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**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAYFIELD  
AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD AT FIVE ASHES VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2008 AT 1930 HOURS**  
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**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

- Police report lower crime figures, and a focus on neighbourhood policing.
- Report on Court Meadow Management and a request to consider village green status.
- Annual Report published.
- Financial Results 2006/2007 discussed.
- Chamber of Commerce Report received.
- Mayfield Charities Report received.
- Primary School Reports discussed.
- Village of Year Competition Report received.
- MVC Report received.

**ATTENDANCE**

Martin Pitcher Chairman	(MP)	Present
Paul Amans	(PA)	Apologies for Absence (H)
Peter Deller	(PD)	Present
Jane Driscoll	(JD)	Present
Elaine Wheeler	(EW)	Present
Patricia Balfour	(PB)	Present
Jayne Bramwell	(JB)	Present
Graham Playfoot	(GP)	Present
Hubert Hills	(HH)	Present
Deveda Redman	(DR)	Apologies for Absence (H)
Catherine Swingland	(CS)	Resigned
Robert Fitzsimmons	(RF)	Present
Chris Lilly	(CL)	Present
Jerry Watkiss	(JW)	Present
Tony Lay	(TL)	Apologies for Absence (B)

Present 11

Apologies for Absence 3      Not present 0      Other Council Business 0      Resigned 1

**Also Present**

ESCC Councillor Robert Tidy (RT) and Chris Dowling (CD), Wealden District Councillors Jonica Fox (JF) and Graham Wells (GW)  
David Thompson Parish Clerk (DT)

Apologies for Absence were received by WDC Councillors B Redman (BR) and R Standley (RS)

There were 24 members of the public present.

## MINUTES

### 1. WELCOME BY MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MARTIN PTICHER

- 1.1. The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting.
- 1.2. The Chairman announced the resignation of Councillor Cathy Swingland and noted that the Council would be filling the arising vacancy as soon as possible.

### 2. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

- 2.1. RF reported that Wealden was one of the safest places to live and that within Wealden Mayfield and Five Ashes were the safest. He reported:
  - Most crime was opportunistic.
  - There was a rise in thefts of red diesel from domestic tanks.
  - Traffic speeds were being checked on a random basis. Warnings will be issued and followed by a ticket after the third offence.
  - There was a need to develop Neighbourhood Watch presence in Five Ashes.
  - Community contact arrangements.
- 2.2. RF then introduced the police team for the evening's meeting:
  - Paula Mackie – PCSO Five Ashes
  - Cathy Codling – Neighbourhood Specialist Sergeant for South Wealden
  - Kayleigh Wyatt – Trainee PCSO (observer)
  - Nichol Hardy – PC observing only
- 2.3. Kathy Codling reported that she had been with the police service for 10 years, most issues were traffic accidents and youth problems. She drew attention to the community contact service which is designed to keep people up to date with problems.
- 2.4. Community contact details are:
  - E-mail: [cc.registration@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cc.registration@sussex.pnn.police.uk)
  - Police non emergency number 0845 6070999
  - Mayfield Neighbourhood Watch
- 2.5. Paula Mackie advised that the reporting of incidents does much to help the police since it enables the police to build up detailed information. The PCSOs are talking to local organisations such as WI etc, there is a great deal of change taking place and it is essential to work together.
- 2.6. In a question to the police a resident asked whether they had been informed that the wire netting outside the Five Ashes Village Hall had disappeared?
- 2.7. With regard to the flashing sign at Five Ashes it was reported that this was not lighting up on all occasions and needed cleaning.
- 2.8. With regard to the use of the speed gun it was agreed that attempts would be made to check speeds of cars through Five Ashes before 0800 hours.

**ACTION POLICE**

- 2.9. CL noted that whilst Crowborough had been fully trained for actions on speeds, it would appear that very little had been done at Crowborough. It was agreed to follow this issue up with the police.

