



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH LITTLE MAPLESTEAD

Present: Cllr Cooper, Cllr Grocott, Cllr Smith, Cllr Wright
District Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi
In the Chair: Cllr Cooper
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Darkins for absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 11th May 2015 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Wright **Seconded:** Cllr Grocott Signed by the Chairman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

5. PROGRESS CHECK

Nothing to report

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 Planings for Bridleway 1 have been delayed due to problems at Highways with waste exemption licences. It may be 3 weeks or more before they are delivered.

6.2 Flooding and pot holes at School Road remain a problem. Some of the potholes are programmed for repair by Highways but not all of them.

6.2 ECC Winter Salt Gritting Scheme. 20 bags will be ordered and delivered to Cllr Grocott

7. REPORTS

Police/PCSO: Two recent burglaries in Castle Hedingham and Sible Hedingham during the day have prompted the police to call the clerk to explain the new partnership scheme. A local meeting in Great Yeldham at the end of June also explained the scheme. The police will act using the Parish Council as a central contact with the community, reassuring and informing parishioners. Advice has been sent about protecting possessions and people from crime, this will be posted on noticeboards and on the website, as well as the parish magazine. Police have requested meeting dates so they can plan for a Sergeant to attend maybe once a year.

ECC report: None

BDC report: Cllr O'Reilly-Cicconi is our new District Councillor since May, he covers 4 parishes and has worked with Little Maplestead in the past. His main area of interest and responsibility is planning and he advised that the latest update of the new Local Plan is available. He feels that with 14,500 new homes to be built in the District due to Government demand, it is unlikely that villages such as Little Maplestead will be affected. He is able to call

for a planning application to be put to the full planning committee on behalf of the parish, but must be given a valid planning reason for the request. He keeps an eye on the financial side of BDC, they are a low cost council but things are expected to get more difficult. He stressed that he is available to help so please ask, and he will always try to attend meetings.

8. PLANNING

Applications received:

15/00771/FUL & 15/00772/LBC Demolition of two existing lean-to ranges on the rear, demolition of existing single storey outbuilding, erection of 1 1/2 storey rear extension, replace north door with a Yorkshire casement and associated internal and external alterations (which already have approval under 13/01087/LBC)
Mosses Farm Cock Road Little Maplestead CO9 2SH No objections

Applications determined:

15/00342/FUL Replace existing unsafe walls with new walls and reinstate gates
15/00511/FUL & 15/00512/LBC Demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory, erection of replacement rear extension. Replacement of 4 no. windows and repointing of 2 no. chimneys and insertion of flue liner
Thistledown Cottage Sudbury Road CO9 2RZ Application GRANTED

15/00481/FUL & 15/00482/LBC Demolition of existing detached out buildings and erection of part single and part two storey rear extension to farmhouse and related alterations including removal of existing modern staircase and formation of three door openings
Gallants Farm Collins Road CO9 2SG Application GRANTED

15/00309/FUL & 15/00310/LBC Erection of detached outbuilding
Leppingwells Farm School Road CO9 2RY Application GRANTED

9. FINANCE

The monthly accounts were approved, signing of cheques is delayed until the opening of the new bank account with Unity Trust, which is expected to be completed shortly.

10. FLOOD PREVENTION, SCHOOL ROAD AND OAK ROAD

Consideration of flood prevention measures to be requested. This was discussed under item 6.2 and Cllr O'Reilly-Ciccione offered his support to help resolve long-standing flooding issues.

11. LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PLAYING FIELD

Consideration of 2015 playing field inspection report and actions to be taken.

Action: Request Mortimers remove damaged bench

RESOLVED: Write to thank the children who have submitted designs and ideas for additional equipment, and investigate grant funding for playing field development

Proposed: Cllr Wright **Seconded:** Cllr Cooper Agreed unanimously

12. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

BASP: Braintree, Halstead and Witham CAB, Mid Essex Mind, Greenfields Community Housing, Braintree District Council, Age UK Essex and Rural Community Council of Essex have joined forces to form Braintree Advice Services Partnership (BASP). The aim is to improve advice and support services within the community. This is a free service which has been set up using lottery funding for the benefit of the community of Braintree District. Their Community Agents project was established in 2009 as the Village Agents, and last year after securing a further five years of funding, were re-named Community Agents. There are currently 33 Community Agents based all over Essex who visit people in their homes aged 60 and above to discuss and help people with: Mobility issues, Practical living skills, Social inclusion, Healthy living, Caring for someone, Individual resilience. A directory for the community agents is being put together which will detail days and times of regular groups, meetings, events etc. This is so that the agents will have a comprehensive overview of each

Parish to enable them to refer or signpost service users to the most appropriate service for them. Information is requested about Parish events, coffee mornings, groups or meetings which would be relevant, so they can be added to the directory.

BDC: First Local Plan update issued June 2015

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Ordinary Parish Council

Monday 5th October 2015

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE

Decision Log for Little Maplestead Parish Council

Date	Decision	Interest declared	Proposed	Seconded	Resolved
19 Jan	Co-opting of Mr P Grocott as new Councillor until May 2015 elections	None	Cllr Wright	Cllr Cooper	Unanimous
19 Jan	To close the charity and transfer funds to a more accessible account. These funds to be ring-fenced for Playing Field development or other village projects identified by residents.	None	Cllr Piper	Cllr Cooper	Unanimous
19 Jan	The 2015-2016 budget was approved.	None	Cllr Piper	Cllr Wright	Unanimous
19 Jan	The precept claim from BDC was approved and signed by the chairman and clerk. This represents a 0% increase in the parish precept	None	Cllr Piper	Cllr Wright	Unanimous
23 Mar	To accept the lowest quotation from Richard Spence for replacement of the playground chain link fence	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Wright	Cllr Grocott	Unanimous
11 May	Cllr Darkins was elected as Chairman	None	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Grocott	Unanimous
11 May	Cllr Cooper was elected as Vice-Chairman	None	Cllr Wright	Cllr Grocott	Unanimous
11 May	To move Parish Council current and deposit accounts to Unity Trust Bank	None	Cllr Wright	Cllr Grocott	Unanimous
11 May	To proceed with Aviva insurance quote through Came & Co as it offers best value for money	None	Cllr Cooper	Cllr Wright	Unanimous
11 May	To finance the cost of the bouncy castle at village fete	None	Cllr Grocott	Cllr Wright	Unanimous
13 Jul	Write to thank the children who have submitted designs and ideas for additional equipment, and investigate grant funding for playing field development	None	Cllr Wright	Cllr Cooper	Unanimous