

Minutes of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at Kimble Stewart Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

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

164) Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2023. Unanimously approved.

165) Finance Report

a) Income Received in December:

Bank Interest	£75.15
KSH Receipt	£1.00

b) Bank Balances - Total Bank Balance as at 30/12/2023 was £177,978.49

c) January Payments for Approval

Pauline McBride	December Salary	£714.23		£714.23
HMRC	PAYE	£11.60		£11.60
The Play Inspection Co.	Playground Inspection	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00
TBS	Bin Emptying December	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
Pauline McBride	Expenses December	£35.90		£35.90
Cashplus Account	Top up December Expenditure	£57.02	£3.40	£60.42
Total		£1008.75	£41.40	£1050.15

January payments were noted and approved.

166) Planning Applications, appeals and injunctions plus any updates of allocated sites as included in the Neighbourhood plan. To include any update on the proposed Kimblewick solar farm. Also, to include update on Stables Farm, Marsh Road.

23/07890/FUL: Roundhill, Kimblewick Road Kimblewick, Buckinghamshire HP17 8TB. Demolition of the existing property including converted double garage and erection of new two storey dwelling with attic accommodation and attached triple garage. **Clerk will submit the standard no comment response.**

23/07891/FUL: Roundhill, Kimblewick Road Kimblewick, Buckinghamshire HP17 8TB. Demolition of the existing dwelling, stables, horse walker, car port and barn and erection of new detached dwelling with and triple garage. **It was noted that the two planning applications relate to one property being demolished and replaced with two properties. Clerk will submit the standard no comment response.**

23/08042/FUL: The Jasmines, Marsh Road, Little Kimble, Buckinghamshire HP22 5XS. Householder application for construction of a replacement outbuilding (alternative scheme to pp 22/08158/FUL). **Clerk will submit the standard no comment response.**

23/07747/FUL: Briarden, Upper Ickniel Way, Cadsden, Buckinghamshire HP27 0NA. Conversion of existing traditional stables to ancillary residential accommodation outside of residential curtilage. It was noted that this falls under the 'Area of outstanding natural beauty' (AONB) and therefore any development would need to be sympathetic. It is essentially a second residential property in the green belt. **Clerk will comment that consideration of the AONB should be taken into account during the planning process.**

The following status changes of applications were noted:

17/06236/PNP6B: Field 1 Between Stables Farm and Footpath 22A. Prior Notification for erection of detached agricultural building for storage of farm machinery and crops. This application was previously refused but an email from Stephanie Penney of Buckinghamshire County Council was received 19/12/2023 stating that she had served a planning Contravention Notice to establish more information on this. However, she also said that she had been advised that a certificate of lawfulness is to be submitted.

23/07717/FUL: September Cottage Kimblewick Road Kimblewick Buckinghamshire HP17 8TB. Householder application for construction of single storey rear infill extension following demolition of existing integral garden room. Application permitted 20/12/2023.

Cllr Burton mentioned that she had organised a meeting with CALA homes for Friday 19th January to discuss/agree the playground safety fencing that would be required as part of the agreed development plans. In addition to discuss the plans for the agreed canopy coverage, a potential sensory garden and MUGA facilities would also be discussed. Cllr Harvey Alison will also be attending. **Cllr. Burton to report back on the meeting.**

In response to a number of concerns expressed by constituents over the festive season Cllr Williams had drafted a letter concerning the light pollution which had been discussed at the December meeting. It was agreed to report this both to Buckinghamshire County Council and HS2 agency. **Cllr Williams will finalise the communication for the Clerk to file with Buckinghamshire County Council and the HS2 Authorities.**

167) To update on Banking status – Unity and Lloyds. The Clerk reported that the Lloyds incorrect address issue had finally been resolved and that Cllr Cripps had applied for on line banking access. It was thought the address correction should finally resolve the issues preventing the removal of three prior (Parish Council) signatories. **Clerk will follow up with Lloyds Bank to check if/when the requested signatories are removed.**

168) To Note Accounts to December 2023. A summary of accounts had been distributed with the meeting pack. The clerk outlined the favourable income variance due to CIL income and the favourable expenditure variance due to current underspends on Marsh Kerbing, Village gates etc. It was noted that there would be expenditure on village gates and bus stops before the end of the financial year. Noted.

169) To review and approve completed internal audit questionnaire. The clerk had circulated with the meeting pack the 21-page completed questionnaire. In addition, the clerk outlined the next steps that the Internal Audit process will follow, the questionnaire being the first stage. The questionnaire had been reviewed by all. Noted and Approved.

