



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2017 AT 7.00PM AT THE ROUND CHURCH, LITTLE MAPLESTEAD

Present: Cllr Bishop, Cllr Piper, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Smith,
Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi for item 6

In the Chair: Cllr Bishop

Clerk: Ann Harris

Members of Public: Two

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None received
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 11TH MAY 2016
The Minutes were read and approved
3. THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2016/17
The Annual Accounts were submitted by the Clerk and approved.
4. ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17 BY THE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Bishop delivered the Chairman's report in which she highlighted a number of significant challenges for the Council including an increase in operational costs due principally to an increase in the costs associated with the Parish Clerk and also the uncertainty of the future of the local Bus Service. On the positive side there is now funding available to make improvements to the Playing Field facilities and the Council is continuing press BT for the supply of Superfast Broadband. Also the Council has made an application to the British Heart Foundation for the supply of a defibrillator to the village, news on which is expected soon. Finally the Village's Annual Litter Pick will take place over the weekend of 3rd/4th June.



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5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi reported on the results of the recent BDC survey in which 92% of responders considered Braintree to be a "good place to live". 86% are satisfied with the way in which the Council is run and 60% think that the Council is doing a good job. There was also a positive reaction to the Energy Switch Scheme run by BDC. He reported that BDC is now running a pilot scheme for the protection of vulnerable residents. The District Investment Strategy is considering a variety of different investments for BDC such as property and also improved Health provision. Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi reported that he is now no longer on the BDC Planning Committee and therefore he is able now to give to any committee quite freely. On the matter of the Local Bus Service he confirmed that the replacement service (Dart3/Arrow taxis) does not cover Little Maplestead. Finally he asked the Parish Clerk to email contact details for all the Councillors.

7. AOB

None

The Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Signed:.....
(Chair)

Date:.....