



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council  
Held On Tuesday 16th July 2024 at School Farm Cottage at 7.00pm

### MINUTES

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 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:** Highways Highlights - microsurfacing. Property flood resistance grant £8k per property, ECC website. National Grid have extended their consultation phase. Updated climate advice packs. National Bleed kits - 60 available for Essex.
5. **District Matters:** Local Plan Review - discussed.  
Update from Cllr Schwier - refreshment of Local Plan. Larger villages submitted Neighbourhood Plan. Fly tipping 100% cleared within 24 hours. New Personnel in Planning, Enforcement Staff following up on Complaints. Using all BDC Asset space, looking forward for fit for the future. Update on Wethersfield occupation. Green bin cost discussed.
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/CM - Investigate grants for funding. Investigate basket swing - total cost £5k  
HW - Investigate obtaining a basketball hoop / zip wire. Costs ranging from £5k. Update on Willow cuttings. PS - to investigate liability insurance. PS/TC - check budget.
  - 7.2 Verge Cutting - School Rd junction - with thanks to Cllr Crudgington.
  - 7.3 Local Highways Scheme: Collins Rd Junction and A 131 Speed: BP/GH. Cllr Schwier to chase.
  - 7.4 Local Highways Scheme: Village Speed Limit: BP/GH. Cllr Schwier to chase..
  - 7.5 Parish Potholes: Ref: 2909519 School Road. Raised to Cllr Schwier. Temporary repair.  
Pothole on Gestingthorpe Rd to be formally reported. Use 'what3words'.
  - 7.6 Road closure: Bennetts Road, due to commence on 8th August 2024 for 5 days
  - 7.7 Road installed next to Hampers parallel to Hampers Lane on the Halstead side.
  - 7.7 Assets Register
8. **Parishioner Correspondence:**

Concerns raised over 'road' installed next to Hampers parallel to Hampers Lane on the Halstead side.

- 9. Planning Consultations:** APPLICATION NO : 24/01475/T56 DESCRIPTION : Installation of smart metering equipment to a total height of 13.45m, consisting of: 1No. 12.0m steelwork pole, 1no. GPS antenna, 1no. 3G omni antenna and smart metering equipment enclosure to be installed on a root foundation. LOCATION : Reservoir Cock Road Little Maplestead Essex. Discussed. No Objection from Council but consideration is to be given to individual parishioners concerns.

APPLICATION NO : 24/01453/HH DESCRIPTION : Proposed single storey rear and side extensions and alterations to annex roof LOCATION : Hush House Cock Road Little Maplestead Essex CO9 2SH. Discussed.

## 10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank Balance: On 16th July 2024: £10,858.69

10.2 Payments: *Heelis & Lodge (Audit): £130.00 M&D Landscapes: £312.00*  
*Gallagher (Insurance): £446.17 J&M Payroll (Clerk Wages): £1,238.03*

10.3 Receipts: *BDC, StreetScene: £847.56*  
*HMRC VAT Claim: £742.10*  
*ECC: £1443.37*

**11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2024 meeting dates are: 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Signed:

*P.A. Sillett*

Mrs P.A. Sillett  
 Clerk to the Council  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024