

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Little Maplestead Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 7.30pm at: School Farm Cottage, Little Maplestead

Present: Cllr Alton, Cllr Bates, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Piper

Absent: Cllr Hollaway
In the Chair: Cllr Piper

Clerk: Mrs Ann Harris

Also Present: Dist Cllr Peter Schwier

Members of the Public: None.

- Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr Holloway sent apologies for absence due to ill
 health
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Crudgington Seconded: Cllr Alton

- 3. Declarations of Interest: None.
- 4. County Matters: No report to the Meeting received from the County Councillor.
- 5. District Matters: Dist Cllr Schwier updated the meeting on his recent schedule of meetings and reported to the meeting that the Planning Inspectorate will commence consideration of the next stage of the Braintree local plan on the 14th January 2020
- 6. Progress Updates and Councillors' Reports:
- 6.1 **Footpaths**: No update due to Cllr Holloway's absence.
- 6.2 **Highways:** No update due to Cllr Holloway's absence. Cllr Bates reported that he has spoken with parishioner Mrs Jenny Bishop regarding her concern about the timing of the springtime verge cutting in the parish to confirm that this was undertaken in accordance with national advice on this subject.
- 6.3 **Mobile Phone Mast:** No further developments. Cllr Piper reported that he has confirmed to Pebmarsh PC that Little Maplestead PC will support their opposition to the current plan regarding the siting of the mast.
- 6.4 **Parish Room:** There is still no decision from Braintree Planning Department regarding this planning application. (Noted that the "Determination Date" was 18th July 2019). The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact BDC Planning department for an update.
- 6.5 Village Welcome Pack: Cllr Bates will circulate his first draft to all Councillors again for comments. Cllr Piper mentioned that the PCC may also be considering this and so he will ensure that the Council's plan and the PCC's plan are progressed jointly.
- 6.6 **Playing Field:** Cllr Crugington reported that for reasons of cost no further work will be undertaken in the Playing Field until the result of the 2019 grant CIF application is known.

6.7 Sudbury Road Land: Cllr Alton reported to the previous meeting that he has submitted an application to BDC for this land to designated as building land, noting that it is outside the village envelope and Cllr Alton is now in contact with Jan Stobbart, the Community Engagement Officer for Essex County Council on this matter.

7. Public Forum

Cllr Piper reported that one of the residents of Cock Road has made a complaint to the Council regarding a dog walker who has been seen regularly dropping litter in the village. Cllr Piper undertook to handle this matter directly, with the walker, when/if this occurs again.

- 8. Clerk's Report
- 8.1 **CIF 2019:** Still no decision on the LMPC application to this fund which was submitted last August.
- 8.2 **CCG** 2019: The Clerk will submit a proposal to the next LMPC meeting regarding applying for this grant to cover cost of painting the Oak Road Fingerpost which is currently undergoing repair with a BDC contractor.
- 8.3 **Essexinfo Net**: The Web Site consultant submitted a report on the current situation regarding the closure of this server. The Chairman asked the Clerk to draft a letter from him to Cllr Finch at ECC expressing concern about this closure and the cost of a replacement service.
- 8.4 Winter Salt: The Chairman reported that the order from ECC has now been delivered.
- 8.5 CAUSE: Councillors unanimously agreed not to support this campaign.
- 8.6 Open Spaces Action Plan: No action to be taken.
- 9. Future 2019/20 Parish Council Meeting Dates: 15th January, 18th March.
- 10. Financial Report
- 10.1 Bank Balances

As at 4^{th} November 2019 the balance of funds held at Lloyds Bank, following Receipts and Payments noted below, is £7,689.41

10.2 Ratification of Payments made since 10th September 2019

10 Sept BACs payment £312.00 re Church and Playing Field Grass Cutting: MDL

19 Sept: BACs payment £2,940.00 re Playing Field Fencing: DAPL

30 Sept: BACs payment of £60.29 re Election Expenses: BDC

30 Sept: BACs payment of £1,265.16 re Clerk's salary 6 months in arrears

30 Oct: BACs payment of £60.00 re VETS scheme: Community Heartbeat

30 Oct: BACs payment of £288.00 re Church and Playing Field Grass Cutting: MDL

10.3 Notification of Receipts since 10th September 2019

30 Sept: BACs payment of £1,889.00 re 50% 2019/20 Precept from BDC

- 11. Planning
- 11.1 Applications Received
 - 19/01845/OUT: Single Dwelling House: Land adj Kirstum Cottage, Sudbury Road Comments to be submitted by 15th November 2019

The Council agreed to unaminously oppose this application on the following grounds:

- 1. The subject of the application is not within the development boundary.
- 2. If approved this could lead to potential over development of the area.
- 3. The entry and exit to the proposed property is both poor and potentially dangerous.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had spoken to the BDC Planning Officer who agreed that the deadline for LMPC comments could be delayed until Friday 22nd November. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to BDC Planning as above.

- 19/01800/HH: Erection of two storey extension: Brick Farm Corner, Subury Road.
 Comments to be submitted by 14th November 2019.
 The Council has no objections.
- 19/01952FUL and PP-08229481: Motts Garden, School Road: Change of use to create 2 holiday lets. Comments to be submitted by 4th December.
 The Council has no objections.

The Chairman confirmed the following LMPC procedure regarding future planning applications:

- Upon receipt of notification of a planning application the Clerk will forward the details of the application received from BDC to all Councillors.
- Councillors will make any comments that they wish to make direct to Cllr
 Crudgington who will collate all comments for discussion at the next LMPC Council
 meeting.
- In the event that the deadline for comments to be made is before the date of next LMPC meeting Cllr Crudgington will ask the Clerk to request an extension.
- If this is not granted, and the Council wish to oppose the application then the Clerk will advise BDC accordingly with details to follow.

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12. Correspondence:

None.

Time and Date of Next Meeting:
 Wednesday 15th January 2020 at School Farm Cottage.

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	CLLR BILL PIPER: CHAIRMAN
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