170) To update on VAR speeding signs. The clerk outlined confirmed that the three new signs and two new extension poles were on finally on order. It had taken many calls and emails to place the orders with the separate sign and extension pole suppliers. There had been further confusion when the extension pole supplier had quoted for both supply and installation of the poles, whereas there are brackets to allow for fixing the extension. In addition, the Christmas break had caused delays in getting both orders updated to reflect the additional replacement sign which was approved at December's meeting.

171) To consider the requirement for a policy on Biodiversity. Considered and noted.

172) To consider request to hold another photo competition. This was unanimously thought to be a great idea. The last competition had proved to be very popular and advertised the parish council, the newsletter, and the parish website. It was agreed to offer the same prizes as last time and to have the theme as Kimble cum Marsh in Spring. The dates were agreed from 15th March to 15th April to coincide with the school Easter holidays (which were thought to be prime time for school children to participate in the competition) **Clerk will advertise in line with last competition on the community section of the website, also newsletter and whatsapp.**

173) Kimble Stewart Hall. Including potential request for funding assistance re fire alarm system. Cllr Burton had attended the latest Kimble Stewart Hall meeting and reported back on the serious concerns the hall has regarding the sheer volume of rules and regulations that were now in place governing halls. Fire Alarms require hard wiring, a fuse box needs to be moved to accommodate the installation of solar roof panels. There were ongoing insurance issues concerning a recent accident (fall from a ladder) at the hall. The Wednesday drumming group had cancelled their hall bookings. Cllr Burton also mentioned the hall treasurer was having problems moving/setting up a new bank account. **Clerk will telephone hall Treasurer to offer assistance with bank issues.**

174) Community Board Report (including Rail Bridge Pedestrian Safety Issues): Cllr. Cripps was not in attendance and so no update was available. The Clerk had asked whether there had been any response to the Community Boards email offering some options on road safety matters in three areas of the Parish.

- a) Outside the Swan Public House. Buckinghamshire Highways/Community Boards had rejected the suggestion of red coloured surfacing and instead suggested low-cost signing and lining measures. From the experience of other Parishes, it was felt this would not be anywhere near as effective and all agreed that the increasing number of children crossing here would lead to serious accidents/fatalities at some point and must be addressed. **Clerk to check that Cllr Cripps has not already responded and, if not, reject the signing and lining offer but offer that the Parish Council would pay the difference between this and the more effective and preferred red coloured surfacing option.**
- b) Marsh Lane Traffic Calming. The Highways/Community Boards had rejected the parish council suggestions and instead suggested that a new project through the Community Board process is initiated to install 'Road Narrows' signing and possibly a speed roundel. All agreed that the measures were not sufficient and that another project initiation would simply push the problem further into the future. **Clerk to check that Cllr Cripps has not already responded and, if not, reject the offer of a new project and instead offer to pay for the traffic calming feasibility study.**
- c) Great Kimble school traffic calming. The Highways/Community Board had rejected the option of a traffic calming feasibility study and had instead suggested that an option to reduce the speed limit from 50 to 40 miles per hour is investigated with the parish council paying for a speed survey. **Clerk to check that Cllr Cripps has not already responded and, if not, acknowledge receipt of this letter and say that the Parish Council will consider this and seek the opinion of Great Kimble School.**

175) Marsh Kerbing/Pinch Point Project update: There is a new thought that perhaps the red coloured surface (as also mentioned in point 175a above could offer a cost-effective solution. In addition, point 175b above agrees the offer to pay for a traffic calming feasibility study.

176) Correspondence, reports, and issues (for information only).

The Clerk outlined several items which need to be reviewed and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting (Review of fixed assets, review of CIL income and expenditure, note that precept request send to Buckinghamshire County Council, review of reserves) **Clerk will add these to the agenda for February meeting.**

The Clerk had received two invoices from Community Boards/Buckinghamshire County Council for a 'Road Narrows' and 'Traffic Calming' parish contribution to projects. The Councillors were unaware of what exactly these invoices were for and who/when they had been authorised. It does look likely that the invoices relate to items 175a and 175b above. **Clerk to check with Cllr Cripps whether he has any knowledge of agreement/authorisation of the invoices and query with Community Boards/Highways.**

Cllr Burton queried the possibility and planning implications of placing a storage container in the carpark to use for Kimble Steward Hall items. Cllr Jones offered a lot of practical advice on the most appropriate type of unit to purchases. **Cllr Burton will liaise with Cllr Jones prior to Kimble Steward Hall purchasing the unit.**

Cllr Burton mentioned that the traffic island outside the Swan Public House had still not been repaired, despite having logged it on 'fixmystreet'. **Clerk will follow up.**

Cllr Jones asked when the memorial bench would be installed in position. **Cllr Burton will follow this up.**

177) To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council Meeting: 14th February, 2024

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....

Date: