



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at Saxby's CO9 2SJ

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies received from Cllr Peter Schwier
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors agreed that the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2025 are a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the 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:** referred to parish council via emails received from Cllr Schwier.
5. **District Matters:** Local Plan Review - no further action to be taken in Little Maplestead, general district matters referred to parish council via emails received from Cllr Schwier.
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. **No members of the public in attendance at today's meeting.**
7. **Councillors' Reports:**
 - 7.1 Playing Field Project Update:- Payment, Insurance
PS email MD Landscapes to trim inside willow & not close to play equipment.
PS: Contact OLP re: oil needed to basket swing. Money not to be released until resolved.
HW to cut back black thorn growing inside willow dome.
 - 7.2 Highways update
Potholes - School Rd much improved
Pot hole in Cock Rd - GH to investigate
Hedgerows:- House opposite Little India overhanging the road
Maplestead Kennels end of School Rd - hedgerow
Road signs obscured on School Rd
Hedgerows to be cut back later in the year - next meeting discussion
 - 7.3 Financial Signatories
(Lloyds) Confirmed as Paula Sillett, Helen Went, Tony Crudgington, Geraldine Holloway
 - 7.4 New Parish Councillor
Terry Hicks, Gages Farm came to sit in on the meeting and may become a councillor in the future.
8. **Parishioner Correspondence:** i) A131 Road Safety (A.W. Pilgrim) ii) Historical Photo.
PS Forward A Pilgrim Correspondence to P. Schwier.
GH to share historical communications with Highways with A. Pilgrim
HW to add historical photo of The Lees Farmhouse to MMates for anybody's interest
9. **Planning Consultations: None**

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10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank Balance: £20,839.01 *payment to be issued £17,460.00 Online Playgrounds

10.1.i Balance on issue of payment to OLP **£3,379**

10.2 Payments:

i) MD Landscapes £156 ii) Playsafety £110.40 iii) MD Landscapes £312 iv) Lloyds Service Charge £4.25

10.3 Receipts:

All pending: i) BDC, Street Scene: ii) HMRC VAT Claim: iii) Natwest Transfer: £5,500

11. AOB:

Prior to this PCM Councillors met at Little Maplestead playing field to officially open the new play equipment and to present Bill Piper with a Long Service Award and thanks for his time on the Parish Council. HW to produce an article for Mates & Parish News re: opening of new play equipment and Bill Piper's Long Service Award (action completed).

12. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2025 meeting dates are: Sept 16th, Nov 18th**13. 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.

Hedgerows

Signed: *P.A. Sillett*

Mrs P.A. Sillett

Clerk to the Council

Friday 18th July 2025