

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and County Cllr. Mr D Chambers.

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

2. Declarations of Interest: None

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 15 mins/Public Question Time: None.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Progress reports:

5.1 Jubilee Photo Album. Ideas were discussed and Councillors agreed that this, together with some framed photos for display in the Village Hall, would be a great way to remember the occasion. It was also unanimously agreed, that the Chairman will thank Mr R Sharples for his photography on the Jubilee day, and a contribution of £50 will be made for the work he has undertaken so far.

5.2 Fly-tipping and litter in the Lay-by. The Chairman reported on extensive fly tipping that has recently occurred. The District Council are well aware of the problem and looking at solutions that include CCTV in the lay-by again.

5.3 The new Mamble Parish Council website www.mambleparishcouncil.gov.uk The Clerk reported that this is now 'live', and a new email address will soon be in place for all correspondence to the Clerk.

6. County and District Councillor reports. Cllr. Chambers gave a summary of his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes, and also kindly agreed to a donation for the new bench.

7. Correspondence received and Items for Discussion:

7.1 Request from Mrs J Young for another Defibrillator training session and help recruiting additional volunteers to assist with Defibrillator checks. The Clerk is in contact with First Aid training providers for dates in the autumn and a notice will be put in the Parish News for volunteers.

7.2 South Worcestershire Policing Area Introductory Letter from Superintendent Rebecca Lowe to Parish Councils.

7.3 Correspondence received by the Clerk from the HSE regarding Parish Paths. No action required.

8. Finance:

8.1 HSBC Bank Statements:

26.07.2022 Business Account £5070.27

30.06.2022 Current Account £4342.26

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

8.2.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman July 2022) £210.00

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

8.2.3 Bayton Parish Council (Wooden Bench) £543.00

8.2.4 Mr R Sharples (Parish photos) £50.00

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

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th September 2022 in Mamble Village Hall at 7pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

APPENDICIES

Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Mamble Parish Council 3rd August 2022.

1. Worcestershire County Council's Corporate Plan 2022-2027 has been approved by the Council. The document provides a blueprint for the organisation, setting out the Council's core priorities and guiding how the organisation will operate, both internally, with partners across Worcestershire and beyond. In brief, it has focused its work on four key priority areas:

- Open for Business
- Children and Families
- The Environment
- Health and Wellbeing

a. Open for Business: It is proposed to expand key strategic sites to deliver more highly skilled jobs and support further business expansion. Alongside this, the Council will continue to invest in unlocking growth at key transport sites including Shrub Hill and Redditch railway stations, support its partners and deliver further digital connectivity through the provision of gigabit broadband. The Council will also support its partners around plans for Future High Street Fund, Towns Fund and Levelling Up proposals.

b. Children and Families: There will be continued investment into Children and Families and the Council will aim to see its children's services rated as "Good", recognising the significant journey of improvement that has been made. The Council will continue to invest in its school estate, including the delivery of a new secondary school and extra places to keep pace with development.

c. Environment: The Council will continue in its role to help preserve and protect the Environment for future generations. The Council has now agreed a Net Zero plan which will focus efforts to reduce our environmental impact even further, whilst still enabling us to deliver sustainable growth alongside maintaining top-quartile condition for our roads and pavements. The Council will continue to invest in environmental measures that protect our natural environment, enhance our biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

d. Health and Wellbeing: This remains a key priority for our residents. The Council will work even more closely with residents and communities to encourage active lifestyles, enabling people to live longer, healthier and happier lives. The Council's work with the NHS and other partners through the Integrated Care System will help co-ordinate our services and ensure residents receive the right care at the right time to meet their needs.

The County Council is committed to working even closer with our communities. We will expand our "Here2Help" programme to provide a single front door of advice and guidance for people, whilst working with voluntary and community groups to strengthen local support. All of this work sits within our "One Worcestershire" approach to co-ordinating work, investment and priorities across the county. The Council intends to seek to adopt new ways of working, including co-location and shared services, to embrace a joined-up approach to service delivery that best meets local needs and removes barriers between organisations.

2. Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's biggest foster care awareness raising campaign, delivered by leading fostering charities, and took place in May. The campaign showcases the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers. It also supports fostering services to highlight the need for more foster carers. Nationally, thousands of new foster carers are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups, disabled children and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The County Council is urging residents in Worcestershire, to give consideration to becoming a foster carer, because quite simply, fostering is better than Care.

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

3. Worcestershire County Council continues to work closely with the six Worcestershire District Councils to help provide accommodation with families throughout the county. Over two thousand families have offered their homes to Ukrainian families, with the number of guests arriving increasing all the time.

4. Following the unsuccessful Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government and the disappointing news that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire, the County Council is now conducting a complete review of its policy regarding bus services in Worcestershire.

5. Ambulance waiting times remain a major concern in the county. Ambulances continue to wait for several hours to discharge their patients at the Worcester Royal Hospital, due to patient delays from progressing from the Emergency Department onto wards. The County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will continue to seek positive improvements and outcomes, as part of its scrutiny with all the health sectors involved.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.