

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk)

1. Apologies: These were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs J Rogers, District Cllr. Mr D Godwin 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', including Agenda Item 7.2.

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 15 mins/Public Question Time: None.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 06/01/22 were approved and signed by The Chairman.

5. Progress reports:

5.1 Highways, drainage and Road Closure at lay-by on Frith Common Road. The Chairman stated there was nothing major to report, County Council work in the area had been done and the test would be when we have significant rainfall. The litter bin in the lay-by is being emptied, but not the smaller wooden bin, it was agreed this would be removed.

5.2 Wooden Bench. The Chairman had not received a definitive answer from Bayton Parish Council regarding their 'spare bench', it was therefore agreed that the Clerk will order a new one.

5.3 New Mamble signs have been approved and ordered, having been chased up by County Cllr. Chambers.

5.4 Cllr. Rogers has also made enquiries to Royal Mail regarding a new post box for the village.

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

7. The following items of Correspondence were noted:

7.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on draft boundaries for Malvern Hills <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk//>

7.2 Lengthsman's Contract 2022-23. The Clerk reported that nothing had been received from the County Council to date. Councillors agreed to an increase to the Lengthsman's hourly rate of £15 per hour.

7.3 Grants to local organisations to include, the WI, Mamble History group, Bayton School and Little Learners Nursery will be considered at the next meeting.

7.4 Jubilee celebrations 2022. Councillors discussed a number of ideas for the first weekend in June, including planting a tree, mugs, a plaque for the new bench, a village picnic/party, participation of the Village Hall and road closures.

7.5 To agree a date and arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022.

7.6 South Worcestershire Development Plan Review – Parish and Town Council Newsletter 2022.

8. Finance:

8.1 HSBC Bank Statements:

26.01.2022 Business Account £5069.38

31.12.2021 Current Account £5833.88

8.2 Receipts

8.2.1 21.12.21 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment £196.00

8.2.2 24.12.21 Ward Budget Allocation for Parish Bench £100.00

8.2.3 30.12.21 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment £210.00

8.3 The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Parish Council Budget 2022-2023 as agreed at the last meeting.

8.4 Payments – The following payments were ratified and cheques signed;

8.4.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman January 2022) £203.00

8.4.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses) £280.00

8.4.3 Zoom Subscription Renewal 2022 £143.88

8.4.4 Mamble Village Hall (Hall rent) £120.00

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9. Malvern Hills District Council Planning Notifications:

9.1 **M/22/00001/AGR** Shakenhurst Hall, Shakenhurst. DY14 9AR Prior notification for extension to agricultural building. **Approval not required.**

9.2 **M/22/00066/HP** Old Orchard House, Frith Common, WR15 8JX. Proposed single storey extension, construction of balcony to rear elevation, front porch infill and fenestration alterations. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Douglass. **Parish Council Comment: No comment, as the bulk of this property is not in the parish.**

10. Clerk's reports, items for future agenda and future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be held in Mamble Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 3rd March 2022.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....



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APPENDICIES

Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Mamble Parish Council, 3rd February 2022

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 1st February 2022 are:
 - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 1,234 cases per 100,000.
 - b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 1,069 cases per 100,000.
 - c. The direction of travel is up in Worcestershire as a whole and in four of the six Districts within Worcestershire.
 - d. Worcester City has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 1,563 cases per 100,000.
 - e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 1,100 cases per 100,000.

2. The above rates have increased dramatically in the last two months, for reasons which we are all aware. A week ago numbers were coming down in all Worcestershire Districts but in the last few days, rates have begun to climb up again in four of the six Districts. Fortunately, Covid related hospital admissions and deaths in Worcestershire have not risen at the same rate. The message from the Director of Public Health at the County Council remains the same: Adhere to Government guidelines, ensure you are fully vaccinated, use doctors surgeries, pharmacies, Minor Injury Units, NHS111 etc., wherever possible and only call an ambulance or visit the Acute Hospital if it is absolutely necessary, in order to keep pressure off these two key services, as far as possible.

3. There is some good health related news in Worcestershire. Plans to transform urgent and emergency care services at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital will see the relocation and expansion of the Hospital's Emergency Department, Medical Assessment Unit and Ambulatory Emergency Care, hosting a wide range of diagnostic and treatment services. Works are already underway with a plan to be fully operational by the end of this year.

As you may know, I am a Member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and in November we held an all day meeting with representatives of the West Midlands Ambulance Service, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust, NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and Worcestershire County Council. Although the Committee has no statutory powers, we are able to make recommendations. I am not able to give details of our recommendations at this time, as they are not yet in the public domain but hopefully we will see improvements with regards to Ambulance waiting times, late discharge of patients from the Acute hospital and so on, in the coming months.

An important step forward that will help, is an additional £8million capital funding from NHS England to the Worcestershire Royal Hospital, to create a 30 place, short stay Clinical Assessment Unit. This additional capacity will greatly improve the care of patients who are waiting to be transferred to a ward after being seen in the Emergency Department. It will help free up space in the Emergency Department, ease pressure on Emergency Department staff, reduce waiting times and improve ambulance handover times. This new Unit will hopefully be operational by the end of this month.

4. I am pleased at last to be able to report that the two new "Mamble" signs have been approved and ordered. I will inform the Clerk as soon as I have any details regarding their installation.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.