**ACTION DT**

### **3. COURT MEADOW MANAGEMENT**

3.1. The Clerk reported that:

- The 14.2 acre field was now fully owned by the Parish Council.
- An Advisory Committee consisting of 4 Councillors and 2 Lay Members had been set up.
- Expenditure was around £10,000 per year, whilst income was only £1000.
- Major work carried out during the year consisted of trimming and topping the trees in the area of the pre-school, the Mayfield Primary School and play area. In addition major works had been carried out on the access road, including improved drainage.
- An area of land was being loaned to the pre-school for extending the play area.
- Support was being given to the Mayfield Village Centre project.
- In addition the licence for Court Meadow which is held by the Parish Council costs £100 and around £1500 of the Parish Council insurance bill was applicable to Court Meadow.

3.2. Richard Nabavi asked that now Court Meadow had become a Parish asset that they would consider the long term future of the asset, by having it classified as a village green. It was agreed that RN would provide a paper on the subject and that the Parish Council would ensure that the issue was discussed within the Parish Council decision making process.

**ACTION RN/DT**

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- 4.1. M Walker asked why light No 2 on the junction of the A267 and Rotherfield Lane was taking so much time to replace. The Clerk replied that the replacement light was in the current programme of work but had been delayed because of insurance, and road occupation problems.
- 4.2. T Cornish asked the current position with regard to the NCN21 'Cuckoo Trail' cycle route. RT replied that the railway line route through Mayfield (Route D) would definitely not be adopted. Instead a route using Newick Lane would be used. At present however there was no money to fund the project. The route was to be part of a 'Green Route' between London – Paris to be ready for the Olympics, but whether the London political changes would affect the scheme or not was not known. RT noted that traffic calming proposals for Newick Lane would have an effect on traffic conditions in Five Ashes.
- 4.3. TC noted that cyclists are told to use the route, but currently conditions on Newick Lane were treacherous.
- 4.4. A blocked drain was reported at the bottom of the hill on Rotherfield Lane.
- 4.5. Annette Nabavi asked to know what action was being taken over the Grade 2 listed Argos Hill Windmill. It was a serious issue and there was a need for an agreed view. JD reported that the Parish Council were giving support to the formation of a Trust to manage the restoration of the Argos Hill Windmill, but was unclear as to the attitude of

Wealden District Council. JF reported that WDC was very supportive to the formation of a Trust and were currently working with their solicitors to set up the Trust documentation so that the Windmill could be transferred to a Trust. AN asked about funding issues – it was agreed that the Parish Council would monitor progress.

**ACTION DT**

- 4.6. Questions were raised with regard to speed limits through Five Ashes. PD replied on behalf of the Parish Council that these would be reviewed after Mayfield had been dealt with. The Traffic Committee were considering the application of a 30mph limit. A number of residents noted that children were involved using the main road through Five Ashes. J Logan noted that in Scotland there was a 20mph limit when lights flash and Mary Pennington noted that currently there were very high speeds through Five Ashes and there had been 10 deaths on the A267. Heather Bailey said it was dangerous to walk on the road near Queensmount and when it is raining pedestrians were soaked by the traffic.
- 4.7. Richard Howard thanked the Parish Council for the provision of the Wadhurst – Mayfield – Crowborough bus service; a Five Ashes resident asked whether Five Ashes could have a similar service. It was pointed out that the new service was a replacement for the old post office bus which had not served Five Ashes.
- 4.8. A complaint was made by a resident regarding placing notices on the flagpole in Five Ashes and also placing advertisements on the War Memorial on the War Memorial Green.
- 4.9. A complaint was received over the conditions of the climbing frame in the Five Ashes play area. The Clerk replied that this matter was being investigated, and that the whole area would probably be closed. The hedge would also be cut after avian fledging.

**ACTION DT**

**5. MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2007/8**

- 5.1. Copies of the Annual Report had been circulated to all of the meeting attendees.
- 5.2. Richard Nabavi asked whether the presence of a councillor who had been an estate agent was contrary to the ‘interest’ of the Council. It was noted that the councillor concerned had declared such interests and that the mechanism of the ‘Code of Conduct’ was considered to be a sufficient safeguard.

