

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Mamble Parish Council meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7pm.
Present: Cllrs: Mr C Bunn (Chairman), Mrs J Rogers, Mr S Finney, Mr P Bytheway and Mrs S Rawlins.
In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and PCSO A Partridge.

1. Apologies: None.

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'.

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 15 mins/Public Question Time: No public present. PCSO Abigail Partridge of Tenbury Police kindly attended the meeting and was very happy to report there is very little to report for Mamble, other than a breach of the peace in January and some highway disruption. The current Parish Priorities are speeding and rural crime. PCSO Partridge was given calendar dates of future events and coffee mornings, when she, or her colleagues may try and attend to meet parishioners. Councillors raised the question of volunteer litter picking in the village and PCSO Partridge advised that anyone taking part in this activity needs to wear Hi-Viz.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 06/03/25 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Progress Reports: Road Closure Notices 1665822/1673606/1692584 were noted.

6. MHDC Planning Notifications:

6.1 Planning Application: M/25/00195/HP Location: 3 Jubilee Villas, Mamble, DY14 9JH. Proposal: Drop Kerb vehicular access to drive. Applicant: Mrs S Georgeson. **Approved**

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Malvern Hills District Council Register of Electors has been received by the Clerk and Councillors. Councillors noted Mamble Village Hall is not a Polling Station for the local elections in May and that the nearest polling station instead is Bayton.

7.2 Community Recognition Scheme and Celebration – Malvern Hills District.

7.3 Martley and Tenbury Wells Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter March 2025.

7.4 Parish Lengthsman Scheme budget for 2025/2026. The Clerk is still waiting to receive the budget and will write to Cllr. Bunn regarding the 2025/2026 contract.

7.5 Clerk & Councils Direct March 2025 Issue 158.

8. Items for discussion:

8.1 Grants to local organisations were discussed. It was agreed that a grant of £50 each, would be given to the Mamble History Group (via Mrs M Swift) and Mamble News (via Mr D Feather).

8.2 The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7pm. The Clerk will contact Mr D Feather regarding a notice in Mamble News & Events.

9. Finance:

9.1 PKF Littlejohn 2024/25 AGAR External Auditor Instructions. The Clerk will follow the guidance and contact Mr R Simpson regarding the Parish Council audit.

9.2 Vat 126 Claim has been received from HMRC for £464.67.

9.3 Update on HSBC Safeguarding Review. The Clerk is still waiting for confirmation from the Safeguarding team that this is complete.

9.4 Bank Statements

9.4.1 26.03.25 Business Account £5282.05

9.4.2 31.03.25 Current Account £2939.41

9.5 Receipts:

9.5.1 18.03.25 WCC Lengthsman Payment Nov 2024 £222.75

9.5.2 19.03.25 WCC Lengthsman Payment Dec 2024-March 2025 £674.36

9.5.3 26.03.25 HMRC VAT Refund £464.67

Councillors

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9.6 Payments: The following payments were ratified and cheques signed:

- 9.6.1** Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman March 2025) £193.87
- 9.6.2** Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/03-05/04/25) £340.00
- 9.6.3** Mamble History Group (grant to Mrs M Swift) £50.00
- 9.6.4** Mamble News & Events (grant via Mr D Feather) £50.00

10. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 15th May 2025. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

11. Staff Contracts 2025/2026 were discussed and Councillors agreed to an hourly rate increase for both Mr C Bunn in his role as Parish Lengthsman and Mrs A Watson as Parish Clerk from the 1st May 2025.

Signed:..... **Date:**

Chairman

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