

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), County Cllr. Mr D Chambers, Mrs M Swift (Mamble History Group) and Mr J Scandrett (Mamble Village Hall Committee)

1. Apologies: These were received and accepted from Chairman, Cllr. Mr C Bunn and District Cllr. Mr D Godwin.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Suspension of the meeting for the Democratic 15 mins/Public Question Time: Mrs Swift and Mr Scandrett had kindly attended the meeting to offer support and ideas for the planned Jubilee Street Party to be held on Sunday 5th June. Ideas discussed included, weather permitting, the use of some tables and chairs from the Village Hall, the Village Hall being open for a 'Jubilee' Display and access to the toilets if required, the provision of bin bags and a rubbish bin, music, competitions, the road closure, moving of vehicles and volunteers. It was agreed that an additional planning meeting was required and this will be held on Thursday 21st April in the Village Hall at 7pm.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on the 03/03/22 were approved and signed by Cllr. Rogers as Acting Chair.

5. Progress reports:

5.1 Highways & drains. The Chairman has reported blocked drains near Bury house that are due for inspection.

5.2 Worcestershire County Council's As-One Project and banner – ordered for delivery by the end of April.

5.3 Jubilee celebrations 2022 – Road closure plans and correspondence. The Clerk confirmed the application to close the road has been submitted to Malvern Hills District Council, who then consults the local police, fire brigade and Highways authority.

6. Councillors' and District Councillor reports: County Cllr. Chambers kindly attended the meeting, a copy of his report is appended to these minutes, and highlighted efforts to help the people of Ukraine, hospital waiting times and drastic cuts to 'First Bus' services in Worcestershire. Cllr. Godwin sent his apologies, via the Clerk, but wanted to inform Councillors of the resignation of the Leader of Malvern Hills District Council, Councillor Sarah Rouse.

7. The following items of Correspondence were noted:

7.1 Parish Council Websites – correspondence from Mr J Lungley and invoice. Councillors agreed the preview website is looking very good.

7.2 Reminder of Parish & Town Councillor Conference 17th May 2022 6-8pm at Malvern Council Chamber.

7.3 Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 2022/23. The Chairman will liaise with the Parish Paths Officer, Mrs J Evans.

7.4 Lengthsman's Contract 2022/2023 received and increased to £2112.01. The Clerk will sign and return to WCC.

7.5 Thank you letters for grants from local organisations were read out by the Clerk.

7.6 Bayton School – Public Consultation Nursery 2022. Cllr. Rogers attended the recent meeting and gave a brief report on the lack of support from those attending for a 'counter productive' proposal.

8. Finance:

8.1 PKF Littlejohn LLP– Notice of Smaller Authority AGAR for Financial Year 2021/2022. The Clerk confirmed this has been received and will contact the Internal Auditor, Mr R Simpson.

8.2 HSBC Bank Statements:

26.03.2022 Business Account £5069.63

31.03.2022 Current Account £3854.53

8.3 Receipts: Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Payment 29.03.22 £196.00

8.4 Payments – The following payments were ratified and cheques signed;

8.4.1 Mr C Bunn (Lengthsman March 2022) £196.00

8.4.2 Mrs A Watson (Clerk Salary & Expenses) £280.00

8.4.3 Parish Council Websites (35% deposit for new website) £340.98

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9. Planning Notifications: Update on extension to consultation for 21/01930/FUL Highbrae, Mamble Road, Clows Top. This was briefly discussed; however the Councillors have nothing to add to comments already submitted to Malvern Hills District Council.

10. Clerk's reports, items for the Annual Parish Meeting agenda and future meeting dates.

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 5th May 2022 at 7pm in Mamble Village Hall. The Jubilee Street Party and Big Lunch will be included as an agenda item.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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APPENDICIES

Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Mamble Parish Council 7th April 2022.

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 4th April 2022 are:

- a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 982 cases per 100,000.
- b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 1,041 cases per 100,000.
- c. The direction of travel is up in all but one of the Worcestershire Districts.
- d. Wychavon District has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 1,092 cases per 100,000. Wyre Forest has the lowest infection rate with 877 cases per 100,000.
- e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 861 cases per 100,000.

2. Worcestershire County Council is working closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and with local partners, to co-ordinate actions regarding our response to the Ukraine refugee crisis. The County Council has agreed with the six Worcestershire District Councils, to co-ordinate our response as “One Worcestershire”, to ensure a joint approach is undertaken.

At the moment the best way to provide humanitarian help for the people of Ukraine is through financial donations to organisations with a presence in the region. This is considered a more effective way to support those in need, rather than physical donations, given the complexities and time it can take to physically transport supplies. Together with this Report, I am forwarding a list of agencies supporting Ukraine, should anyone wish to contact them.

3. The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032, has been launched. Formal consultation will run until 2nd May 2022. Good mental health and wellbeing may mean different things to different people. Your thoughts and feelings are welcomed, to help WCC shape the future of health and wellbeing over the next ten years. The consultation survey is open to everyone and will help build up a picture of what Wellbeing means to people of all ages across the county. More details can be found at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022

4. Worcestershire County Council are awaiting the outcome of our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government, and so it is extremely disappointing to hear that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire. The details are yet to be finalised but this will have a detrimental impact on residents. The BSIP grant is now even more critical to enable us to deliver our aspirations for Worcestershire residents.

5. I understand that the two new “Mamble” signs will be erected week commencing 11th April.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.