



LITTLE MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of the Little Maplestead Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th November 2024 at School Farm Cottage at 7.00pm**

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

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr Schwier**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Councillors are asked to agree that the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 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:**
5. **District Matters:** Local Plan Review
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 - overview of recent funding grant application - *submitted via email 16.10.24*
PS - update on budget availability - *submitted via email - £5286.84*
Plus funds raised £5,511.90 from the village hall fund.
Total available for project £10,798.74
PS - update on liability insurance costs - *submitted via email - Policy cost 2024 £446.17*
Additional Cost £153.41 Total £599.58 (subject to change for 2025)
Discussion of specific requirements for play equipment development on hold until response is received regarding Community Grant Application
 - 7.2 Local Highways Scheme: Collins Rd Junction & A 131 Speed: *BP/GH.*
Cllr Schwier awaiting response from Highways. Email responses now received 25.11.24
No action to be taken due to lack of evidence for need. 'The LHP are evidence led, and the evidence does not support an overall change in speed limit to 30mph within the village of Little Maplestead.'
 - 7.4 Quiet Lane Proposal Toldish Hall Rd - granted. *To be removed from next agenda*
 - 7.5 Pothole on Gestingthorpe Rd is now even bigger. (CM) to source what3words location. All to report to BDC
 - 7.6 Assets Register - (BP) to compile a register for LM. Registers what the PC are responsible for:-e.g. gates & railings at the park, swings & play equipment, defibrillator
 - 7.7 Playground Inspection to be booked. (PS) to book the ROSPa for 2025. Working party needed to clean play equipment in the spring prior to inspection 2025.

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- 7.8 Little Maplestead Village Hall Fund.: *Transfer of funding to general account on hold pending investigation of Lloyds bank charges (TC) see note 10.4*

8. Parishioner Correspondence:

- 8.1 Email ref: parking on School Rd – discussion held, concerns understood but Parish Council unable to restrict parking on a road with no restrictions. Contact made to Police but unable to follow up on this matter.
- 8.2 Email ref: planning query Cock Rd – discussion held. No specific planning applications apparent. Area raised for potential future planning in the Local Plan proposal which may be where concerns have arisen from.
- 8.3 Parishioner concern raised regarding alternative roadway installed alongside Hampers Lane. Discussed, no action can be taken as grants provided for farmers to provide alternative access lanes.

9. **Planning Consultations:** APPLICATION NO : 24/02012/VAR DESCRIPTION : Application for variation of conditions 2 , 3 and 4 of planning permission 24/01376/VAR for the erection of 1 No. detached dwelling and associated works. Variation would allow the change in design LOCATION : Land Between Coppice And Maplestead Court Sudbury Road Little Maplestead Essex.

Decision	Variation REFUSED
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10. Financial Report:

- 10.1 Bank Balance: On 19th November 2024: £10,546.37
- 10.2 Payments: *M&D Landscapes: (Field Cutting 17th Oct) £156.00*
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J&M Payroll - Clerk Services Sept to Nov £1342.89
- 10.3 Receipts: *Braintree District Council £4250.00*
- 10.4 *Lloyds notification of Account Changes & Monthly Fee £4.25 (£51.00 per annum) TC to investigate transfer of funds to existing Natwest Village Hall account, renaming the account.*
UPDATE: Cllr Crudginton approached Lloyds who are not interested in offering us an account with zero fees. We can open a community account at Natwest if we already have an account with Natwest which we currently do and have not yet closed (Village Hall Fund). To check whether any members of the Parish Council also have an active account with Natwest.

11. **The Little Maplestead Parish Council 2025 meeting dates are: January 14th, March 18th, AGM May 13th, July 15th, Sept 16th, Nov 18th**

12. Items for next Meeting Agenda

Note: LGA 1972 Section 12 10(2) (b) states th

at 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 19th November 2024

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