



## LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

of Little Maplestead Parish Council

held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at School Farm Cottage at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Piper, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Went, Cllr Mullineaux, Cllr Schwier  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Piper  
**Apologies:** Cllr Holloway  
**Clerk:** Mrs Paula Sillett  
**Members of the Public:** None

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr Geraldine Holloway
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 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:** sand bags can be supplied by Braintree District Council to protect any homes at high risk from flooding, not generally available from BDC otherwise.  
PS - to look into MYLOCALITY grant.  
27<sup>th</sup> November pot hole repair in LM. Weather dependent. Let Cllr Schwier know if not completed.  
Essex County Council - report blocked bridleway, use what3words with a photo. HW  
Cllr Schwier advised to direct any Landowner enquiry to BDC Planning using what3words.
5. **District Matters:** Green bin early bird sign up finishing 30<sup>th</sup> November.
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 Phone Mast Appeal. Objection submitted prior to meeting.
  - 7.2 Additional Play Equipment for Playing Field: HW  
HW to proceed with purchase of willow, to source membrane & chippings  
Resubmit request for quote self funding £3,000 to £4,000 gym equipment
  - 7.3 Local Footpath Map: GH/HW - map shown in meeting, to be finalised before distribution.
  - 7.4 Local Highways Scheme: Collins Road Junction and A 131 Speed: BP/GH Awaiting update.
  - 7.5 Local Highways Scheme: Village Speed Limit: BP/GH Awaiting update.
  - 7.6 Verge cutting contractor: GH Mr. Doe has cut all verges as previously arranged

## 8. Parishioner Correspondence:

8.1 Mr Garnham re: verge damage by traffic on Cock Street. BP to visit Mr Garnham. HW to investigate land ownership for hedge cutting.

8.2 Community Gardens Grant application refusal

'The fund attracted a higher-than-expected number of applications which made the panel's decisions difficult. After much consideration the application was unsuccessful because: The project does not meet all the criteria set by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund at this time.'

8.3 Agreement made to issue a one off payment of £150 to the parish news on receipt of an invoice and on the proviso that all other parishes also contribute. BP to communicate response.

## 9. Planning Consultations:

9.1 APPLICATION NO : 23/02598/HH DESCRIPTION : Single storey side extension to existing annexe LOCATION : Broomhill Cottage Cock Rd Little Maplestead CO9 2SH Approved.

9.2 APPLICATION NO : 23/02480/FUL DESCRIPTION : Erection of 2 No. polytunnels for lambing purposes for a temporary period of 3 years. LOCATION : Land At Maplestead Hall Farm Little Lodge Road Little Maplestead Essex CO9 2SL. **OBJECTION SUBMITTED**

9.3 APPLICATION NO : 23/02497/HH DESCRIPTION : Proposed single- storey rear extension. LOCATION : School Farm Cottage Gestingthorpe Rd Little Maplestead CO9 2SN. Approved.

9.4 APPLICATION NO : 23/01769/HH DESCRIPTION : Proposed side and rear extensions. LOCATION : 1 Brick Farm Corner Sudbury Road Little Maplestead Essex CO9 2RZ. Deadline 9<sup>th</sup> November. Approved.

## 10. Financial Report:

10.1 Bank Balance: On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023: **£10,132.05**

10.2 Payments: MD Landscapes £156 (Oct)  
BDC £70.05  
C W Piper £172.52

10.3 Receipts: BDC £3815.00

## 11. The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2024 meeting dates are:

16 January      19 March      14 May      16 July  
17 September   19 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.

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**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 January 2024**

Signed:

Paula Sillett  
Clerk to the Council  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023