this email. **Clerk to publish the Buckinghamshire County Council communication and to prepare a summary for the parish newsletter.**

56) To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council Meeting: 12th July, 2023

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman.....

Date: