

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Mamble Parish Council meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7pm.

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and Parishioner Mr P Cotterill.

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: Mr P Cotterill addressed the meeting with his concerns regarding the overgrown hedge around the land opposite the Sun & Slipper. Mr Cotterill provided recent photographs of branches that have come over and blocked the footpath, which the Chairman said he was aware of. Mr Cotterill and Councillors had a productive discussion relating to all hedges in the parish that need attention.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 31/07/25 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning:

5.1 Application M/25/00666/FUL St Johns Church, Church Lane, Mamble, DY14 9JY. Applicant: Rev. Sallie Butcher. Proposed reinstatement of pitched roof to the Blount Chapel and associated rainwater drainage. Installation of new window in existing opening and alterations to existing opening to north wall to form door. **Approved.**

5.2 A notification of Planning Enforcement and Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) M/ENF/25/0212 in relation to Land at (OS 6913 7113) Sodington Hall, Mamble, DY14 9JF, was read out by the Clerk. No action required at present.

5.3 A notification of Planning Enforcement M/ENF/25/0213 in relation to Land at (OS 7099 7163), Mamble Road, Clows Top was read out by the Clerk. No action required at present.

6. Progress reports:

6.1 The Chairman confirmed the fly tipping in the lay-by had been cleared by the Council.

6.2 Following the concerns raised by Mr Cotterill regarding problem hedges, the Clerk will write to the owners of the land opposite the Sun & Slipper, asking for the hedge to be cut back as soon as possible. The Chairman will also deliver reminder letters regarding hedge maintenance to parishioners and a notice will be put in Mamble News.

7. Correspondence received:

7.1 Worcestershire CALC Notice of AGM, 13.11.25 at The Council Chamber, Wyre Forest House. DY11 7WF.

7.2 Worcestershire County Council notice of withdrawal of MyParish Web Portal by the 01.09.2026.

7.3 MHDC Register of Electors update September 2025 was read out by the Clerk.

7.4 Martley and Tenbury Wells Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter will be put on the noticeboard and in the parish news and the Q4 Police Contact Contract will be completed by the Clerk.

7.5 Worcestershire County Council - Review of Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan questionnaire. Councillors gave their views, including a request to re-introduce the P3 grant Scheme, which will be submitted by the Clerk.

7.6 Heartstart West Worcestershire Community Resuscitation Schemes and defibrillator/first aid training was discussed. The Clerk has been in contact Cleobury Country regarding a Defibrillator/First Aid course, which will take place on Wednesday 19th November 2025, and will advertise it in the Parish News.

7.7 Clerk & Councils Direct September 2025 Issue 161

8. Finance:

8.1 The automated response to AGAR Exemption Certificate from the SBA Team at PKF Littlejohn LLP was noted.

8.2 Bank Statements

8.2.1 26.08.25 Business Account £5304.47

8.2.2 31.08.25 Current Account £3017.42

8.3 Receipts: 27.08.25 WCC Lengthsman Payment May-July 2025 £612.00

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

8.4.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman August 2025) £204.00

8.4.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/08-05/09/25) £362.00

8.4.3 BWP Creative Limited (Annual website hosting and support) £273.60

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9. Councillor and Clerk's reports and items for future agenda and date of next meeting.

9.1 Clerk's update following the resignation of Parish Councillor Mrs S Rawlins. The Clerk confirmed that Electoral Services at Malvern Hills District Council have been informed. The next stage is to display the Notice of Councillor Vacancy, then wait for confirmation from MHDC to see if an election is required. If this is not the case, the Parish Council will be free to co-opt in the future.

10. The Dates of the next three meetings were confirmed as Thursday 2nd October, 6th November, and the 4th December 2025.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed:..... Date:

Chairman

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