

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.05pm.

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), District Councillor Mr D Godwin and parishioner Mr L Evans.

Democratic Public Question Time: The Chairman invited Mamble parishioner, Mr L Evans, to address the meeting as he wished to raise his concerns regarding the current planning application for Pound House. As a neighbour to Pound House, Mr Evans gave a detailed history of the location and changes relating to the occupancy in recent years. He also raised a number of concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site, car parking, noise, and waste disposal, the character of the property as a listed building and the impact of the proposed application. Councillors discussed these concerns with Mr Evans, who left the meeting at 7.35pm.

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 05/09/19 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Malvern Hills District Council - Planning Application: 19/01204/CU**
Location: Pound House, Mamble, Kidderminster, DY14 9JY
Description of Proposal: The erection of a holiday lodge to replace existing garage, a replacement static caravan and the retention of a timber summerhouse. Applicant: Mr P Smith

The Parish Council considered the application and agreed to submit the following to the Planning Officer:

Re: Planning Application Number 19/01204/CU

*The above application was considered by Mamble Parish Council at the meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019, where it was unanimously agreed to **Recommend Refusal**. Mamble Parish Council are extremely concerned with a number of aspects relating to this application and would respectfully ask that it goes before the Northern Area Planning Committee and a site visit undertaken by members, to gauge the full impact of what is being applied for.*

The reasons for recommending refusal are as follows:

1. Overdevelopment of the Site

The Parish Council is concerned that the proposed holiday accommodation will overwhelm the site. The holiday lodge to replace the existing garage is totally unreasonable. Without taking into account the increase in size, this would potentially be an eyesore on the edge of the village. The removal and replacement of the old static caravan, which is not occupied and is essentially a shed, will not add any improvement to the site only additional noise and traffic and require a magic trick to put it in situ. The application for the retention of the timber summerhouse simply shows the applicants lack of respect for the proper planning process.

2. The Character of Pound House

Without question, the proposed holiday accommodation will significantly affect the character and integrity of this historic, Grade II listed building and will, in no way blend in with the natural surroundings in this extremely attractive village.

3. The Site

The increased density raises major concerns about parking and traffic in and out of the site and will significantly increase vehicle movement on this narrow lane. At the exit from the site there is a six foot hedge to the left and a bend, therefore any vehicle has to go a few feet into the lane before oncoming traffic from the left is visible. The lane serves school traffic twice a day and is a main route for large agricultural equipment and Lorries serving local farms.

The application does not meet the requirements of SWDP6 as it does nothing to conserve or enhance this historic asset.

The application does not meet the requirements of SWDP35 as there would be severe impact on neighbouring amenity.

The application does not meet the requirements of SWDP36 as the replacement caravan and holiday lodge would not be well screened and would obtrude.

5. Progress reports:

- 5.1 Blocked drains – all reports logged on County Council Highways reporting system, awaiting update.
- 5.2 Fly-tipping in lay-by. The Clerk is to report black bags and rubbish dumped between the bottle banks.
- 5.3 Village signs – the Clows Top sign is still to be repaired, however the new sign for Church Walk is in place.
- 5.4 Parish Website. The Clerk reported that once teething problems were overcome it will be launched.

6. Items for Discussion:

- 6.1 Draft advertisement and application form for casual vacancy and enquiry from parishioner. It was agreed that the Clerk will advertise the vacancy in Mamble News with application forms to be returned by the 15/11/19 with a view to co-option being considered at the Parish Council meeting on the 5/12/19.

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7. Correspondence Received read out at the meeting:

- 7.1 Worcestershire County Council information on Snow Contractors and Parish Winter Newsletter.
- 7.2 Malvern Hills District Council – Request for Pollinator Sites.
- 7.3 Malvern Hills District Council Parish & Town Council Forum 21/10/19.
- 7.4 South Worcestershire Development Plan Review – Briefing for Parish and Town Councils 6/11/19.

8. Finance:

8.1: Bank Statements

26.08.19 Business Account	£5059.17
31.08.19 Current Account	£4506.53

8.2: Payments – the following payments were ratified and cheques signed:

8.2.1: Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/09-05/10/19)	£240.00
8.2.2: Society Local Council Clerks (Clerk's Membership & ILCA training fee)	£199.80
8.2.3: Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection Fee)	£40.00
8.2.4: Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman September 2019)	£192.00

9. Councillors' and Clerk's reports and items for future agenda.

District Cllr. Godwin reported on the structure of the Council and that things are moving forward. MHDC is promoting the Apprentice Grant Schemes and the environment, including pollinator sites and problems with weeds, particularly Japanese Knot Weed. Cllr. Godwin stated he still has funds available for small projects.

10. Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th November 2019.

Cllr. Pepper thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....
