

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Mamble Annual Parish Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on 22nd May 2024 at 7pm.

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), District Councillor Mr D Godwin and 8 Parishioners.

1. Welcome & Introduction: Councillor Rogers, as acting Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Cllr. Rogers read out a short report from Cllr. Bunn, who was unable to attend the meeting, thanking his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and support over the last year.

2. Apologies: These were received and accepted from Mamble Parish Councillor Mr C Bunn and County Councillor Mr D Chambers.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2023: The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Community Police Report: None received.

5. County Council and District Council Reports

5.1 **District Council Report:** District Councillor Mr D Godwin, who has been re-elected to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee, gave a brief update on the District Council finances.

5.2 **County Council Report:** County Councillor Mr D Chambers sent his apologies, and kindly provided a report that was read out by the Clerk. A copy of which is appended to these minutes.

6. Reports from local organizations: Mrs Mary Swift kindly provided a report on behalf of the Mamble History Group, including recent research on the history of the village and Sodington Hall.

7. Discussions arising from the reports - Resident's opportunity to raise any questions. None

Cllr. Rogers closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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1. Following my previous reports identifying budget overspends within the County Council's budget, large savings have been made due to efficiencies and changes in procedures, which have reduced budget concerns considerably. It should also be noted that the County Council enjoys healthy reserves, which have increased in recent years and which now stand at £100million. This may seem a reasonably large reserve but not when annual expenditure within the Council is approximately £430 million.
2. A few recent Worcestershire statistics which may be of interest:
 - a. Worcestershire County Council's Council Tax is in the lowest 25% in the UK.
 - b. Worcestershire's economy is £2 billion bigger than in 2015 with 34,000 extra jobs and 17,360 more homes.
 - c. Over £100 million has been invested in road and pavement improvements.
 - d. Greener Worcestershire with 150,000 new trees planted.
 - e. Schools are performing above the national average for results. In July 2023, 84% of Worcestershire Schools were judged good or outstanding. No maintained schools were judged to be inadequate.
 - f. Worcestershire has seen its first new train station for over 100 years which is performing ahead of plans.
 - g. More homes and businesses are now protected from flooding with more defences being planned – not least in Tenbury!
3. Worcestershire County Council's Environment Improvement Plan is now live and aims to deliver:
 - a. A greener future.
 - b. Our commitment to achieve Net Zero by 2050.
 - c. A resilient transport network.
 - d. Reducing our waste.

There are eight key priorities:

- a. Natural Environment
- b. Energy
- c. Resources and Waste
- d. Transport
- e. Net Zero Council
- f. The Green Economy
- g. Reducing the impact of climate change (flooding)
- h. Communities and Wellbeing

David Chambers
County Councillor for the Tenbury Division

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