



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

Little Maplestead Parish Councillors: You are hereby summonsed to attend
A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of the Little Maplestead Parish Council
On Tuesday 17th March 2026

at

Meadowside, Gestingthorpe Rd, Little Maplestead CO9 2SJ at 7pm

AGENDA

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence: apologies received - Jane Pullinger**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 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: ECC/Local Highways/Braintree - consider self funded road**
5. **District Matters: Local Plan** - discussed emails received. Cllr Crudgington to attend exhibition 18th March.
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 **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.
 - 7.2 **Highways:-** Potholes, Hedgerows, Signage.
Big potholes by Wooderton's to be reported - Cllr Mullineaux
 - 7.3 **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 to investigate restriction on authorising payments. (Clerk - HW needs to be full signatory).
 - 7.3c 2026 Precept - itemised predicted spend for 2026 versus actual spend 2025. (Clerk)
 - 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 discuss schedule / responsibilities for litter picking / bin emptying / fly tippingNotify BDC of inaccessible path along A131 from Little India (Clerk)
 - 7.8 **Local Plan** - discuss emails received (Clerk)
 - 7.9 **Safeguarding** - discuss responsibility (Clerk).
 - 8 **Community Insurance** - Pre Renewal Questionnaire (Clerk) Add value of new play equipment £20k.

The Clerk, Mrs Paula Sillett

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8. Parishioner Correspondence:

Ref: Water Tower Planning. Email to LMPC.

Planning Enforcement Office or Cllr Schwier - open storage planning application.

Concerned about the condition of the site whilst we have no powers regarding planning rules need permission for open storage.

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

10.1	Bank Balance:	£10,538.50
10.1.i	Payments:	Service charge Jan 2026 £4.25
		Service charge Feb 2026 £4.25
10.3	Receipts:	£0

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

Tues 12th May - APCM, 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

Tuesday 3rd March 2026