

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.10pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and District Councillor Mr C Dell.

1. Welcome & Introduction:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of PCSO V Snape, Bayton School Headteacher Ms J Simmonds And County Councillor Dr K Pollock.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2017.

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting were taken as correct, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Community Police Report

PCSO V Snape was unable to attend, but sent a written report read out by the Clerk, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes.

5. County Council and District Council Reports

5.1 District Council Report

Cllr. Dell reported on in-house changes at the District Council which include current alterations to the Council House and selling off buildings surplus to requirements which may help the financial position in the future. Cllr. Dell gave a comprehensive talk on the changes to waste collection services which has seen over 27,000 bins delivered in the district. Councillors raised the problem of how to sensibly dispose of litter collected by Cllr. Bunn in his role as lengthsman and the Chairman raised the problem of rubbish being collected for the Church. Planning has seen some work behind the scenes to amalgamate the planning committees into one, but Cllr. Dell was very happy to report that there are still two which gives a much better service locally. Parishioners are also to be reminded that Cllr. Dell also has a ward budget of £500 to be split over 5 parishes, which enables him to make small grants locally; anyone who would like more information is welcome to contact him directly.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Dell for his report and he left the meeting at 7.40pm.

5.2 County Council Report

County Councillor Pollock sent his apologies, but kindly provided a report that was read out by the Clerk. A copy of which is appended to these Minutes.

6. Reports from local organisations:

6.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered his annual report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

6.2 Bayton School Report

A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

7. Public question time: There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

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Item 4: Community Police Report

Dear all,

I am not able to attend the Parish AGM I am sending the report now. I have enclosed a table for the collated crime statistics for your area. Some of these figures will relate to serious assaults, domestic assaults and crime and or sexual assaults. Obviously these types of crime are not reported via NHW or Parish reports and so the figures may 'read' higher than you may expect.

As a summary for the year end, shed, garage and outbuildings break ins have slowed down, but have not gone away. I would urge everyone to check that items in these types of buildings are **overtly** marked, buildings are alarmed and doors made as secure as possible. Items within the homes are marked with a uva product such as Smartwater, and are listed on www.immobilise.com. - This is a free service and greatly improves the chance of getting back items lost (e.g. phone) or stolen. Many Parish's have taken up the offer of the 'bulk buy' purchase of Smartwater to enable all their parishioners to be Smartwater households, making the Parish 'Smartwatered', with appropriate signage to match.

We are still a team of three; having now been joined by PC Mark Broughton who Teresa and I are hopeful will be a permanent addition to the team! With the addition of Smart phones, and laptops we are now even more mobile than before, and are able to access our 'workload' as it arrives via the phone. So if you do see us on the phone, we are working! We have been holding surgeries across the area at 4 different locations and have received good feedback from these. Presently these are at Wichenford, Hallow, Martley and Tenbury.

As ever we are only ever a call or email away:

mt.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Team Voicemail 01905 725780

PC Mark Broughton 07890 542887

PCSO Teresa Howells-Brown 07814 041496

PCSO Ness Snape 07814 040307

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Item 5.2: County Councillor's Report

1. County Council affairs

We now have a new team running the County Council, led by the Chief Executive, Paul Robinson, fresh from leading Derby City Council. He is joined by Michael Hudson, the new Chief Finance Officer, Andrew Spice, the new Director of Commissioning, and Avril Wilson, the interim Director of Adult Services.

All four are replacing officers who have gone on to bigger and better jobs elsewhere, and we wish the new team well as they seek to lead the Council and the county on to greater prosperity, stability and improvement.

Despite the financial difficulties that all councils are facing, Worcestershire has set a budget for the coming year, based on a 1.94% increase in council tax, supplemented by a 3% increase to be devoted to Adult Social Care.

Roughly 70% of all our income is dedicated to Children's Services and Adult Social Care, work that is concentrated on about 7,000 of the County's 560,000 residents. Essential work, but it means that most spending makes little impact on the majority of residents.

Of the rest, we are keen to reach the upper quartile in the quality of our roads and we are close to achieving that. Pavements also come in for special attention at present.

We have a number of major infrastructure projects in progress or planned. The new Battenhall rail bridge will be installed later in the month allowing dualling of the Southern Link Road from the M5 to the Ketch roundabout. Then the new project to dual the Carrington Bridge and the causeway to Powick has been approved and will be starting soon.

The new railway station, Worcestershire Parkway at Norton, is under construction and will be open by this time next year. In addition there are plans for a new station at Kidderminster and improvements to the A38 through Bromsgrove.

2. Public Realm in Tenbury

We are approaching the end of the long and drawn out process of improving the Public Realm in Tenbury. There is no need to rehearse here the detail of this project. Suffice to say that virtually all of the work to be conducted by the County council is now complete, with the new red tarmac in place on the raised tables.

There has been general approval for the new paving slabs on the footways, and the 20 mph limit on the central shopping area. What remains is some work that was to be paid for by Tesco's under a section 278 agreement. That is the reason for the raised table outside their entrance not having been completed yet, and also for the absence of a couple of items of street furniture in their section.

While the overall development has been very satisfactory, it is disappointing that this last commitment has been shirked, leading to the need for legal action, to recover the cost from the Tesco bond lodged at the start of the process.

I can only hope that trade will pick up over the coming months, particularly attracting holiday visitors to what is now even more a very attractive rural town, with great retailers, services and public spaces.