**6. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 21 MAY 2007 AT MAYFIELD MEMORIAL HALL (7A01)**

- 6.1 The Chairman reported that the minutes had been approved by the Full Council. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved by the meeting.
- 6.2 Action progress was as follows:

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
• 7A1/5.5	If Court Meadow lost its charitable status would the buildings on the field attract council tax – dealt with by the Clerk.	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 7A1/15.4	Security Committee – request for CCTV in South Street car park. Dealt with by the Security Committee.	<b>CLOSED</b>

• 6A1/15.1	Mayfield cup location. The Clerk confirmed that the cup was not in his possession.	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6A1/14.1	Quality Council progress. Now achieved.	<b>CLOSED</b>

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007**

- 7.1. It was reported that the accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2007 had been fully audited, and the certificate of audit issued.
- 7.2. C Lilly, Chairman of F & GP reported on the key issues arising from the accounts.
- 7.3. A copy of the accounts is attached as Annex 1.
- 7.4. B Horwood asked to what degree had inflation been allowed for in the budget. The Clerk noted that inflation was separately allowed for through contingency, and would not lead to cuts in the Parish Council projects budget.

## **8. REPORTS FROM EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLORS ROBERT TIDY AND CHRISTOPHER DOWLING**

- 8.1. R Tidy reported on the current council tax levy for ESCC. The percentage increase had been further reduced, and took into account inflation. They had had a good year and were in the top 20% of Councils as rated by the Audit Commission.
  - The ESCC carbon footprint had been reduced over the last four years by 15% or 5000 tons per year.
  - Hastings – Bexhill link road would give opportunity for regeneration in Hastings and also to improve educational standards there.
  - The ESCC website was one of the best sites in the county and allows business to be conducted thus making savings in administrative costs.
  - Police matters – There had been great improvements and the neighbourhood watch scheme had been most successful. There had been a reduction in crime by 10% on the previous year. Neighbourhood policing was to be developed, and the teams were to be increased to 47 constables, 13 sergeants, and 6 inspectors all dedicated to neighbourhood policing.
- 8.2. JB reported that manhole covers were being stolen from Newick Lane, and that they needed to be replaced as quickly as possible – was there an alternative metal? RT would investigate.

**ACTION RT**

- 8.3. CD reported that he was available to consider Five Ashes problems and would look into any problems with County Council traffic signals in the area.

## **9. REPORTS FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS GRAHAM WELLS AND JONICA FOX**

- 9.1. GW noted that it was one year since he had been elected and reviewed Wealden District Council's progress.
  - Recycling and composting – waste collection up. A target of 50% waste recycling was required by 2010.
  - WDC still had no parking charges.

- WDC were rationalising costs in delivery services and were meeting targets.
- Access services – website available in main towns.
- 6 out of 12 departments had achieved “charter mark” status.
- Reduction in crime.
- Affordable housing – progress was not good.
- Sport lottery for young people – three year period.
- Economic revitalisation – with Action in Rural Sussex and the Enterprise Agency to embrace shops and village services.
- Local Development Framework – completed.
- Low Council Tax policy with value for money.
- Good progress in Quality Council status for its Parish and Town Councils.

9.2. JF congratulated the Parish Council in gaining Quality Status.

9.3. JF reported that:

- She was the Chair of the North Wealden Planning Committee which was a very large area.
- Two working parties had been created to save money in administration, examine the planning service, examine if and how local needs have changed and to enable the Scrutiny Committee to do better.
- Main focus to try and control Council Tax.
- Housing and delivery – new estimates being prepared. There was a pressing need for housing. Grants were available for housing insulation.
- Recycling – Forest ROW – Developing a rural version similar to kerbside collections in towns. Trials were taking place and if successful will be rolled out to other areas.

**ACTION DT TO CONTACT GW**

- Heathfield Community College – Improvements in arts facilities.
- LDF – There was to be a 320 house development in Cross. In hand.

9.4. In answer to a question on cultural services noted that a mobile Play Session group was being developed in conjunction with Freedom Leisure.

9.5. RT noted that there was grant money available for children’s play areas up to £350,000.

**ACTION DT TO CONTACT GW**

**10. VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

10.1. Report from D Kirkness:

The judges for the first round of the Calor Best Village competition visited Mayfield on Tuesday 20 May 2008 to assess the village for that part of the competition covering East and West Sussex.

