

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Mamble Annual Parish Meeting held in Mamble Village Hall on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7pm.

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

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

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

1. Welcome & Introduction: The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance and thanked 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 Councillors Mr P Bytheway and Mr S Finney, PCSO D Abbott and County Councillor Mr D Chambers.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2022: The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Community Police Report: PCSO D Abbott had kindly sent her apologies, and those of her colleagues. The Clerk read out a copy of her report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

5. County Council and District Council Reports

5.1 District Council Report: District Councillor Mr D Godwin gave a brief update on the recent elections that will see a number of changes; however, the council is financially sound.

5.2 County Council Report: County Councillor Mr D Chambers sent his apologies, including his attendance at meetings for the foreseeable future. He 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: None.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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Item 4 Community Police Report for Mamble 2023

There has been some significant changes to the Martley and Tenbury SNT and the leadership team in recent months. Inspector Alex Warner has left West Mercia Police, PCSO Ness Snape has taken retirement, PC Jack Sykes has secured his promotion to Sergeant and is now based in Worcester and Sergeant Sarah Kent has retired. The new team consists of Inspector Dave Wise, Sergeant Jason Maiden, PC Paul Lawman, PCSO Teresa Howells-Brown, PCSO Nathan Drew and PCSO Deb Abbott.

Martley and Tenbury SNT are committed to addressing rural crime, thefts, speeding, and road traffic offences. Advice on how to protect your business or home can be found on the West Mercia Police website. The team are able to give general security advice, but for more specialist advice we can signpost to, Mike Simpson, Business and Crime Prevention Officer, P C Nigel Bolton, We don't Buy Crime Officer and Residential Security and Crime Prevention Officer, Jacqueline Godfrey Hunt.

Turning to the Parish Contract Contact Charter, there were three highlighted issues of Speeding, Thefts and Anti -Social Behaviour.

Speeding - unfortunately we are unable to have any sway of the national speed limits and this would be a request for reduction to Highways at Worcester City Council. PC Lawman is going to arrange for a meeting with the Road Safety Team to find out why the speed van does not attend at Clows Top anymore and ask for this to be reintroduced. This may reduce speeding further down the hill towards mamble. As and when we have more information, we will update you.

Rural thefts continue all over the patch but have been very low in Mamble with one recent report. We are carrying out Rural Patrols in the Parish. We have had no recent report of anti-social behaviour.

We remain committed to engagement with the community with visits to the local Coffee mornings, and Parish Meetings. We will continue to send out the quarterly newsletter, and are always available at the end of the email for questions, queries, etc., We are always available to give talks to groups of residents, give advice on the many scams being used to steal from the most vulnerable in society, and work with the younger people of their own safety, both in the real world and online.

We are available via email: mt.snt@qwestmercia.police.uk, or mobile phones

PC Paul Lawman 07967 302038

PCSO Nathan Drew 0777 3054306

PCSO Deb Abbott 07890 535960

Teresa Howells Brown 07814 041496

You can also reach us via Tenbury Cops on Facebook

We are increasingly using Neighbourhood Matters to send out alerts and messages etc., so if you haven't yet signed up, please head to either West Mercia Website to do so, or Neighbourhood matters directly online.

Please contact us if you need any help or information with any of the above.

Councillors

Mr C Bunn (Chairman), Mr S Finney, Mrs S Rawlins, Mrs J Rogers & Mr P Bytheway
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Item 5.2 County Council Report

Worcestershire County Council Report
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The County Council is now halfway through its four-year term, with County Council elections to be held in May 2025. This has been a very difficult two years for all councils in Worcestershire, the six District Councils and the County Council, not least because of Covid but also difficulties including inflation and the like.

Despite these difficulties, the County Council is on track to compete its agenda. Services are being maintained and investment promises are being kept. Worcestershire County Council continues to have one of the lowest council tax rates in the country, something it hopes to maintain for the remainder of this four-year cycle.

The recent District Council elections in Worcestershire have seen changes in boundaries, Councillors and Administrations. The County Council will however, continue to work with all its partners, for the benefit of the residents we serve.

In May 2025 when the next County Council election will be held, the election will be held following boundary changes from a county perspective. Currently, the Boundary Commission is beginning consultations to determine what changes may be made. Their decision is independent and final but the consultation will include submissions from various councils within the county; County, District, Town and Parish councils; submissions from political parties, councillors, charities, companies, organisations and individual members of the public. The Review will determine any changes in the number of "Divisions", any boundary changes which will be necessary to create these new Divisions and the Commission will also determine any changes which may be necessary regarding the number of councillors.

As previously referred to, April and early May have been taken up with District Council elections which inevitably have an impact on the work of the County Council. I will give a more detailed report for your next meeting.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division