3. Local matters

With regard to broadband, we have a number of schemes for local people to get together to avail themselves of support for extensions to the fibre network. I recognise how important it is to rural businesses and school children in particular and we are working hard to extend coverage to all parts of the county. This is particularly important while we are also hosting a test bed for 5G, the next generation of broadband and mobile coverage, promising unheard of speeds of communication.

I was very disturbed to read of the fatal accident at Clows Top crossroads. It may be that part of the reason for the collision was the poor state of the road markings. These have now been renewed, but the story does illustrate the importance of maintain high quality in road conditions before they contribute to such serious consequences.

In this regard, I hope any resident will feel able to call upon my help if there seems to be a lack of attention to problems from our officers. I have been aware of unevenness in the road outside the public house and I hope such problems are dealt with satisfactorily. An excellent solution has been provided for a lane in Abberley, but I was disappointed to realise it was 15 months since it was first brought to my attention.

4. Divisional Fund

Many of you will know that I have the responsibility of distributing £10,000 of council tax payers' money each year to good causes in my division. I would be very pleased to hear of any such organisation or group that would find a small sum of money valuable for their work. Ideally, this should be for non-recurring expenditure and for general benefit.

It has been a great pleasure over the years to see much of this money used in good causes to benefit many people who would otherwise miss out on pursuing their interests, be it sporting or musical or of some other valuable enterprise.

Cllr Ken Pollock

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 2BZ 03.05.18

Item 6.1: Chairman's Report

MAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL.

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2017-8.

My thanks once more to our clerk, Anne Watson for all the dedication and hard work she has put in the past year the results of which has ensured that the council continues to operate despite the many obstacles that arise. I also thank my fellow councillors for their contribution to the running of the council and their loyal support. Councillor Bunn continues, as parish lengthsman, to maintain the village surrounds which includes drain clearance, fly tipping reporting and litter picking and grass verge cutting. Our thanks to Judith Evans who as footpath warden ensures our local footpaths are kept up to scratch so that the public can share the enjoyment of our beautiful countryside with our residents.

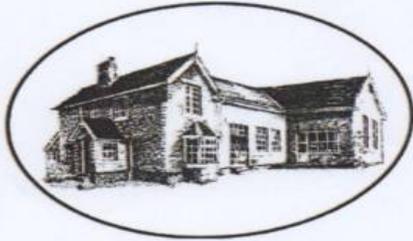
On a more disappointing note we have been unable, despite the valiant and concerted efforts of Lester Evans, to come to an agreement with the Ambulance Service that our defibrillator volunteers were not to be contacted if the emergency outside the 1500 metres from the equipment location. Since Lester has resigned from the co-ordinating role and no volunteer has come forward to undertake this role we still have the task ahead to resolve this issue.

Finally, on behalf of myself, our clerk and councillors we are committed to serve the residents of Mamble to the best of our ability.

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Bayton Church of England Primary School

Be the best you can be!



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Website: www.baytonceprimary.co.uk

Headteacher: Ms J Simmonds

Friendship Hope Perseverance Compassion Trust Forgiveness Responsibility Respect Truthfulness

Our school vision: We aim for everyone to be a part of our community, be life-long learners who are confident, enthusiastic, valued and reach their full potential.

School priorities

Unfortunately, the school has experienced challenging times with the Local Authority being involved in order to support the Head Teacher in sustaining improvement for teaching and learning across the school. This has resulted in much staff turn-over and as a result, difficult times. I am hopeful that from September 2018, after new recruitment in staffing, there will be much smoother storms to weather.

Whole school priorities this year continue to focus on the following:

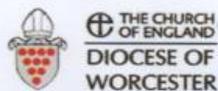
1. Embedding the 9 core Christian values and ensuring the school fully embraces its distinctive Christian character.
2. Improve the quality of teaching & learning throughout the school.
3. Provide opportunities for leadership at all levels across the school including staff as subject leaders and also pupil leadership.
4. Improve the outcomes across the school in English, Maths and especially opportunities for 'greater depth'.

'Shout out loud' news!

In March 2018, we were delighted to receive an 'outstanding' rating for our SIAMS church of England school inspection. It was especially poignant to have further outside agencies confirm and notice the improvement in school since September 2017 and the hard work which has taken place.

In April 2018 we also launched our brand new school website 'www.baytonceprimary.co.uk' which show cases our school superbly!

This summer term 2018, sees a whole school theme 'a journey through Bayton' where all children across the school will be learning about the village – land use now and then, mining, Victorian times etc. We will also be working with the PPC around raising awareness of speeding within the village



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and ensuring drives stick to the '20 is plenty' limit. I would like to urge if anyone is able to support the school in any work/visits/resources about the village to please contact me at the school.

Numbers on roll/finances

Numbers for our EYFS class September 2018 have been confirmed as full with a waiting list. Therefore we will be taking on a new cohort of 15 pupils which is our Pupil Admission Number. We have also welcomed 2 new pupils within our school and have 2 more within other year groups who are currently on the waiting list.

Unfortunately, our budget for this financial year is even tighter than previous years. As a result, we are extremely limited to carrying out much work which is needed across the school. The maintenance of the school highlights on-going needs which we are currently seeking funding for, painting classrooms which have not been painted for many, many years, erecting fences around the school area to comply with regulations, to name but a few! Our PTA are very active and continue to try to raise much needed funds.

With very best wishes

Jolanda Simmonds
Head Teacher

