

MAMBLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Mr J Pepper (Chairman), Mrs S Rawlins, Mr R Jones, Mr S Finney and Mr C Bunn.
In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), District Councillor Mr C Dell, Community Support Officer V Snape, Miss D Snape, Mrs V Greenhill, Ms J Fitzsimmons and Mr D Drew.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of County Councillor Dr K Pollock and Mr L Evans.
3. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (01/05/14) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Community Police Report

CSO V Snape kindly attended the meeting and was pleased to report the only crimes for Mamble reported in the last year were a shed break-in and a theft of meat at the pub. Shed owners are being advised to invest in cheap alarms and Rural Watch is being updated together with the West Mercia Police website. CSO Snape was questioned about Police cones outside Bayton School and advised that these had originally been put out by a Police Officer but are now used by the School to assist with the flow of traffic.

5. County Council and District Council Reports

District Councillor Dell reported that Council Tax has been frozen again this year and that the District Council is focused on savings which include sharing the Chief Executives position with Wychavon District Council and a new leisure strategy. Councillor Dell also explained the role of the parking team that travel around looking for those parked on double yellow lines and where these may be needed in rural areas such as Clows Top. The Clerk read out a written report kindly provided by County Councillor Pollock which included work on Tenbury Public Realm, adult social care and children's services together with information on the need for more foster parents. The County Councillors £10,000 divisional fund is open again and Councillor Pollock would be happy to receive grant applications or discuss ideas.

6. Mamble Reports: Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the 'team' of his fellow Councillors and the Clerk together with Councillor Bunn for his work as Lengthsman and Mrs V Greenhill for her continuing work on footpaths within the Village. The Chairman was also delighted to report that the Village had gained a Defibrillator and that the training session was attended by 18 Parishioners. The Village Hall Committee are also thanked for their gift of the phone kiosk.

Footpaths and Tree Warden Report

Mrs Greenhill kindly reported to the meeting, highlighting a number of problems mainly on Shakenhurst Estate. These include locked gates with unsatisfactory styles or no styles in place, a lack of crop spraying of footpaths and a disappointing disregard for footpaths. It is hoped that the County Access department will be able to address some of these issues with the owners.

Bayton School Report

Mrs A Pounder, Head of Bayton School, very kindly sent the annual report which was read out by the Clerk. Pupil numbers remain steady at 107 and 30 applications have been received for 15 places in Reception for September. Mrs Pounder thanked her dedicated staff and stated she is fortunate to have such a great team.

7. Public question time

Ms J Fitzsimmons had kindly attended the meeting to discuss her plans for a snack van in the lay by and provided license to trade certificates. Councillors agreed that there was obviously a need for a stopping point along this road provided the lay by was not blocked by heavy goods vehicles and kept tidy.

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 all those who attended and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....
