

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.10pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and County Councillor Dr K Pollock.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Mr R Jones, PCSO V Snape, Mr L Evans and Mr J Scandrett.
3. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (14/05/15) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Community Police Report

PCSO V Snape kindly sent a written report, read out by the Clerk. This included information on 5 reports of theft and criminal damage in Mamble during the last year, although other parishes have seen an increase in thefts from garages and outbuildings. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team now consists of Vanessa Snape, Teresa Howells-Brown, and PC Richard Foxall working from Tenbury Station with 24 hours policing cover. The Neighbourhood Watch network continues to do a fantastic job as the eyes and ears of the community.

5. County Council Report

County Councillor Pollock kindly attended the meeting and reported that the last year for the County Council has been dominated by the need to reconcile a declining income with an expanding demand. The areas seen as a priority for expenditure are, children and families, health and wellbeing, open for business and the environment. Recycling of waste is still important and the new facility in Tenbury helps that, there will also be a new planting scheme at this site next year. There was a small increase in satisfaction with the state of our highways in the past year and broadband is now viewed as an essential utility. Unavoidably, this means that those in more remote and difficult areas complain about poor service and the County Council will work to seek solutions for everyone. BT have committed themselves under the "Never say no" slogan but this will take time and in certain areas will be more expensive and may need a contribution from residents. The Chairman thanked Councillor Pollock for his report and he left the meeting at 7.30pm.

6. Mamble Reports:

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors, the Clerk and Councillor Bunn for his work as Lengthsman over the past year. The Chairman was pleased the Parish Council were able to assist with the painting of the Village Hall and delighted with the great reaction from Parishioners who have volunteered to be part of the VETS (Village Emergency Telephone System) for the Defibrillator.

Bayton School Report

Mrs A Pounder, Head of Bayton School who is retiring at the end of the summer term after nearly sixteen years, very kindly sent the annual report which was read out by the Clerk. Her replacement will be Mrs Helen Hoarle who has been Head teacher at Grimley and Holt. Pupil numbers remain at just over 100 and once again Reception places are over subscribed for September. The school now benefits from a recently purchased shepherds hut for reading groups and solar panels for electricity.

Mamble Village Hall Chairman's Report

Mr J Scandrett had kindly sent a written report that was read out to the meeting. The main focus for 2015 was the Centenary and Mr Scandrett thanked all those involved in the improvements, upkeep and running of this village asset.

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

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 thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....
