



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON: Tuesday 28th November 2017

AT: School Farm Cottage, Little Maplestead

Present: Cllr Bishop, Cllr Piper, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Crudgington
For Item no 4: Dist Cllr J. O'Reilly-Cicconi
In the Chair: Cllr Bishop
Clerk: Ann Harris

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr Alton for reasons of work.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Piper. Seconded: Cllr Holloway

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

4. **County/District Matters:** Dist Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi reported to the meeting as follows:
Council Tax: There will be a 2.93% rise next year and 1.9% for the each of the two years thereafter.
Local Plan: Now concluded and will be forwarded to the Inspector for his consideration
Open Spaces Report: Also now concluded and submitted to ECC.

5. **Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Bishop:

DaRT: Cllr Bishop is on the Steering Committee which will be meeting in January.

Broadband: Cllr Bishop is the Little Maplestead Broadband champion and is making contact with County Broadband to ensure that all Little Maplestead residents will have the option of the Superfast service. The Clerk will contact Superfast Essex to report the difficulties in the CO9 2RS area.

Website: A good meeting with the Consultant who is thanked for the development work.

Cllr Bishop asked that all Councillors visit the web site (<https://littlemaplesteadpc.co.uk/>) and give comments on design and content at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mobile Library: Further assessment of the usage in Little Maplestead to be undertaken.

Defibrillator: Proposed that application to the Community Heartbeat Trust should be submitted as soon as possible.

Proposed: Cllr Piper

Seconded: Cllr Crudgington

Cllr Piper:

Finance: The application in respect of moving LMPC's bank account to Lloyds Bank is underway.

Also the paperwork to close the Black Rock accounts and transfer the money to the new account is being prepared.

Neighbourhood Watch Update: Cllr Piper reported on the recent theft of two Spaniel bitches from the garden of a parishioner; no progress to date on locating the dogs or the perpetrators.

Cllr Holloway:

Mobile Phone Signal: Parishioner Mr Vasey is agreeable to the proposal to site a mobile phone mast on his property. Under the terms of the Digital Economy Act 2017 he must make the application and Cllr Holloway will monitor progress and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Crudgington:

Playing Field: Quotation of £13,118.74 inclusive of VAT for the work proposed in the 2017 CIF and CCG grants applications was submitted and accepted. The Clerk will submit the paper work to ECC and BDC and arrange for the two companies (Playquip) and Advantage Environmental to commence work.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Seconded: Cllr Piper

Notice Board: Quotation of £1,341.60 was submitted and approved by the Council for submission to ECC as part of the CIF 2017 grant application. It was noted that the Parish Council has agreed to provide £200 of the cost of this notice board replacement work and re-siting.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Seconded: Cllr Piper

Hedge/Parishioner Mr Bates: Cllr Crudgington asked the Council to agree a suggestion from Mr Bates that in order to protect his new hedging plants he will look after the verge on his property and the Clerk will advise Mr Doe to avoid this area in the next verge cutting.

Proposed: Cllr Bishop Seconded: Cllr Piper

6. Financial Report**6.1 Bank Balances as at 20th November 2017**

Unity Bank Current Account: £5,918.00

Unity Bank Deposit Account: £1,291.31

Black Rock Investment Fund: £4,217.50

6.2 Ratification of Payments Made since 1st October 2017

MD Landscapes: Playground and Church grass cut: £156.00

Mrs EC Waters: £1,071.84

Mrs A Harris: £528.00

Mrs A Harris: £1,049 42

6.3 Bank Account Transfer:

From Deposit Account (Transparency Fund) to Current Account: 17.10.17 £2,520.98

7. Planning**7.1 Applications Received**

None

7.2 Application Decisions

017/01470 and 71: Demolition and First Floor Extension: Leppingwell, School Road: **Agreed**

8. Correspondence - None**9. Items for Next Agenda**

Note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item: LGA 1972 Section 12 10(2)(b) states that business must be specified, so Councillors cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

9.1 **Five Year Plan from each Councillor for their area of reporting:** Cllr Bishop's request.

9.2 **Website:** Counsellors' feedback, as requested by Cllr Bishop.

9.3 **2018/9 Budget**

9.4 **2018/9 Precept**

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm: location TBA

Signed (Chair):

Date: