

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk)

1. Apologies: These were received and accepted from County Cllr. Mr D Chambers and District Cllr. Mr D Godwin.

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'.

2.2 Cllr. Finney declared an interest in Item 5.2 and left the meeting prior to this item being discussed.

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 35 mins/Public Question Time: No public present.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 09/02/23 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. MHDC Planning Applications/Notifications:

5.1 To confirm Mamble Parish Council's response to planning Application Consultation M/22/01623/FUL.

Councillors have all received a copy of the letter of objection to this application and noted there were a significant number of objections from parishioners, including Highways.

5.2 M/22/01844/FUL Land At (Os 6934 7139) Mamble Applicant: Mr Rob Finney

Erection of new dwelling and larger metal clad shed/workshop for personal historic caravan collection. ***Due to the Declaration of Interest, Councillors agreed to consider this item at the end of the meeting, to allow Cllr. Finney to take part in the meeting then leave before this item was discussed, which he did at 8.20pm. Councillors then discussed the application and agreed on the following, which will be submitted by the Clerk.***

Mamble Parish Council support this application, with one comment, that the recommendation for a risk assessment put forward by the Coal Authority is undertaken by the applicant prior to approval.

6. Councillors', County and District Councillor reports. County Cllr. Chambers kindly submitted a written report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

7. Progress reports:

7.1 Lay by, bottle banks and damaged sign. The Chairman reported the bottle banks are still in the layby and the Clerk has reported the damaged sign. Councillors noted a recent increase in dog fouling and agreed that a notice will be put in Mamble News. The Clerk will also source a 'Green Dog Walkers' sign. Cllr. Bytheway reported a dangerous tree, down on the A456 by Lower Moorend Farm, which will be reported to Highways.

7.2 Bench plaques. Councillors agreed on the wording of the plaques, which the Chairman will order.

8. Correspondence received and Items for Discussion:

8.1 Election 2023 – significant dates, code of conduct guidance and nomination papers. The Clerk and Councillors will meet on Thursday 23rd March, to complete the nomination papers which will then delivery by hand to MHDC.

8.2 Clerk & Councils Direct March 2023.

9. Finance:

9.1 Bank Statements

26.02.23 Business Account £5079.38

28.02.23 Current Account £3031.13

9.2 Receipts: 24.02.23 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment £870.00

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

9.3.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman February) £210.00

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

10. Clerk & Councillors reports

Councillors agreed that grants will be an agenda item for the next meeting which will be held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7pm in Mamble Village Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

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

Chairman

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APPENDICIES

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

New Special School for Children with Autism

A new special school that caters for the needs of pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is to be built in Malvern. The successful bid from Worcestershire County Council was announced this week by the Department for Education.

The new special free school will provide 120 full time places for pupils aged 5-19 with autism, who are able to engage with mainstream curriculum with extra support and who would also benefit from a specific environment and staff dedicated to a holistic approach. The capital funding for the new school will be provided from the Government's Free School Programme.

County Council Budget 2023/24

At the Budget meeting of the Council, Council approved the following recommendations:

- a. A budget of £400.813 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- b. A Capital programme of £432.720 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- c. An increase in Council Tax Precept of 4.94%, broken into two parts:
 - i. 2.94% to provide financial support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the Corporate Plan.
 - ii. 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept, ring-fenced for Adult Social Care services, in order to contribute to existing cost pressures due to Worcestershire's ageing population.

At the Budget meeting there was a proposal by the Opposition to reduce the Highways Capital programme by £2million. I spoke against this amendment (which was similar to an amendment submitted one year ago), because it is my view that if you were do this, then over a relatively short period of time, Worcestershire roads would become similar to those we experience in Herefordshire. Whilst Worcestershire roads are not perfect, they are considerably better than those in neighbouring counties. I am pleased that the amendment was defeated.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service

I attended a meeting of the Fire Authority (Monday 13th February). The Chief Fire Officer reported that a pay offer of 7% for this year and 5% for next year had been offered to the unions. He is hopeful that the pay offer will be accepted, following consultations ending in early March, which will hopefully mean that there will be no further strikes within our area.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.