



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

Little Maplestead Parish Councillors: You are hereby summonsed to attend
THE 2026 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of the Little Maplestead Parish Council at
THE ROUND CHURCH, LITTLE MAPLESTEAD
On Tuesday 12th May 2026.at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence**
2. **Re-election of Chairman**
3. **Re-election of Vice - Chairman**
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 are a true and accurate account of the proceedings of this meeting.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors are advised to declare the existence and nature of any 'Disclosable Pecuniary', 'Other Pecuniary' or 'Non-Pecuniary' interests relating to items on the Agenda.
6. **County Matters: ECC/Local Highways/Braintree - future:- consider self-funded road proposal**
7. **District Matters: Local Plan -** discussed emails received. Cllr Crudgington to report on exhibition 18th March.
8. **Public Forum:** For discussion of items on the Agenda and matters of mutual interest, maximum time of 15 minutes/3 minutes per contribution, or at the Chairman's discretion. Members of the Public who wish to raise any matter at this meeting or would like to participate in the Public Forum are invited to contact the Clerk by e-mail or phone.
9. **Councillors' Reports:**
 - 9.1 **Playing Field:-**
 - 7.1a Equipment Update (TC) Consider new willows for gaps and general maintenance including trees.
 - 7.1b Inspections - decision to stay with PlaySafety Ltd, Rospa, for annual inspection scheduled May 2026.
 - 9.2 **Highways:-** Potholes, Hedgerows, Signage.
Big potholes by Wooderton's to be reported - Cllr Mullineaux
 - 9.3 **Financial:-**
 - 7.3a Consider Bridging Software for Accounts & VAT:- Money Manager / Absolute Accounting (Clerk)
 - 7.3a Investigate Lloyds bank accounting software. (Clerk)
 - 7.3b HW is now set up as a FULL signatory
 - 7.3c 2026 Precept - First payment received April 2026 £4,793. Total Precept 2026 £9585
 - 7.4 **New Parish Councillor:-** Clerk to advise of official notification to BDC. Awaiting response.
 - 7.5 **Web & Social Sites:-** consider moving to Free hosting ref: email received 18/11/25 (Clerk)
Consider updating and replacing existing web site.
 - 7.6 **Defibrillator:-** (TC) reports that existing residents are currently continuing with routine checks.
 - 7.7 **Street Cleaning Agreement -** signed and agreed with BDC for 2026
 - 7.7a discussed responsibilities for litter picking / bin emptying / fly tipping
 - Notify BDC of inaccessible path along A131 from Little India (Clerk)
 - 7.8 **Community Insurance -** Value of play equipment increased by £20k to £58k as agreed at the previous PCM
 - 7.9 **Community Events -** Dog Show 13th September 2026
 - 7.10 **Essex Village of the Year**

8. Parishioner Correspondence:**9. Planning Consultations: No new consultations.****10. Financial Report:**

10.1	Bank Balance:	£13,745.81	
10.1.i	Payments:	MD Landscapes £156	Lloyds Bank Service Charge March £4.25
		J&M Payroll Services £144	J&M Payroll Clerk Salary £1277.19
10.3	Receipts:	Braintree District Council Precept £4,793.00	

11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2026 meeting dates: -

Tues 14th July, Tues 15th Sept, Tues 17th Nov

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.

Signed: *P.A. Sillett*

Mrs P.A. Sillett
Clerk to the Council

Thursday 30th April 2026