

## MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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) and District Cllr. Mr D Godwin

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### Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

**Mamble Parish Council are deeply saddened by the news this afternoon of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this very difficult time.**

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**1. Apologies:** These were received and accepted from Cllr. 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 15 mins/Public Question Time:** None.

**4. Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Progress reports:**

5.1 Fly Tipping in Lay. The Chairman reported the rubbish has now been cleared, and the lay-by is clean and tidy.

5.2 New Benches in Mamble. Councillors are delighted with the new bench, kindly funded by a grant from County Cllr. Mr D Chambers, and kindly installed by Cllr. Bunn at the front of the Village Hall. Due to an additional grant from District Cllr. Mr D Godwin another bench will be purchased to replace the old one in the village.

5.3 Parish website. Councillors are very pleased with the new website and the Clerk is learning to update it.

**6. Councillors', County and District Councillor reports.** County Cllr. Chambers kindly sent his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. District Cllr. Godwin reported on the state of MHDC's 5-year housing land supply, planning, and current funding projects.

**7. Correspondence received and Items for Discussion:**

7.1 MHDC Update on Housing Land Supply position. This was provided by District Cllr. Godwin.

7.2 Request from a parishioner for a litter picking party in the village to collect litter on the A456. At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk had clarified the Parish Council's position with the insurers BHIB. As the main road is not considered a 'low risk zone' a detailed proposal would have to be considered by the insurance assessors before any agreement of cover was in place. After consideration, Councillors agreed to decline the request, however it was noted that the District Council had recently been collecting litter in this area.

7.3 Cleobury Country Ltd possible first aid/defibrillator training dates. The Clerk reported that the cost of providing a course would be £175. It was agreed Cllr. Rogers will put a note in Mamble News, to gauge interest before anything is booked.

7.4 An invitation from Chairman of MHDC to skittles evening was duly noted.

**8. Finance:**

8.1 Annual Accounts 2021/2022- Notification of Receipt of documents and Exempt Status 2022.

8.2 Annual Audit – Option opt-out of the SAAA external auditor appointment arrangements. The Clerk reported on both items 8.1 and 8.2. Councillors unanimously agreed not to opt-out of the external audit.

8.3 HSBC Bank Statements:

26.08.2022 Business Account                    £5070.27

31.08.2022 Current Account                    £2597.26

**8.4 Payments – The following payments were ratified and cheques signed:**

8.4.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman August 2022)       £202.50

8.4.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses)    £343.99

8.4.3 Parish Council Websites (Parish Website)   £639.42

8.4.4 Mrs J Rogers (Jubilee photo album)        £27.92

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9. Cllr. Rogers very kindly brought a set of Jubilee photographs displayed in an album to the meeting. A wonderful reminder of a special celebration, made all the more poignant on such a sad day.

The next meeting will be held in Mamble Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.**

Signed.....

Date.....

**Chairman**

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### APPENDICIES

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#### **Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Mamble Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

1. Families from Ukraine: Worcestershire County Council continue 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.

The Malvern Hills District is hosting an above average number of guests. School funding for children of Ukrainian families receive higher than normal funding for schooling, to assist with their additional needs. Early years (age 2-4) £3,000, Primary (age 5-11) £6,580, secondary (11-18) £8,755.

2. Following the unsuccessful Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government the County Council is continuing with its complete review of its policy regarding bus services in Worcestershire.
3. At a recent meeting of the County Council, I submitted a Notice of Motion calling on the relevant Cabinet Members to work with relevant agencies and partners to encourage all schools in Worcestershire with year 7 and above, to offer CPR training programmes. Last year I encouraged the promotion of Defibrillators and the need to increase their number across the county.

Every year, 30,000 people in the UK suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital, 80% of these occurring in the home. Sadly, less than 1 in 10 people survive. When a defibrillator is not immediately available to someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest, then someone practicing CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), is the next best thing.

I further urged all County Councillors to encourage their Town and Parish Councils to offer support and encouragement for CPR training programmes in their communities, which I do so now by means of this item.

4. Unfortunately, matters have not improved in relation to waiting times for ambulances at the Worcester Royal Hospital and the throughput of patients. The next meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September. I will report any further update in my next report.

David Chambers  
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.