



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00pm at the Round Church, Little Maplestead

**Present:** Cllr Piper, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Alton  
Cty Cllr Finch, Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi  
**In the Chair:** Acting Chairman Cllr Piper  
**Clerk:** Ann Harris  
**Members of Public:** Two

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Minutes were read and approved

#### 3. THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2017/18

The Annual Accounts were submitted by the Clerk for approval  
Proposed by Cllr Piper. Seconded by Cllr Holloway  
Approved unanimously.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

Cllr Piper reviewed the past year's achievements against targets set by the out-going Chair, Cllr Bishop. Specifically these included the establishment of the village website, financed by the Transparency Fund for Small Councils, the successful application to the Lottery Fund for a grant to cover two defibrillators for the village which will be installed very shortly and the successful application to EEC for the bulk of the cost of the refurbishment and resiting of the village notice board. Cllr Piper thanked Cllr Bishop for all her hard work on behalf of the village in her capacity as both Chair and Councillor for Little Maplestead.

Looking forward Cllr Piper described the Council's primary aim as being responsive to the needs of parishioners. In this connection one major project currently under review by the Round Church PCC is the provision of a Parish Room. This will require significant planning and funding and the Council are keen to assist the Round Church PCC in achieving this goal.



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### 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cty Cllr Finch reported that the County's Accounts show a slight underspend for the financial year just ended, £2.5m of which will be earmarked for the repair of potholes across the county, £1.5m will be granted to the Local Highways panel and a £1m fund will be set up to look at ways of devolving a range of responsibilities to local and parish councils. Cllr Finch then outlined the four objectives for the County through to the end of 2021 which are: improved care for the elderly; keeping children safe in schools; protecting the environment and ensuring that building developments are in synch and finally on the finance front, "to do more with less" and therefore continue to be a low tax authority.

### 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi commented on a recent Planning Appeal decision that went against BDC in both the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords and which he considers will have an impact on potential future developments in rural communities. The planning matter concerned a new build in a close proximity to, but not within a development boundary, and the issue before the House of Lords was whether or not this could be classed as an isolated home in the countryside. The House of Lords ruled that such a development could be allowed, provided that all other statutory planning regulations were met.

### 7. PUBLIC FORUM

**Q Sudbury Road land:** There was a discussion about the Council's plans for this land and one parishioner urged that it should be maintained as a Nature Reserve. Cllrs Piper and Alton responded that there were no plans to sell or build on the land at present.

**Q Bus Time Table:** There was a plea from another parishioner for the operators of the bus services to co-ordinate their time tables so that their passengers did not continue to face long waits for connecting or returning buses.

**Q Halstead and Sudbury Library Times:** Could there be published in the Parish Magazine? Agreed the Clerk would contact the Editor on this point

The Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Signed:.....  
(Chairman)

Date:.....

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