The following people were thanked for giving positive presentations to the judges:

David Thompson who gave an overview of the Parish Council’s work, the use of lay members on committees ensuring maximum involvement in discussions and the various projects undertaken recently.

Shirley Holland gave a very full and researched presentation covering all aspects of provision for youth from toddler to teenager.

Jerry Watkiss covered the footpath volunteer scheme and was there to help if there were any questions about our website. The judges were fulsome in their praise of the Mayfield and Five Ashes website.

Jo Woodliffe gave a spirited presentation of Open Door and the new Welcome Pack.

Ann Adam who runs Tuesday club for senior citizens, talked about that and many other facilities for the elderly in our community.

Tony Woodliffe had researched just how many volunteers (or as he said, should that be volunteered) work for the good of others in our community. It came out at just over 10%.

D Kirkness covered the cultural aspects of the village from Mayfield Festival to the Carnival and Blacksmiths Night and Herb Hill gave insights into village life generally.

The results will be given 4 July at Scaynes Hill Village Hall and David Thompson and Diane Kirkness will attend.

## **11. MAYFIELD CHARITIES**

11.1. J Logan reported as follows:

The Trustees were:

- Vicar
- Mary Pennington
- Anne Adam
- John Logan

The Trust covered the ancient Parish of Mayfield.

11.2. The accounts for last year were not yet available but income from investments was £5095 and expenditure was anticipated to be £4700 giving an excess of around £300.

11.3. The award of grants was tightly controlled by the Trust rules, but the trustees were always looking for new opportunities. If residents knew of any cases of need they would be considered by the Trust.

11.4. There was little change in the levels of investments and the stipend for the Clerk was £300 per annum.

11.5. A copy of the Accounts would be sent to the Parish Council office when received.

11.6. In answer to a question from PD, it was reported that some requests for grants are occasionally turned down because they fall outside the Terms of Reference for the Charity. Some 90% of requests are met.

## **12. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

12.1. The Chamber of Commerce reported:

Mayfield Chamber of Commerce has been in existence for many years. The idea of a Chamber is to promote and protect businesses within its area which in turn helps the wider community. We meet monthly, other than August, on the third Monday of each month at various venues in Mayfield where we work to achieve this and much more.

In more recent years we have aimed to promote a higher profile and have had a monthly article in the village newsletter since September 2007. In these articles we report on specific events organised by the Chamber, new members and give a member business the opportunity to promote itself.

Membership has increased this year and we hope this will continue as the more members we have the greater opportunity there is to make a difference.

The Chamber is responsible for organising a number of events which have become part of the Mayfield calendar, most recently being the resurrection of the May Fair which is now in its second year and getting better with each year!

The Chamber also organises the Late Night Christmas Shopping evening in December, The Christmas trees in the High Street and last Christmas we purchased and hired lights for the lamp posts which we felt added to the atmosphere and appear to have been warmly appreciated.

It has also become a tradition to put on children's activities for Halloween, Christmas and Easter in the form of competitions and trails which hopefully brings children and parents into the village.

The members of The Chamber feel passionately about preserving Mayfield as a thriving village and therefore gets involved in many aspects of village life including policing, parking, signage and liases with other village organisations.

It is also partner with the Council in respect of the villages' website contributing financially and literally! It has in the past worked closely with the Council to obtain grants to improve the villages' maps, lighting and signage as an historic village.

We hope the Chamber will continue to grow and help the village go forward in this ever competitive commercial/economic climate.

### **13. MAYFIELD VILLAGE CENTRE**

13.1. B Horwood reported on the latest developments with the Mayfield Village Centre.

The centre would incorporate a range of services:

- Parish Clerk's Office
- Library
- Police Accommodation
- Museum

The doctor had decided not to join the scheme.

13.2. The Committee had appointed architects to produce outline designs and costs. There would be costs of around £1400 associated with this development. It was envisaged that the scheme would be implemented on an incremental basis.

13.3. Fundraising had already started with a fashion show and the launch of a 200 club.

13.4. In answer to a question from Ian Wordsworth work had started on obtaining updated plans and outline planning permission.

