

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held *via Zoom* on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

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

1. Election of Chairman of Mamble Parish Council.

1.1 Resignation of Parish Councillor Mr J Pepper and co-option process. The Clerk confirmed that she had received the resignation email from Councillor Pepper on the 19th January 2021, and has informed Malvern Hills District Council Electoral Services. Cllr. Bunn, on behalf of everyone, expressed sincere thanks for the many years of dedication that Cllr. Pepper has given to the Parish Council, particularly as Chairman. It was agreed, that when circumstances allow, Mamble Parish Council will look for an opportunity to formally thank Cllr. Pepper on behalf of the Parish.

1.2 The Clerk explained the process for co-option and Election of Chairman. Cllr. Bunn was unanimously nominated and accepted the position, as Chairman of Mamble Parish Council.

Cllr. Bunn, in his role as Parish Lengthsman, has a Contract for Services with Mamble Parish Council and as such a Declaration of a Pecuniary Interest. It was agreed that Cllr. Bunn will be required to submit a Dispensation Request to the next meeting.

2. Apologies: There were no apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Bunn declared for his role as Parish Lengthsman/Item 7.2.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 14/01/2021 were approved and will be duly signed.

5. Progress reports:

5.1 Problem Trees have been reported to Worcestershire County Council with a request that they are inspected, due to concerns over their size and low branches. The Clerk will provide the Chairman with suitable correspondence to give to parishioners regarding overgrown hedges and Councillors agreed the lay-by was currently clear of rubbish and the new bin in place.

5.2 Land drainage problem at Cross Cottage, Mamble. Cllr. Godwin asked the Chairman for an update, but this is currently being dealt with by the property owner and the County Council.

6. Councillors' and District Councillor reports:

Cllr. Godwin kindly gave an update on Council finances, which will see a small increase in the rates. Planning applications have slowed down, due to the virus, however Planning Enforcement is still busy. The County Council Elections are due to take place on Thursday 6th May

7. Correspondence Received and Items for discussion:

7.1 Update on Covid-19 virus and impact on Annual Meetings from Worcestershire CALC. The advice was discussed and Councillors agreed to put this date 'on hold'.

7.2 Lengthsman's Contract – although no information has been received from Worcestershire County Council, the Councillors agreed to renew Cllr. Bunn's Contract for Services, on the same terms, for another year.

7.3 Donations to local groups. Councillors, having been given valuable advice from District Cllr. Godwin on contribution to betterment in the Parish and public good, agreed to a grant of £100 each to the following organisations: Bayton Primary School, Little Learners' Nursery, Mamble History Group and Mamble cum Bayton WI.

8. Finance:

8.1 Councillors had all received a copy of the agreed Budget for 2021-2022, which will be duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

8.2 Bank Statements

26.01.2020 Business Account £5068.87

28.02.2020 Current Account £4006.20

8.3 Refund of Bank Charges from HSBC (Inc interest) 18.02.2021 £381.43

8.4 Receipts: 20.02.21 WCC Lengthsman Payment Oct-Nov 2020 £413.00

8.5 The following payments were ratified and cheques duly signed:

8.5.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman Payment January 2021) £196.00

8.5.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/01-05/02/2021) £280.00

8.5.3 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman Payment February 2021) £203.00

8.5.4 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses 06/02-05/03/21 +payment to HM Land Registry) £296.80

8.5.5 Bayton Primary School £100.00

8.5.6 Little Learners' Nursery £100.00

8.5.7 Mrs M Swift (Mamble History Group) £100.00

8.5.8 Mamble cum Bayton WI £100.00

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9. Malvern Hills District Council Planning:

9.1 Malvern Hills District Council Planning Enforcement Notice ENF/18/0253 for Land at (OS 6913 7113) Sodington Hall, Mamble. District Cllr. Godwin gave a brief update on this Enforcement Notice.

10. Clerk's reports and items for future agenda. Parish Footpaths, stiles and gates will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st April 2021. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021. Due to current restrictions, the Annual Parish Meeting date is currently on hold.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....
