



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

of Little Maplestead Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at School Farm Cottage at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Piper, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Went, Cllr Mullineaux  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Piper  
**Apologies:** Cllr Schwier, Cllr Holloway  
**Clerk:** Mrs Paula Sillett  
**Members of the Public:** None

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr Schwier, Cllr Geraldine Holloway
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 are a true and accurate account of the proceedings of this meeting.
3. **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.
4. **County Matters:**
5. **District Matters: Concerns raised regarding ongoing potholes and overhanging hedgerow obscuring hazard warning signs in School Rd.** Cllr Piper to speak to landowner.
6. **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.
7. **Councillors' Reports:**
  - 7.1 Phone Mast Appeal - no update
  - 7.2 Additional Play Equipment for Playing Field: HW - To be postponed for 2024 due to financial constraints. Investigate grants for funding.  
Willow cuttings to be obtained. Pictures to be circulated. (email post meeting).  
Investigate obtaining a basketball hoop. Consider where it would be sited.
  - 7.3 Local Footpath Map: GH/HW - send photograph to PC members
  - 7.4 Local Highways Scheme: Collins Road Junction and A 131 Speed: BP/GH. No progress
  - 7.5 Local Highways Scheme: Village Speed Limit: BP/GH. No progress.  
Cllr Piper to write to Local Highways regarding lack of response.
  - 7.6 Verge cutting contractor: GH Now established.
  - 7.7 Village crest and sign. Proposal to have a wooden sign showing village crest erected in the village. Concerns raised over level of detail and potential cost. CM to obtain a quote.

7.8 Parish News - request for financial contribution. Lt Maplestead have stated that they can contribute as per the request of £150 providing all other parishes also contribute and on receipt of an invoice for accounting records.

**8. Parishioner Correspondence: None**

**9. Planning Consultations: None**

**10. Financial Report:**

**10.1 Bank Balance: On 1<sup>ST</sup> January 2024: £7,611.90**

**10.2 Payments:** J Doe £846.00  
J&M Payroll £1,386.15

**10.3 Receipts:** £0

**10.4 Precept 2024 - discussed and set at 8.52%**

**11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2024 meeting dates are**

19 March      14 May      16 July      17 September      19 November

**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 March 2024**

Signed:

Paula Sillett  
Clerk to the Council  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024