

## MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and 1 Parishioner.

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

**2. Declarations of Interest:** 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'.

**2.1** Cllr. Finney declared an interest in Item 5 and left the meeting when this was discussed.

**3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 15 mins/Public Question Time:** No questions.

**4. Minutes:** The minutes of the Meeting held on the 04/03/2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. MHDC Planning Application M/24/00209/FUL Land at (OS 6934 7139), Mamble.** Applicant: Mr Rob Finney  
Proposal: Erection of new dwelling with detached store to rear. [Planning application: M/24/00209/FUL - Malvern Hills District Council](#) Parish Council Comments: Mamble Parish Council supports the application, and is satisfied with the comprehensive site investigation report and the plans, which are in keeping with the adjacent properties.

**6. Councillors', County and District Councillor reports.** County Cllr. Chambers kindly sent a report which is appended to these minutes. Councillors will be interested to learn more about a proposed one-way system on Teme Bridge.

### 7. Progress reports:

**7.1** The Chairman reported lay by rubbish has been cleared but the bins are full. Tree branches blocking a footpath have been cleared and there is no update on road/footpath signs. Heavy rain has resulted in several blocked drains, including a significant amount of water on the A456 Colliers bend.

### 8. Correspondence received and Items for Discussion.

**8.1** Lengthsman's Contract and new system for reporting. The Clerk gave a brief update on the new system which is due to be live this week.

**8.2** West Mercia Police Parish Contract Renewal. The Clerk will contact PCSO A Partridge on behalf of the council.

**8.3** Worcestershire CALC Briefing Note was read out by the Clerk.

**8.4** Worcestershire County Council Town and Parish Council Conference Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**8.5** To consider a memorial for Mr H Jenkins (deceased). Councillors discussed the idea of a plaque.

**8.6** D-Day Celebrations. Cllr. Rogers confirmed that an 'Afternoon Tea' was taking place to mark the celebrations in Mamble Village Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**8.7** Grants to local organisations. Letter received from Mamble History Group. Councillors agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting.

### 9. Finance:

**9.1** PKF Littlejohn 2023/24 AGAR External Auditor Instructions. The Clerk will contact Mr R Simpson regarding the annual audit.

**9.2** Bank Receipts: WCC P3 Scheme £441.00

**9.3** Bank Statements

**9.3.1** 26.03.24 Business Account £5183.09

**9.3.2** 31.03.24 Current Account £2269.57

**9.4** Payments - The following payments were ratified and cheques signed:

**9.4.1** Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman March 2024) £212.62

**9.4.2** Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses) £330.00

**9.4.3** Parish Council Websites (Renewal of domain name for 2 years to 06/06/26) £105.60

**10.** The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

**The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

### Councillors

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### APPENDICIES

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#### Item 6.

#### County Councillor's Report April 2024

1. The costs of providing Home To School Transport continues to be of concern to the County Council. This is being addressed by both the Cabinet and two of the Council's Scrutiny Panels. As I have mentioned before, the cost of providing school transport for children without any care needs is within budget, it is the cost of providing transport to school, for children with Special Education Needs that is extremely expensive and the local authority has a statutory obligation to provide whatever means of travel is necessary, including individual taxis.
2. In September it is planned that Worcestershire Childrens First, the company who oversee all services provided to Children and Families within the County, will cease operation and all services will be incorporated into Worcestershire County Council. Those who rely on the services of WCF will see no changes in provision and we expect a smooth transition. The Director of WCF will be leaving her post at the end of June when a new appointment will be made.
3. Works are currently underway to install a sump and pump in Market Street, Tenbury Wells. Hopefully this will eliminate flooding in Market Street as a result of surface water from heavy rainfall and the underground flood table. This is a separate project to the EA's Flood Defence Scheme provided by WCC, and it is the first such project that the council has ever undertaken, independent of the EA. It should be noted that this scheme will not prevent flooding in Market Street as a result of the River Teme flooding.
4. I have no update regarding the possible one-way system on the bridge over the River Teme. I will keep you updated.
5. I have arranged for Teme Street to be resurfaced later in the year. I have asked for this to be undertaken after the tourist season in the summer and before the start of Christmas trading. It is programmed at present to commence on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

David Chambers

County Councillor, Tenbury Division

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