13.5. AN asked if the village would be without a hall during the construction period. BH noted that the building would be developed behind the existing structure so that they could continue offering hall facilities at all times.

- 13.6. Rosemary Neal asked where exactly the New Hall would be located. BH replied that it would be behind the existing building and the height would not interfere with existing roof lines. The school had to be the prominent building. The car park would be extended onto the site of the existing hall.

#### **14. QUALITY COUNCIL**

- 14.1. It was reported that the Parish Council had now achieved Quality Status (February 2008) being the 544 in England out of a potential total of 10,000.
- 14.2. It now met a laid down set of standards which covered:
- Contested elections
  - A qualified Clerk
  - Properly managed council meetings
  - High standard of communication
  - An annual report
  - Full financial accountability including Risk Assessment
  - Code of Conduct
- 14.3. Annette Nabavi commented favourably on the quality of the Parish Council's website.

#### **15. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

- 15.1. J Driscoll asked whether the South Street Allotment site could be re-used for allotment provision, or whether it was still the intention to build on the site. J Bramwell also noted the lack of allotment provision.

It was agreed to consult with WDC to see what could be done and also whether or not the site could be used for picnics pending the development of the affordable housing scheme.

**ACTION DT**

- 15.2. The Chairman drew attention to the reports from two primary schools which are attached as Annex 2 and Annex 3.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2130 HOURS.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE:**

**VENUE:       MAYFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**  
**DATE:         MID MAY 2009**  
**TIME:         1930 HOURS**

## MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL

## Monthly Income and Expenditure Report Year End March 2007

<b>INCOME</b>	
Precept	£70,344.00
Rents	£579.25
Interest	£2,166.35
Grants	£6,061.16
Misc	£1,232.45
KGF Fund Transfer	£10,958.07
Prior Years adjustment	£4,183.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£95,524.83</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
General Administration	£33,269.74
Agency Services	£10,437.48
Section 137	£325.00
Exceptional Payments	£688.00
Youth Project	£2,925.00
Cemetery	£1,648.00
Playing Fields	£8,020.50
Public Lighting	£7,971.25
Playgrounds	£500.95
Street Furniture	£0.00
Celebratory Events	£0.00
Rights of Way	£355.99
Community	£4,493.71
Traffic	£151.85
Elections	£0.00
Grants not S137	£6,372.00
Parish projects	£7,209.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£84,368.20</b>
<b>YEAR RESULT</b>	<b>£11,156.63</b>

**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL**

**Balance Sheet As At 31 March 2007**

	<b>March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007</b>	<b>March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	£0.00	£6,823.00
Payment in Advance	£0.00	£0.00
VAT Recoverables	£3,343.00	£3,870.00
Bank Accounts		£47,096.00
Current	£150.00	
Reserve	£11,484.00	
Standard Life	£47,365.00	
King George's Field	£8,835.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£71,177.00</b>	<b>£57,789.00</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	0	£10,151.00
Total Liabilities	0	£10,151.00
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>£71,177.00</b>	<b>£47,638.00</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
General Fund Brought Forward	£47,638.00	£32,680.00
Net Income	£11,157.00	£14,958.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£58,795.00</b>	<b>£47,638.00</b>

## MAYFIELD CEP SCHOOL

### Report to the Parish Council 2008

It has been a very busy year at school with lots of exciting things happening. In February we received a subject inspection visit from OFSTED. They came to inspect English and we were delighted to receive the judgement of Good.

This year we have pursued the Global Citizenship aspect of the curriculum and have formed a partnership with a Primary school in the village of Kabubbu in Uganda. The children from Bobcats class have already exchanged letters with the Ugandan pupils and earlier this month we were lucky to be visited by Enoch and Lillian who are the founders of the schools in Kabubbu. They were able to answer the children's questions about life in Kabubbu and really brought Africa to life for Bobcats. Heathfield Community College has formed a partnership with the Secondary School in Kabubbu and we recently took part in a signing ceremony between all the schools.

