

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs: Mr C Bunn (Chairman), Mrs S Rawlins, Mr S Finney and Mrs J Rogers.

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), District Cllr. Mr D Godwin and 20 members of the public.

1. Apologies: These were received and accepted from Councillor Mr P Bytheway and County Cllr. Mr D Chambers.

2. Declarations of Interest:

2.1 Dispensation has been granted to Cllr. Bunn at each meeting for a Declaration of Pecuniary Interest, to enable participation in all discussions relating to the 'Lengthsman'.

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 35 mins/Public Question Time: Due to the significant interest in Item 5.1, additional time was permitted for members of the public to speak.

The Chairman invited those present to give their views and Mr G Malcolm started with a comprehensive outline of the application and the potential building costs of the live/work units. He also informed the meeting that, in his professional capacity, he and his colleagues never seen a new build live-work scheme on this scale, or know of any that work.

Other members of the public raised several relevant points and questions including the following as noted.

- The workspace is 2.5 times the Mamble Village Hall floorspace.
- What level of employment would the units generate?
- Mamble does not have a good level of services, with a very limited bus service and one public house.
- The units are restricted in use for a number of things, for example, unable sell goods to the public – so are constrained in use.
- Parking – how and where will delivery drivers turn round and park, where will visitors park?
- The traffic count was undertaken during lockdown.
- The site is outside the development area of Mamble.
- This application should be dealt with by Malvern Hills District Council Northern Area Planning Committee, and not a delegated decision.
- After any approval, if the owners could not sell them, they could split off the workspace and develop that separately.
- No topographical survey, taken ridge of house not ridge of work unit.
- Where is the water going to go? This area of Mamble is susceptible to flooding. 400 gallons per day, thin layer of topsoil then into red clay which does not soak away. If work units, then the increase of water has got to go somewhere – a good storm will generate 4 inches of rain and end up down the neighbours drive opposite the site. Drainage system in the village can't cope with water at the moment.
- The Applicant is acting on behalf of the owners, they could get planning permission and then sell it.
- Live/work units are typically converted farm buildings for craft, potters, and artistic blacksmiths
- The application is a spurious and totally speculative approach.
- If a housing association thought they could make money out of live/work units there would be a lot more of them.
- This size in this village, what sort of industry is coming to the area
- Wrong building wrong place and what will happen to the waste as new environmental rules are coming into force?
- A Previous application in 1991 was thrown out (4 bungalows). Nothing has changed, the land is still the same and it does not comply with the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving their views.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 05/01/23 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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5. MHDC Planning Applications/Notifications:

5.1 Planning Application Consultation M/22/01623/FUL Land At (Os 6896 7149) Mamble

<https://plan.malvern hills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/M/22/01623/FUL>

Applicant: Mr C Houston Location: Land at (OS 6896 7149), Mamble

Description of Proposal: Proposed construction of 4no. detached live-work units (sui generis use), including new vehicular access, internal private driveways, biodiversity planting and green infrastructure (including drainage fields), land north of A456(?), Mamble, Worcestershire.

Mamble Parish Council, having considered the views of the parishioners regarding this matter, agreed to object to this application in the strongest possible terms and request that this application is considered by the Northern Area Planning Committee and a site meeting be arranged as soon as possible. The Clerk will submit the agreed letter of objection to Malvern Hills Planning Department by the due date.

5.2 M/22/00944/RM Foxley Farm, Mamble, DY14 9JA. Additional information/amendment received. Councillors agreed that no additional comments were required.

6. Progress reports:

6.1 Lay by, dumped tyres, bottle banks and damaged sign. The Chairman reported that the bottle banks were still in place and all recent fly tipping has been removed by the Council. The Clerk has reported the damaged sign.

6.2 King Charles III Coronation commemorative bench. The Chairman will contact Bayton Parish Clerk regarding the plaque on their bench.

7. Councillors', County and District Councillor reports. County Cllr. Chambers kindly sent his apologies and a copy of his report is appended to these minutes. District Cllr. Godwin gave a brief report on planning matters and a reminder for the requirement of photo ID for the forthcoming elections.

8. Correspondence received and Items for Discussion:

8.1 Information on a new 'Men's Shed' in the Teme Valley. This is a new initiative for the area and the Clerk will reply suggesting a presentation at a future parish council meeting.

8.2 The West Midlands Police Community Charter. This was briefly discussed and the Clerk will complete the form on behalf of the Parish Council.

8.3 Elections 2023 – information from Malvern Hills District Council Electoral Services Manager. The election costs, forms and dates were discussed and the timetable of proceedings provided to Councillors, which is also displayed on the Parish Noticeboard.

9. Finance:

9.1 The Chairman and the Clerk signed Mamble Parish Council Budget 2023-2024 agreed at the last meeting.

9.2 The Precept request for £6000 for 2023-2024 has been acknowledged by Malvern Hills District Council.

9.3 Bank Statements

26.01.23 Business Account £5079.38

31.01.23 Current Account £2712.13

9.4 Receipts: 24.01.23 Worcestershire County Council P3 Scheme £441.00

9.5 Payments – The following payments were ratified and cheques signed:

9.5.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman January) £210.00

9.5.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses) £330.00

10. Clerk & Councillors reports

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm in Mamble Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman

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APPENDICIES

Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Mamble Parish Council 9th February 2023

Health Inequalities & Impacts resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic

It was reported to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in January that the impacts of Covid-19 had not been felt equally across the population and has exacerbated existing health inequalities in a number of areas.

Locally, several ethnic groups have had high numbers of cases and data suggests a strong relationship between death from Covid-19, older age and male gender. During the first 18 months of the pandemic to September 2021, there was a clear elevated risk of infections amongst non-white British Groups.

An estimated 2.2 million people living in private households in the UK (3.4% of the population) were experiencing self-reported long Covid symptoms. Estimates for Worcestershire are not available but if prevalence reflected national levels, the county would have 20,000 people with long Covid, of whom 15,000 would have systems which adversely affected their day to day lives.

WCC Cabinet

The Cabinet met on 5th January to consider the Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2024-2027. It is recommending to Council at the February meeting, an increase in Council Tax of 2.94% and in the Adult Social Care Levy by 2.0%.

Kyrebroke Daycare Centre

Kyrebroke Daycare Centre in Tenbury Wells has a substantially reduced number of clients since Covid. Not all private clients have returned and there has been a reduction in the number of clients sent via Worcestershire County Council. If numbers do not improve then the Centre may close.

Kyrebroke provide an excellent Daycare facility for elderly residents, from a wide geographical area. I am liaising with WCC in regards to reduced numbers from the County Council.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.