

## MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 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) and District Cllr. Mr D Godwin

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**1. Apologies:** These were received and accepted from 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:** No public present.

**4. Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on the 17/11/22 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Progress reports:**

5.1 Layby litter and removal of bottle banks. The Chairman reported an increase in litter in the layby. The Clerk read out correspondence from Malvern Hills District Council, regarding the decision to remove the bottle banks. Councillors support this decision, particularly as parishioners can still dispose of bottles in their own recycling bins.

5.2 Spent lead shot falling outside shooting boundary in parish. Councillors discussed a recent incident and agreed that although the landowner has been made aware, the matter should be reported to the local police.

5.3 Defibrillator training, certificates, and product recall. The Clerk reported that the recent training session was very successful and the certificates had been received and will be passed onto participants. The Clerk will investigate the possibility of borrowing a spare defibrillator if the current one needs to be recalled for a software update.

**6. Councillors', County and District Councillor reports.** County Cllr. Chambers kindly sent his apologies and District Cllr. Godwin reported on new Voter ID rules – to prevent fraud due to lots of recounts at the previous election - which will require all those voting in person to provide photo ID.

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

7.1 Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire Warm Homes project information was read out by the Clerk.

7.2 Ideas to mark The Coronation of His Majesty the King were discussed.

7.3 The Pension Regulator auto enrolment reminder has been received.

7.4 Rural Police Newsletter had been received.

### **8. Finance:**

8.1 The Clerk provided an update on the financial position to 31.12.22 and Councillors agreed the Parish Council Budget 2023-2024. Due to an overall increase in costs, the Precept will increase by £100 to £6000 per annum.

8.2 The Precept request for 2023-2024 will be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council by 31/01/23.

8.3 Confirmation has been received that PKF Littlejohn LLP are the Authority Auditors for 5 years up to 2026-2027.

#### **8.4 Bank Statements**

26.12.2022 Business Account £5079.38

31.11.2022 Current Account £3486.13

#### **8.5 Payments - To note the following payments made since the last meeting:**

8.5.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman November) £210.00

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

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

8.6.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman December) £225.00

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

### **9. Clerk & Councillors reports**

The Clerk will report a broken Wooden Footpath sign lying on the ground at the entrance to Phipps Farm and a request will be made to the Village Hall Committee regarding a bill for rent.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm**

Signed.....

Date.....

**Chairman**

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