Children from 4, 5 and 6 have been to see 2 productions of Shakespeare for Kids. One was the *The Tempest* and the other was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Children have been involved with performing themselves. Before Christmas KS1 put on a wonderful show of the *Hoity Toity Angel* for parents and friends. Jaguars class performed the Passion play at St Dunstan's Church at Easter and the whole of KS2 are involved in the summer production which will take place in the Memorial Hall on Monday and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The entire school was involved in our Christingle Service at St Dunstan's Church before Christmas.

We have had a great sporting year with success for the football teams, the netball squad and the cross-country team. Girl's football is becoming very popular. Pupils are developing into accomplished cricketers and the swimmers continue to go from strength to strength. We have had a visit from an Olympic gymnast and all the children have taken part in sponsored circuit training.

Bobcats performed their Grease jives at Tunbridge Wells and also Mayfield May Fair. They will be giving further performances during the KS2 show in July. The whole routine is well worth seeing!

Clarinet, violin, recorder and a choir are all part of the extra curricular music provision at Mayfield this year and many of the children are becoming accomplished musicians.

Year 6 have all passed their cycling proficiency test and Years 1 and 2 are currently undergoing a substantial road safety awareness-training programme.

In June Years 5 and 6 will be going to Bude for their residential trip. The visit links with their National Curriculum study on rivers and coasts.

We now have a second Walking Bus, which presently runs each Friday from South Mead Close. Our other Walking Bus is one of the oldest in East Sussex. We are trying to encourage as many children as possible to walk to school and have recently run a very successful Walk to School week.

Pupils in KS2 have recently undergone SATs testing. Year 6 have taken the end of Key Stage tests and the rest of Key Stage 2 have taken optional SATs tests. We shall know the results in July. Year 2 have also been involved in SATs testing as part of their end of Key Stage work.

Pupils are currently participating in Mosaic Workshops to make a new sign for outside the main entrance of the school and one for the bottom corridor. The workshops, run by a company call Jam Tart, take place over 5 days. We are hoping that the results will be stunning.

Events we are still looking forward to include Sports Day, Bring a Bloke Day, Splatt Circus Skills, the Key Stage 2 production, the Summer Fayre, A Robot Day for Years 5 and 6 and some exciting curriculum outings including a Habitat Hunt in the Ashdown Forest.

If anyone would like to visit the school you will be very welcome. Just ring in advance and we will arrange for you to be shown round. We are always keen to have volunteers from the community working in our classrooms. If you are interested please ring to have a chat about what you would like to do to help.

**Parish Report from Five Ashes Church of England Primary School  
For the School Year 2007 – 2008**

Our original Victorian school building has undergone significant modernisation and improvements over the past few years and now provides three very well equipped classrooms, a hall, a library and a separate group teaching area. Our latest extension is an indoor activity and play area for our infant pupils. We also have an additional group teaching area for junior pupils and a disabled toilet.

Earlier in this school year our pupils chose new names for their classes: - Oak Y5 and 6 pupils, Maple Year 3 and 4 pupils, Willow Year 1 and 2 pupils, and also Reception pupils who are taught separately on most mornings and join with Year 1 and 2 in the afternoon.

During the year we have upgraded our ICT resources so that each class is now equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard and desktop computers with printer scanners. Our current computer to pupil is 1:3.

As a village school with small classes and high adult to pupil ratios (currently 1:8) we offer all pupils excellent level of support together with a very supportive and personalised learning experience.

We offer a rich curriculum including educational visits, drama and music workshops and a wide range of sporting opportunities. Recent examples include a Victorian Day at Preston Manor Brighton, a visit to Wilderness Wood, a computer workshop on control technology and drama workshops for each class. As part of their studies Maple Class went to the theatre in London to see the Lion King. Sport's coaching includes cricket and tag rugby.

Over the past school year teams have represented us in the Area Schools Gymnastic Tournament, Swimming Gala and Football Tournament. A wide range of well supported after school clubs are offered to our pupils, this term they include dance, football, recorders, and outdoor activities. All Y5/6 pupils learn French.

All schools with cohorts of 10 pupils or less are not allowed to publish their Y6 SATs results in the annual national league tables. However for the past three years our results in English, maths and science were at least at, and in most areas, above the county and national averages.