



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.00pm at School Farm Cottage.

Present: Cllr Crudginton, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Piper, Cllr Went
In the Chair: Cllr Piper
Clerk: Mrs Ann Harris
Members of the Public: Two

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate account of proceedings.
Proposed: Cllr Crudginton **Seconded:** Cllr Holloway **Agreed:** Unanimously
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **County Matters:** Cllr Schwier was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Essex County Council updates are available on www.essex.gov.uk
5. **District Matters:** Cllr Schwier was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Braintree District Council updates are available on www.braintree.gov.uk
6. **Public Forum:** The discussion was exclusively concerned with the Planning Application for a mobile phone mast to be sited near to Little Lodge Farm. The two residents who attended the meeting were very much opposed, citing health issues in addition to the all the concerns raised by them and the Council with BDC the last time this issue was addressed. These included damage to the local ecology, proximity to airstrips and a Grade Two listed building. The matter was addressed by the Council under point 8.2 of this Agenda.
7. **Councillors Reports:**
 - 7.1 **Additional Equipment for Playing Field: HW.** It was decided to canvas the Little Maplestead residents in Spring 2023 through the Parish Magazine and social media to establish what they would like to have installed in the playing field.
 - 7.2 **Casual Vacancy:** BDC has confirmed that no requests for an election have been received and therefore the Council may proceed to co-opt. A notice advertising the vacancy will be sent to the Parish Magazine Editor for inclusion in the December/January issue. Cllr Went will publish the advert on the LMPC Facebook page.
 - 7.3 **Litter Management:** The Clerk will reply to BDC that litter management in the Parish is conducted by the residents on an ad hoc basis.
 - 7.4 **Footpath Map: HW.** The Chairman will provide an OS map of the area in order to identify the footpaths and Parish boundary.
 - 7.5 **Local Highways:** Two submissions (concerning Collins Road junction and traffic speeds in Little Maplestead) have been sent to Cllr Schwier for passing on to Essex Highways.
 - 7.6 **National Grid Temporary Haul Road: BP** No response yet from The National Grid team.

- 7.7 Sudbury Road Land:** It was agreed that Cllrs Crudginton and Holloway will attend the meeting with Oswicks to be arranged by David Alton.
- 7.8 Twenty's Plenty:** By a vote of one in favour and three against the Council decided not to support the initiative for traffic speed reduction.
- 7.9 Village Defibs:** The Chairman will arrange for the back packs issued to the VETS team to be updated. The Council approved a cost of up to £100 for this purpose.
- 7.10 The Village Crest: BP.** The Chairman will investigate designs and prices for a wooden crest to be placed in the Playing field and will report back to the next meeting

8. Planning Consultations:

- 8.1** Application No: 22/02090/FUL: Erection of Agricultural Store. Location: Land adjacent to Bramble Barn, Gestingthorpe Road, Little Maplestead CO9 2SJ. Deadline for comments to BDC: 8th September 2022. (*Update: Application refused 21st November*)
- 8.2** Application No: 22/02780/T56: Erection of Mobile Phone Mast on land near Little Lodge Farm: LMPC Comments to reach BDC by Friday 18th November 2022: The Councillors discussed the comments made during the public forum and their own views and then took a vote.

In favour of Supporting this Application: One Against this Application: Three

It was agreed that the Clerk will e-mail the Planning Officer laying out the views of the majority of the Council.

- 8.3** Application No: 22/03018/FUL: Installation of shared vehicular access for Brambles and detached bungalow which was approved under 20/01452/FUL (although opposed by the Council). Location: Brambles Collins Road, Little Maplestead, Essex CO9 2SG. Deadline for Comments to BDC by 13th December 2022. After a discussion the Councillors decided unanimously to oppose this application on the grounds of proximity to traffic on the A131.

[NB: Although this application was not listed on the Agenda for this meeting the Chairman decided that, since the BDC deadline date proceeds the next LMPC meeting, it was in the interests of the Parish to make the Council's views known to the Planning Officers as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC Planning Department expressing the Council's views].

9. Financial Report:

- 9.1** Bank Balance: On 11th October: £9,493.41
- 9.2** Payments since 20th September
 £2,062.20 to J&M Payroll Services for Clerk's payroll
 £144.00 to J. Doe for Autumn verge cut
 £312.00 to MD Landscapes for Grass Cutting
- 9.3** Receipts since 20th September:
 £2,963.00 Precept Payment from BDC

- 10. Items for next Meeting Agenda:** LGA 1972 Section 12 10(2) (b) states that all Council business must be specified on the Meeting Agenda and therefore Councillors cannot lawfully raise any other matter for decision.

11. The 2023 provisional dates are as follows:

- 17th January 2023
- 21st March 2023
- (NB: Parish Council Election: Thursday 4th May)
- 16th May 2023 (APM and APCM)
- 18th July 2023
- 19th September 2023
- 21st November 2023

12. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm at School Farm Cottage

SIGNED:

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: BILL PIPER