

**MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of Mamble Annual Parish Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall**  
**on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm.**

**MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025**

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**Present:** Councillors: Mr C Bunn (Chairman), Mrs J Rogers, Mr S Finney and Mrs S Rawlins.

**In Attendance:** Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and PCSO Lee Durrant

**1. Welcome & Introduction:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

**2. Apologies:** These were received and accepted from Mamble Parish Councillor Mr P Bytheway, District Councillor Mr D Godwin and Village Hall Committee Chairman Dr S Watson.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024:** The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Community Police Report:** PCSO Lee Durrant kindly gave a short report on local policing matters and three incidents relating to Mamble between February and April 2025. These were dangerous driving, a sudden death, and a highways disruption. Mamble Parish priorities for the next quarter are speeding and anti-social behaviour.

**5. County Council and District Council Reports:** None.

**6. Reports from local organizations:** Dr S Watson kindly provided a copy of his Chairman's report after the Annual meeting, to be included and circulated.

**7. Discussions arising from the reports - Resident's opportunity to raise any questions.** None

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and support over the last year and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....

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**Item 6:**

**Chairmans report to the Mamble Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting for the year 2024/25**

Good evening everyone, welcome and thank you for attending the MVH AGM this evening. The committee have held a number of regular meetings throughout the year in pursuance of their roles and responsibilities. I think by common consent this has been a very good year in terms of financial stability, improvements to the Village Hall facility, the continued use of the hall by varied groups and in addition we have enjoyed several regular and one off entertainment events. This has been the second full year of the current committee in terms of which Simon Watson has been Chair, Georgina Feather treasurer, Sue Fenson as secretary and Russell Sharples as Vice Chair. The remaining trustees are Shirley Rawlings, Jackie Young and Katie Watson. Sue Fenson and Simon Watson have taken on roles as primary administrators with the Charity commission after the resignation of William Coley as holding trustee.

It might be opportune to remind the committee that our purpose as managing trustees is

**‘to provide suitable and effective facilities for all members of the community and to use the village hall for the interests of social welfare, and the improvement of the conditions of life for the said inhabitants’.**

To that end the MVHC have had a busy year since the last AGM, and I will try to broadly summarise the activities of the committee in this report. Please forgive me if anything is missing-we have been quite busy!

Village Hall use

The regular village hall users have included the fortnightly Coffee mornings, The Sewing Group, The Clows Top Craft Club, The History Group, The Art Group, The WI and, in addition, the Chair aerobics classes. The hall has occasional use as a polling station. During the year, the hall has hosted a number of very enjoyable one off social events including a music evening with ‘Starving Rascals’, a D day celebration tea, a Church Christmas coffee morning, Harvest supper, Race evening and both Quiz and Film nights. There are plans ahead for a Murder Mystery evening, a VE 80 day celebration and further Quiz and film nights. These events all take a great deal of time and effort to put on and I wish to thank all those involved for making these events so successful in terms of both enjoyment and significant fund raising for both the village hall and other charitable organisations. To support these events the village hall has a music licence, a beer tap, and a projector screen. The film nights have been facilitated by the loan of projection and sound equipment from the charity ‘Rural Reels’ and we have complied with the rules and regulations associated with public entertainment as advised and overseen by ‘Arts Alive’ a registered charity receiving funding from Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO), and whose mandate is to promote and support various arts across the community, with a specific sub-team called ‘flicks in the sticks’ whose role is to help promote community film screening.

Improvements in the buildings and facilities

The major improvements this year to the building and facilities have included the installation of solar panels and batteries, the external repainting of the hall including the notice board and the old telephone box housing the defibrillator, and the provision of mobile wi-fi allowing remote monitoring of the solar installation, free wi-fi access to hall users, including the use of a card reader for payments in an increasingly cash free environment. Several other outstanding electrical items from the last annual review were also attended to. The majority of these works have been achieved with Lottery funding in excess of £15k and we are very grateful to George for all the hard work and time spent in the successful grant application process early in the year. Looking ahead there are a number of ongoing maintenance issues and additional improvements which the committee are currently pursuing. We would like to consider some interior hall redecoration, the changing of internal lighting to LED’s and, following the success of the quiz and film nights, the acquisition of an in-house projector, sound system and hearing loop. This will likely need a further lottery fund application.

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Finances

Georgina Feather, as treasurer, will present a more detailed summary of the current finances in a short while, but overall the finances have been very stable with income covering costs and, looking ahead, the solar panels should bring both savings and income that will be very useful. The Village Hall finances are dependent upon income from regular user groups, specific one-off events, legacy donations, and grant applications. We send thanks once again to Mr Arthur Allen for auditing the accounts. George has decided to step aside from her role on the committee as treasurer to be replaced by Dean Feather. We need to say and document a huge thank you to her for the tireless work she has put into not just the finances, but all aspects and activities that have taken place to do with the village hall over the last 2 years. Her impact can be seen not only in the presentation and management of the accounts but all around the hall-notice boards, window blinds, guidance advice etc. So on behalf of all the Mamble Village Hall users George, thank you very much.

In summary, the committee for 2024-25 has endeavoured to continue the excellent work undertaken in the previous year and we look ahead to continued improvement in the facilities and activities that 'Mamble Village Hall' can offer to the community. I wish to formally thank all the current committee members and others for their enthusiasm and good humour and hard work-you have achieved an awful lot! We would very much welcome new members to act on the committee as trustees in the years ahead.

Simon Watson  
Mamble 30/4/2025

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