



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.00pm at School Farm Cottage.

Present: Cllr Crudginton, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Piper, Cllr Went, Cllr Mullineaux, Cllr Schwier
In the Chair: Cllr Piper
Apologies: None
Clerk: Mrs Paula Sillett
Members of the Public: 4 in attendance

Minutes

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors agreed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 are a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **County Matters:**
 - 4.1 Pot hole work is being completed. 4 reported in Little Maplestead as priority. Noticeable improvement in the area.
 - 4.2 Hoping to complete Yeldham Bridge by end of summer 2023.
 - 4.3 Ofsted inspection of Children's Services - awaiting grading.
 - 4.4 5k grant Community Funding to Feb 2024.
 - 4.5 .National Grid Pylons non statutory consultation.
5. **District Matters:**
 - 5.1 Garden waste service provision charge.
 - 5.2 ECC sponsored food waste campaign. London Bio East processes recycle food waste.
 - 5.3 Rural England prosperity fund - Parish Councils can apply for grants.
6. **Public Forum:**
 - 6.1 Verge Cutting - Concern raised regarding lack of verge cutting. Glad its been delayed as wild flowers have set seed and nesting birds. Used to be done twice a year, now once a year as stipulated by BDC. Has to be left as late as possible. Potential cutting August 2023
 - 6.2 Phone mast - last application was rejected. Cllr Schwier supports the urgency for enhanced mobile service.
 - 6.3 Speeding on Oak Rd / Gestingthorpe Rd. Meeting to be held on 3rd August with Highways Officer / Cllr Schwier / BP / GH.
 - 6.4 Increased heavy goods vehicles traffic. BP / GH to investigate further.

7. Councillors' Reports:

- 7.1 Additional Play Equipment for Playing Field: HW
 Quotation received from Sunshine Gym to 10k
 Agree in principal to invest in playing field
 Agree to provide Willow retreat & wildflower area
 Forms needed for grant applications - Clerk
- 7.2 Parish Clerk - Formally Approved and Accepted
- 7.3 Council Insurance - Completed
- 7.4 Local Footpath Map: GH/HW - Ongoing
- 7.5 Local Highways Scheme: Collins Rd Junction and A131 Speed: BP/GH - Meeting 3/8/23
- 7.6 Local Highways Scheme: Village Speed Limit: BP/GH - Meeting 3/8/23
- 7.7 Risk Assessment: TC - Completed
- 7.8 Sudbury Road Land/Oswicks: TC - Ongoing
- 7.9 Verge cutting contractor: GH - Agreed
- 7.10 National Grid Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement.
- 7.11 National Grid Pylons non statutory consultation.
- 7.12 Areas of Responsibilities within Parish Council - circulated & agreed.

8. Parishioner Correspondence: None**9. Planning Consultations:**

- 9.1 Parish / Town Council Consultation 23/01545/FUL
 No objection raised yet highways concerns communicated.

10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank Balance: On 18th July 2023: £8531.21

10.2 Payments: MD Landscapes £468.00	Community Heartbeat £595.80
Heelis & Lodge £130.00	Gallagher £438.24
MSKambo Ltd £750.00	Oswicks - £780.00
EALC - £93.38	MD Landscapes - £156.00

10.3 Receipts: ECC - £1399.97 HMRC £725.72

11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2023 meeting dates are:

19th September 2023 21st November 2023

12. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Note: LGA 1972 Section 12 10(2) (b) states that all business for decision at the meeting must be specified in advance and Councillors cannot lawfully raise any other matter for decision.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th September 7pm

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Signed:

Paula Sillett
Clerk to the Council
Tuesday 18th July 2023