



In order to do this Cllr Piper reported that, at the Pebmarsh Parish Council meeting, it was proposed to set up a committee of representatives from local villages including Little Maplestead, Great Maplestead, Pebmarsh and Colne Engaine, under the chairmanship of Mr Dave Ballard from the Pebmarsh PC. Mr Steven Harris will be the representative from Great Maplestead PC and will report back to the next GMPC on these plans.

**Proposed:** Cllr Piper    **Seconded:** Cllr Crudgington    **Agreed:** Unanimously

**7. Village Welcome Pack.**

This will be considered when the EALC have issued their draft proposal to Parish Councils.

**8. BDC Corporate Strategy:**

Noted that the Consultation end Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. Item to be removed from next LMPC meeting Agenda.

**9. Progress Updates and Councillors' Reports:**

9.1 **VETS Scheme:** Cllr Piper reported that he had tested the phone arrangements and everything worked as planned

9.2 **Footpaths:** The Council agreed that Cllr Holloway should advise resident Jenny Bishop (who had complained about the verge mowing around her property) that "traffic sight lines always takes priority over nature"

**Proposed:** Cllr Crudgington    **Seconded:** Cllr Bates    **Approved:** Unanimously

Further Cllr Holloway will advise the Clerk of problem footways in Little Maplestead that should be brought to the attention of EEC (David Finch request) by the end of the month.

9.5 **Parish Room:** The decision from Braintree Planning Department regarding this planning application should be made known shortly. (Noted that the "Determination date is 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

9.6 **Playing Field:** Cllr Crudgington reported that the Play Area Inspector, whose report has just been received, suggests that a Tree Surgeon should be asked to check out the tree branches that overhang the play area. Cllr Piper thanked Cllr Crudgington and Cllr Bates for their efforts in installing the two picnic benches.

9.7 **Sudbury Road Land:** Nothing to report; see item 6 above.

9.8 **Village Gate/Sign:** Cllr Piper will obtain quotes for this for inclusion in the CIF application (see item 11.2 below).

**10. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present

**11. Clerk's Report**

11.1 **Updated 2019/20 Budget/Spend** mailed to Councillors for Approval.

**Proposed:** Cllr Piper    **Seconded:** Cllr Crudgington    **Approved:** Unanimously

11.2 **Grants:** The Clerk requested the Council's approval to submit this application to the EALC for enhancements to the Playing Field. The full grant request is expected to be in the region of £9,000 (to be confirmed at the next PCM once all quotes have been received).

**Proposed:** Cllr Piper    **Seconded:** Cllr Crudgington.    **Agreed:** Unanimously

11.3 **Winter Salt requirements:** The Clerk was asked to order the minimum amount which will be delivered to and stored by Cllr Piper at School Farm Cottage.

- 11.5 **Post-Election housekeeping check:** Councillors' Acceptance of Office forms, Expenses Claim and Register of Interests. Cllrs are asked to complete all forms and send their Register of Interests to the Clerk who will ensure that they reach BDC soonest.
12. **2019/20 Proposed Parish Council Meeting Dates:**  
Wednesdays: 18<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> March,
13. **Financial Report**
- 13.1 **Bank Balances**  
As at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the balance of funds held at Lloyds Bank, following Receipts and Payments noted below, is **£11,882.66**
- 13.2 **Ratification of Payments made since 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
28<sup>th</sup> May: £71.57: Mrs Ann Harris, Clerk, Approved Expenses  
28<sup>th</sup> May: £60.00: Community Heartbeat re Defib  
28<sup>th</sup> May: £50.00: Roger Humphries: Internal Auditor  
28<sup>th</sup> May: £337.75: Stackhouse Poland: Parish Council Insurance  
28<sup>th</sup> May: £50.00 Neighbourhood Watch Donation  
4<sup>th</sup> Jun: £468.00: MD Landscapes re Church and Playing Field Grass Cutting  
26<sup>th</sup> Jun: £900: David Shreeve re bases for playing field benches  
3 Jul: £39.92: Cllr Bates re Approved Expenses.
- 13.3 **Notification of Receipts since 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
17<sup>th</sup> May: £800.13: BDC re Verge Cutting  
6<sup>th</sup> Jun: £1,443.33: HMRC VAT Refund  
1st July: £1,295.07: ECC re Street Cleaning
14. **Planning**
- 14.1 **Applications Received:**  
St John the Baptist Church Parish Room: 19/00867/FUL.  
Status pending: Determination date 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- 14.2 **Application Decisions:**  
None.
15. **Correspondence:**  
E-mail Correspondence dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July between Cllr Holloway and Parishioner Ms Jenny Bishop re Verges - already copied to Councillors for their information. This was discussed and agreed as minuted under item number 9.2 above.
16. **Items for next Meeting Agenda:**
- 16.1 Invoice from BDC re 2<sup>nd</sup> May Local Election: £60.29 "Returning Officer Fee".
- 16.2 Endorsement of "Reserves Policy" to be circulated to Council with next meeting Agenda.
17. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at School Farm Cottage.**

SIGNED: .....

CLLR BILL PIPER: CHAIRMAN

DATE: .....