



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of the Little Maplestead Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at School Farm Cottage

#### Minutes

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

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr Peter Schwier - attending a Planning meeting at BDC
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 are a true and accurate account of the proceedings of this meeting. Agreed & signed.
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:**
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 Additional Play Equipment for Playing Field:  
PS - update of funding grant application, chased awaiting response, letter due.  
2 potential other grants to be completed (PS):-
    - i) BDC Potential Open Space Improvement Plan - deadline 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025
    - ii) ECC Rural Countryside Funding Grant - deadline 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
  - 7.2 Pothole on Gestingthorpe Rd repaired due to GH contact.
  - 7.3 Assets Register - discussed. Amendments to proposed register agreed. To be updated -(BP)
  - 7.4 Playground Inspection booked for routine May/June 2025. RoSPA Play Safety Unit 78 Shrivenham Hundred Business Park, Swindon. [www.rospace.com/play-safety](http://www.rospace.com/play-safety)
  - 7.8 Little Maplestead Village Hall Fund.: *There has been a deposit account in the name of Little Maplestead Village Hall fund, originally a Black Rock account, transferred to Nat West. It has been agreed that this money can be used to assist the funding of additional playing field equipment.*
  - 7.9 Chair to stand down at AGM 2025. New Chair to be considered. (All)
    - i) Consider co-opting a new Parish Councillor. (All)
8. **Parishioner Correspondence:** None received
9. **Planning Consultations:** None received.

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## 10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank balance of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024:- £10,546.37

10.2 Payments:- £0

10.3 Receipts:- £0

10.4 **Bank Charges** *Lloyds notification of Account Changes & Monthly Fee £4.25 (£51.00 per annum)*

*Cllr Crudginton approached Lloyds who are not interested in offering us an account with zero fees.*

*We can open a community account at Natwest if we already have an account with Natwest which we currently do and have not yet closed (Village Hall Fund). PS to open new Natwest Business Account*

10.5 Budget 2025/2026 - Budget discussed. No unexpected expenditure identified.

10.6 Precept 2025/2026 - after discussion LMPC Precept agreed at 4.89%

## 11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2025 meeting dates are:

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, AGM May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please note venue change for March 18<sup>th</sup> - Saxbys, Gestingthorpe Rd, Little Maplestead, CO9 2SJ

## 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:

Bill Piper  
Chair  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025