

Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh held on Wednesday 14th September 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.

Mr Gerald Redding attended to enquire about the Affordable Housing Scheme progress and to ask of the maintenance of the footpath opposite the station could be chased up

Introduction by Councillor Steve Lacey – Icknield Ward

Councillor Lacey introduced himself to all present and explained his background and commitment to his new role. He went on to answer questions from the Councillors and left the meeting prior to business starting after being thanked by the Chairman.

1 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Councillor David Williams (Chairman) Julie Bunker - Clerk
Councillor John Austin (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Delia Burton
Councillor Donna Johnson
Councillor Julia Northway

Apologies were tendered by Councillor Alun Jones and we accepted

Councillor David Williams was unavoidably delayed and joined the meeting at approximately 8pm; Councillor John Austin took the chair.

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

None

3 Minutes

To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 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 To review the Accounts for July and August 2011

The Accounts were reviewed and agreed

5 WDC Planning Guidance on Future Travellers Applications - with reference to the National planning Guidance circular 01/2006 – Councillor John Austin

After discussion the above topic it was decided that Councillor Johnson would draft a letter for comment and once the draft is settled the Clerk will send to all District Councillors.

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 Parish Council careful considered all the current applications and approved responses.

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

The Clerk will chase a response from BCC regarding our bid for funding of the bus shelter and the salt bin. It was reported that many of the signage in the area was overgrown with vegetation, the clerk will report this to BCC but is likely to need specific locations.

8 Affordable Housing – Update

The Clerk had asked Hastoe Housing for an update and received the following response.

“There has been progress on the affordable housing scheme though. We now have an option in place to buy the land so that side of the process is secure.

Hastoe was one of the fortunate housing associations to receive an allocation of funding from the HCA and, although it was less than we asked for, it means we will be able to take forward most of our planned developments albeit with a lower level of subsidy.

We had delayed commissioning the reports needed for the planning application until the funding position was known but this is now underway and work is continuing on the application in the hope of submitting it late next month. We will organise a pre-application meeting with the planners before the submission is made to ensure we are on the right track and I will let you know how this goes”

9 Planting 60 Trees to mark The Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – Councillor David Williams

Councillor Williams proposed that the Parish Council funded the planting of 60 native trees within the Parish to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in areas decided by the Community. The Clerk will add a note in the Newsletter and on Noticeboards asking for suggestions on locations. Trees will need to be planted in groups of 5 or more.

10 Projects around the Parish for 2011/12 – Update

- **Bulb Planting – Councillor Delia Burton**

Councillor Delia Burton had contacted Askett Nurseries for a quote for planting at the Village Entry gates, the Council discussed the proposals and decided initial planting with bulbs only to start with, cost of £50 per gate. Councillor Burton will progress this.

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

The Clerk reported that WDC are currently reviewing the local kerbside recycling rounds and there is a possibility that kerbside glass collection and green waste may be added, but no decision on this will be made until late 2012.

- **Kimble Stewart Hall – Councillor David Williams**

The windows were replaced with insulated double glazed units, new curtains and new carpet has been ordered for the hall between the kitchen and ladies toilets. An email had been received from the KSH Committee asking for ideas from the Parish Council as to utilisation of the village hall in the future and consulting the Community on which facilities they would like and use. Community Impact Bucks had given the Parish Council a ‘Toolkit’ but the Parish Council felt that this would be a lot of work, however Councillor Burton will take the ‘Toolkit’ away for the KSH Committee to look through and report back to the Parish Council.

11 Public Bridleway 28 in the Parish of Great and Little Kimble - Lockable Bollard to deter Fly Tipping

Bucks County Council have agreed to install a lockable bollard at the above location, with adjoining landowners having a key each. The Bollard will need painting and the Parish Council agreed to meet the cost of this once it has been installed.

12 Request for funding from Friends of Kimble School

A request for a £200 grant from the Friends of Kimble School towards the cost of their School Fete was agreed.

13 Local Area Forum Meetings – Attendance rota – Next meeting 21 September 2011 @ Kimble Stewart Hall

The Clerk reported that this meeting was to be held for the first time at the Kimble Stewart Hall and suggested that attendance by one or more Councillors would be a benefit. It was agreed Councillors will attend this useful meeting on a rota basis which is to be agreed.

14 Forthcoming Village Celebrations

(Christmas Party and Carols and Queens Diamond Jubilee)

Councillor Burton reported that Bill Brown has volunteered to organise the Christmas Party and that she has also received a number of offers of help for the Jubilee Celebrations.

Councillor Northway reported that the Ellesborough Silver Band may not be available to play at the Carol singing, it was suggested that other local musicians could perhaps help.

15 Reports from Councillors and Parish Clerk on various matters

To include any correspondence on the following matters:

a) Parish repairs/maintenance (non BCC matters)

Pothole on the Hill toward the Bernard Arms PH, the Clerk will report to BCC

b) Proposed TRO regarding the Byway Open to All Traffic

No further information on the progress of this.

16 Any other business and items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the council on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm at Kimble Stewart Hall

Councillor Williams reported that the Chilterns Conservation Board are asking for extra funding (between £50-£500). An agenda item will be added for next month for discussion/decision

Although several applicants had expressed interest in the advertised vacancy, Mr James Good had emerged as the leading candidate for the Council seat available on the retirement of Major General Stuart Watson. Mr Good had been interviewed and was formally proposed for co-option by the Chairman. His CV will be circulated beforehand and he will be invited to join either the October or November meeting at which, if satisfactory to both Councillors and him, he will formally be co-opted to join the Council.

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 30th September 2011 – minutes prepared Julie Bunker

Councillor David Williams (Chairman)

Julie Bunker (Parish Clerk)