

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

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

WPSO Vanessa (Ness) Snape kindly attended the meeting to discuss local policing matters including theft, dog napping, county lines drugs gangs and hare coursing. Smartwater and security advice is still available from the police, and for those who would like regular updates, the Safer Neighbourhood App is a great way to get these. Parishioners can sign up at www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk or via West Mercia Police website and WPSO Snape would be very happy to join any local 'WhatsApp' groups to provide information as well. Councillors discussed a variety of problems in the local area, including the dumping of cider and beer cans in Bayton Lane. Speeding on the A456 and through the parish was discussed at length and WPSO Snape will contact the Motorbike Policing Team to bid for their services on the A456 section in particular. The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting and for all other policing matters parishioners are encouraged to use the following contact details:

Ness Snape, Police Community Support Officer 6336

Martley and Tenbury Safer Neighbourhood Team E mail: vanessa.snape@westmercia.police.uk

E mail: mt.snt@westmercia.police.uk Mobile 07814 040307 Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Facebook@Tenbury Cops

1. Apologies: These were received and accepted from County Councillor Mr D Chambers.

2. Declarations of Interest:

2.1 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'.

2.2 A reminder has been received from Mrs A Molloy, Democratic Services Officer for Malvern Hills District Council for Councillors to update their Register of Interest forms if there are any changes.

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 15 mins/Public Question Time: No public present.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 21/10/21 were approved and signed by The Chairman.

5. Progress reports:

5.1 Overgrown Hedges: The Chairman confirmed that those identified, have all now been cut back. Cllr. Rawlins was also happy to report the trees outside the Sun & Slipper had also been trimmed back by the Council.

5.2 Road sign damage: The Chairman has been reported the damage to Highways who are going to replace the 2 damaged poles. Missing drain covers have already been replaced and work on the drainage problem in the village is due to start on the 10th January 2022.

5.3 Trade Waste Bin in lay-by is being emptied on a Thursday by the Council and the Clerk has purchased litter picking equipment for Councillors and volunteers to use.

5.4 Wooden Bench. Cllrs agreed to the purchase and installation of a new bench for the village.

6. Councillors' and District Councillor reports:

6.1 County Councillor Chambers, who was unable to attend the meeting, kindly sent a copy of his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

6.2 District Cllr. Godwin reported on a recent Full Council meeting to approve the District Council business plan, and gave information on a grant of £100. It was agreed the Parish Council will apply for this grant to contribute to the cost of a replacement bench.

7. The following items of Correspondence were noted:

7.1 Malvern Hills District Council – Register of Electors 2021/22.

7.2 Request for contact details from office of Harriett Baldwin MP.

7.3 Worcestershire CALC – Chairmanship Course Monday 6th December.

7.4 MHDC Christmas Domestic Refuse Collections 2021.

7.5 Tenbury SNT Newsletter November 2021.

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8. Finance:

8.1 HSBC Bank Statements:

26.11.2021 Business Account £5069.25
31.10.2021 Current Account £6180.88

8.2 Payments - The following payments were ratified and cheques signed:

8.2.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman Payment November 2021) £210.00
8.2.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses) £280.00

9. Malvern Hills District Council Planning Notifications

9.1 21/01930/FUL: HIGHBRAE, Mamble Road, Clows Top, DY14 9HX. Applicant: Stone Heath Homes Ltd.

Planning Application for Proposed Residential Development of 18 No Dwellings with New Access

Councillors discussed the application and unanimously agreed to **Recommend Refusal** due to the following reasons:

1. The Number of Dwellings has been doubled, from the application 20/02057/PIP. The concerns regarding the impact of drains and surface water run off towards the brook (which is understand to be a SSSI) and the provision for sewage remain, as per previous comments for the PIP.
2. The Access raises major concerns and the traffic survey would support the local knowledge, that this is a fast, dangerous road. To suggest 'good access to local services and facilities without the private car' would imply a low level, relaxed walk to the shop and village hall, when the reality is quite the opposite. With at least one main road, or two to cross, the risk of harm to children and the elderly having access to these facilities is without question.

10. Clerk's reports, items for future agenda and future meeting dates.

The first meeting of 2022 will be held on Thursday 6th January.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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APPENDICIES

Item 6.1: Worcestershire County Council Report

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 29th November are:
 - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 490 cases per 100,000.
 - b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 423 cases per 100,000.
 - c. The direction of travel is up with the exception of Redditch and Bromsgrove within Worcestershire.
 - d. Wyre Forest has the lowest infection rate in Worcestershire with Worcester City District the highest rate at 620 per 100,000.
 - e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 438 cases per 100,000.
2. The vaccination of children aged 12 and over is now progressing well, in schools and elsewhere, with Booster jabs being offered to those over 40 and the otherwise vulnerable. Vaccination of children over 5 is now under consideration
3. Please encourage everyone you know who is eligible, to take their booster jab as soon as possible. At a meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee recently, the Chief Executive of the Acute NHS Trust reported, that many of the new Covid patients are now double vaccinated but have not yet taken up their booster jab.
4. With all the pressures the Acute NHS Trust currently finds itself in, with winter still approaching and attempting to bring forward delayed operations due to the pandemic, I personally was very disappointed that on 3rd November, the Planning Committee at MHDC refused to allocate the requested £1.8 million to the Acute Trust, as part of Section 106 monies coming forward from the South Worcestershire Urban Extension.
5. Worcestershire County Council has put in a bid to the Department of Transport totalling £86 million for Bus Service improvements. The aim is to completely transform the bus network across the county, looking to improve service frequency, punctuality and reliability. An enhanced partnership with the bus operators will start in April 2022.
6. I raised the new "Mamble" signs with Hannah and on 17th November, a request was sent to re-order them as soon as possible.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.