

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), Community Support Officer T Howell and Mrs V Greenhill.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cllr. Mr S Finney and County Cllr. Dr K Pollock.
3. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (09/05/13) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Community Police Report

CSO T Howell kindly attended the meeting and was pleased to report that Mamble continues to be a very low crime area with only 26 calls to the Police in the last 12 months. 17 were regarding Highway incidents and 2 calls were regarding the theft of Catalytic Converters from vehicles.

5. County Council and District Council Reports

The Clerk read out a written report kindly provided by County Cllr. Pollock which outlined the current financial situation at the County Council which is serious but under control. Rural broadband is being rolled out across the County up until mid 2016 and more money has been allocated to increase the coverage to 95% of households and small businesses. Mamble is part of the consortium using the Airband system and customer feedback is currently being assessed. The local 291 bus from Tenbury will continue as it takes some schoolchildren as well as serving a rural area.

There was no report from the District Council as the vacancy for a Councillor for the Ward is yet to be filled.

6. Mamble Reports:

Footpaths and Tree Warden Report

Mrs Greenhill was hopeful the arrival of the new owners at Shakenhurst Estate would assist with footpath problems on the estate. A number of new gates have been installed and the help given by Chris Bunn in clearance work during the summer was invaluable. No one from the Countryside Division at County Hall has been to Mamble for a long time but Monthly village walks continue as normal.

Chairman's Report

Cllr. Pepper thanked the Councillors for their commitment throughout the year, the Clerk and Cllr. Bunn for keeping the village tidy in his role as Lengthsman. The Chairman thanked Mrs V Greenhill for doing a splendid job as Footpaths and Tree Warden. It is hope a major project for the Village in the next year could be the provision of a defibrillator and Councillors would continue to serve Mamble community to the best of their ability.

Lengthsman's Report

Cllr. Bunn gave a summary of his work throughout the year which included fly-tipping and blocked drains.

Village Hall Report

Mr J Scandrett had very kindly provided a written report which was read out by the Chairman, this included news on the continued refurbishment and upgrading of the hall and thanks to all those responsible for donations.

Bayton School Report

Mrs A Pounder, Head of Bayton School, had very kindly sent a full report which was read out by the Clerk. With 108 pupils on roll and 40 applications for only 15 places for Reception in September, the School continues to consolidate its achievements and feels they are doing something right. Discussions are taking place regarding Academy Status, Bayton Primary is positive about the move to Academy Status but would not try to convert alone but with other schools within the diocese. It will be an interesting year ahead.

7. There were no discussions arising from the reports and copies are posted in the minute book.

8. Lengthsman's risk assessment

Cllrs. Finney and Bunn will undertake this on a date to be arranged.

9. Annual Risk Assessment

This was completed and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....
