



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm at School Farm Cottage.

**Present:** Cllr Alton, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Piper, Cllr Went  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Piper  
**Clerk:** Mrs Ann Harris  
**Members of the Public:** Five

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate account of proceedings.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Crudgington      **Seconded:** Cllr Holloway      **Agreed:** Unanimously
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **County Matters:** Cllr Schwier was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. County Council updates are available on [www.essex.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)
6. **Public Forum:** The discussion centred principally on two matters. One was the concern about the frequency of speeding vehicles in Little Maplestead and the other was traffic safety issues on the A131, particularly at the junction with Collins Road. Cllr Piper explained that the Council is also very concerned about these two issues and is in regular contact with Cllr Schwier, who in turn has referred these matters to the Essex Highways Authority for their urgent attention. One other request was for clarification on the Council's plans for the Council owned land on the A131; Cllr Alton responded that a pre-planning application for two houses is in the process of being drafted with Oswicks.
7. **Councillors Reports:**
  - 7.1 **Additional Equipment for Playing Field: HW.** The Chairman and Cllr Went will meet to agree a list of equipment that will be presented for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.
  - 7.2 **Footpath Map: HW.** Cllr Went reported that she can now identify all the landowners in Little Maplestead so the next step is to put this together with a map to identify the parish boundary and mark out all the footpaths. The Clerk said that if an OS map of the area is reproduced for this purpose a copyright acknowledgement will be required and small fee may be payable.
  - 7.3 **Halstead Hospital: BP.** The Chairman has received a reply from James Cleverly MP offering to meet with the Council on this matter in due course.

**7.4 Additional Tree for the Playing Field: BP.** The Chairman will look into this matter and report back to the Council on suggestions in due course. The Clerk confirmed that there is 2022/3 budget allowance for this item of £200.

**7.5 Playground Inspection:** Cllr Crudgington referred to the comment by the inspector that there are a few cracks in the footpath that require filling; he confirmed that this could be undertaken by Colne Contracts in November. This Clerk will place an order for this work to be undertaken at a cost of £50 (agreed at the meeting by Cllrs Piper and Crudgington).

**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: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Update: Still Pending Consideration

**9. Financial Report:**

**9.1** Bank Balance: On 11<sup>th</sup> October: £9,493.41

**9.2** Payments since 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> September:

£2,963.00 Precept Payment from BDC

**10. Resignation:** Cllr Alton stated that since he is relocating his place of residence outside the 3 mile Parish Council boundary, he is tendering his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect. On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Cllr Alton for his service on the Council. Cllr Alton offered that his services would be available relating to the development of the Council owned land on the A131. The Council is looking forward to the conclusion of this project with his help.

**11. 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.

**12. There is one further LMPC Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 2022:** 15th November  
The 2023 provisional dates are as follows:

17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (APM and APCM)

21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

(NB: Parish Council Election:

19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

**13. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm at School Farm Cottage**

SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....

**CHAIRMAN: BILL PIPER**

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