

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 12th August 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), County Councillor Mr D Chambers, District Councillor Mr D Godwin and Parishioner Mr P Bytheway.

1. **Apologies:** None.

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on the 29/06/21 were approved and signed by The Chairman.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

3.1 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'.

3.2 Cllr. Finney declared an interest in Item 8.1.

4. **Progress reports:**

4.1 Trees and Overgrown Hedges. The Clerk reported that no further action has been taken by the County Council regarding the trees and a notice will go in Mamble news regarding overgrown hedges.

4.2 Land drainage problem at Cross Cottage, Mamble. No further work has been done since the last meeting.

4.3 Rubbish in the Lay-by. This has now been cleared.

5. **Councillors' and District Councillor reports:**

County Councillor Chambers kindly addressed the meeting and presented his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. District Cllr. Godwin gave a brief update and information on the parish boundaries as they may look following the Electoral Boundaries review.

6. **Correspondence Received and Items for discussion:**

6.1 South Worcestershire Development Plan – newsletter.

6.2 Malvern Hills District Council - Boundary Commission Consultation.

6.3 Worcestershire CALC AGM and Training dates. The Clerk will book the Chairman training for the 29/09/21,

6.4 Casual Vacancy and Co-option of new Councillor. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in Mamble News and on the website. The closing date for applications is the 17/09/21 and candidates will be invited to attend the next meeting.

7. **Finance:**

7.1 Annual Accounts 2020/2021- The Clerk confirmed that the Notification of Receipt of documents and Exempt Status 2021 had been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP.

7.2 Bank Statements

26.07.2021 Business Account £5069.12

30.06.2021 Current Account £4573.40

7.3 Receipts: 7.3.1 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment 09.07.21 £196.00

7.3.2 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment 05.08.21 £196.00

7.4 Payments - The following payments made since the last meeting were ratified:

7.4.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman Payment June 2021) £196.00

7.4.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/06-05/07/2021) £379.32

7.4.3 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman Payment July 2021) £224.00

7.4.4 Mr R Simpson (Internal Audit) £50.00

7.4.5 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/07-05/08/2021) £280.00

7.4.6 Mrs A Watson (Payment to Wel Medical for Defibrillator Pads) £86.40

8. **Malvern Hills District Council Planning Notifications:**

8.1 **21/00609/FUL** Applicant: Mr Finney. Proposal: Proposed extension of approved holiday park to provide 14 additional static holiday caravans together with landscaping at Wide Horizons Holiday Park, Mamble, DY14 9JG. **Approved**

8.2 **Appeal Decision APP/J1860/C/21/3270783** Land at (OS 6913 7113) Soddington Hall, Mamble, DY14 9JF. The appeal made by Mr R Tramontana. **The Appeal is dismissed and MHDC Enforcement Notice is upheld.**

9. **Clerk's reports and items for future agenda.**

9.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. A notice will go in Mamble News to ask Parishioners for ideas on how to mark this historic event in the Parish, including the installation of a new bench.

9.2 Helping Hand's Litter Cart. The Clerk reported that this was very kindly donated by 'Helping Hands' and would be available for litter picking.

10. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 23rd September 2021 in Mamble Village Hall.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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APPENDICIES

Item 5. Worcestershire County Council Report

1. Latest Covid Figures issued to County Councillors show a substantial increase in the number of cases as at 26th July 2021.
 - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 526 cases per 100,000.
 - b. The infection rate of people over 60 is 88 per 100,000.
 - c. Five care homes in Worcestershire have more than two cases.
2. Vaccinations continue to progress well in Worcestershire although the number of young people aged over 18 years of age coming forward, is not as positive as we would like.
3. A number of venues and outlets in Worcestershire will continue to encourage mask wearing.
4. A new 600 place secondary school has been approved in Worcester. It will operate as an Academy. No site has yet been agreed.
5. WCC continues to see an increased demand in Children's Services.
6. I have been appointed to the Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority. It is clear that the Police and Crime Commissioner is determined to proceed with his aspirations to incorporate the Fire Authority, together with Shropshire Fire Authority, with West Mercia Police. The PCC would then oversee both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.
7. Other Committees and Panels to which I have been appointed:
 - a. Vice Chairman of Standards & Ethics Committee
 - b. Member of the Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel
 - c. Member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - d. Member of Adult and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel
8. Road "Surface Dressing" is taking place across the County. Structural repairs are completed first followed by an application of hot bituminous binder to the surface, followed by one or two layers of chippings. After about a week the road is then swept and road markings re-painted. There have been a number of cases of verbal and physical abuse of workers; three cases are being investigated by the police, following a number of arrests.
9. The government has given Worcestershire County Council a government grant of £1.5 million to provide free school meals, activities and support to families over the summer holidays. This support will be available to children aged 5 to 15 years. It will enable schools and providers across the county, to run exciting and enriching summer holiday activities with meals provided for disadvantaged children. Activities will be available across the county, including adventure, sport, crafts, dance, horse riding, drama, science, nature exploration and more.
10. TSB are offering a "safe" place for people who are victims of abuse in the home. If such a person visits a TSB and asks, "Can I use your facilities", they will be escorted to a safe place within the bank and given further assistance.
11. Worcestershire County Council declared a Climate Emergency at July's full Council meeting. By declaring a Climate Emergency, the Council acknowledges the need to act on the causes and impact of climate change and commits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero from Council actions and operations by 2050.
12. Unpaid Adult Care Survey

Unpaid carers are being encouraged to take part in a short survey to help shape a strategy for unpaid carers in Worcestershire. Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Association of Carers have launched a survey about the aspirations or goals of carers, to find out what unpaid carers wish to achieve and what unpaid carers would like to see included in an updated strategy for carers in the county. Contact: Adult carers/ Worcestershire County Council.
13. Worcestershire Libraries

All limits on customer numbers in libraries have now been removed and seating re-installed. Libraries are hosting several "Holiday Activity Fund" sessions throughout the summer, to inspire and encourage children who wouldn't normally visit a library. Career clinics will also be held over the summer aimed at 16 – 24 year olds, to support them in their next steps in education or work.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division