



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Of Little Maplestead Parish Councilheld
On Tuesday 19 March 2024 at School Farm Cottage at 7.00pm

AGENDA

Present: Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Piper, Cllr Went, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Molyneux, Cllr Schweir (part)
In the chair Cllr Piper
Clerk Mrs P Sillett
Members of public None

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** N/A
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors were asked to agree that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 were a true and accurate account of the proceedings of this meeting. Proposed Cllr Crudgington Seconded Cllr Piper
Minutes duly 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. None declared
- 4. County Matters:** Cllr Schweir explained the breakdown of the increase in Council Tax by Essex County Council, and the ever increasing Social Care budget.
Following a question from Cllr Piper, Cllr Schweir stated that the proposed changes to parking charges in Halstead was on hold.
- 5. District Matters:** Concerns again raised regarding ongoing potholes and overhanging hedgerow obscuring hazard warning signs in School Rd. Still a problem not yet resolved by landowner, or ECC. Cllr Piper raised the ongoing issues and lack of support from Essex Highways regarding the Speed limits in the village, and the Collins road junction. Cllr Schweir advised him to contact Essex Highways again, and he would also follow up.
- 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 public present
- 7. Councillors' Reports:**
7.1 Phone Mast Appeal - We understand that the appeal has been thrown out. Yet again we were notified by Great Maplestead Parish Council as LMPC not been notified officially. Clerk will complain yet again, and state that the proposed subject of the appeal was a phone mast positioned in Little Maplestead.

- 7.2** Additional Play Equipment for Playing Field:
Clerk to Investigate grants for funding, and . investigate basket swing.
Cllr Went to - Investigate obtaining a basketball hoop. Consider where it would be sited.
The Willow cuttings for the willow house have been planted.
- 7.3** i) Local Footpath Map: A copy was provided for parish council reference, but cannot be circulated due to data protection..
- 7.4** Local Highways Scheme: Collins Road Junction and A 131 Speed: See item 7.5
- 7.5** Local Highways Scheme: Village Speed Limit: Cllr Piper expressed frustration at lack of response from Essex Highways regarding these issues, and has agreed to contact Essex Highways yet again..
- 7.6** Village crest and sign. The proposal to have a Village sign depicting the village crest made and positioned centrally in the village was discussed. It was agreed not to pursue as the initial indication of the costs were prohibitive..
- 7.7** Parish News:- It was agreed to make a donation of £150 towards the continuation of the Parish news publication, on the basis that upto three adverts for church related fundraising events could be published.
- 7.8** Parish Picnic:- It was proposed that we had another parish gathering due to the success of the Jubilee and Coronation. Cllr went agreed to survey village on social media to establish interest..

8. Parishioner Correspondence:

Property known as Maplecroft. There was an issue raised regarding the positioning of Motor Caravans in residential area. The issue was discussed and it was proposed that an email would be sent to the complainant suggesting he contacted BDC to establish exactly what planning permissions are currently in place. It was confirmed that If the complainant was in agreement Cllr Crudgington would arrange a meeting with the Caravan business owner and himself.

9. Planning Consultations:N/A

10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank Balance:On16thMarch 2024: **£6,403.28**

10.2 Payments: *J&M Payroll - LM Parish Clerk: £1,208.62*

10.3 Receipts: £0

11.TheLittle Maplestead Parish Council 2024meeting dates are:

14 May 16 July
17 September 19 November

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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.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14May 2024

Signed:

Paula Sillett
Clerk to the Council
Tuesday 19th March 2024