



GREAT MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

Great Maplestead Parish Council constantly strives to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the village.

The Council is always keen to receive ideas and suggestions from parishioners on particular areas of interest or concern and where it is felt the Council may assist.

Listed below is the current schedule of activity; this is regularly reviewed and updated as projects finish and priorities change.

Council Year: May 2023/April 2024

❖ Actions

- Village Community Playing Field Development Project:
 - Agree/approve Working Party actions to:
 - Install new "Access for All" perimeter pathway
 - Re-install old spring rockers retained from old playground, in play area
 - Install new tyre "scramble" in play area
 - Plant climbing flowers (e.g. clematis) along playground fence-line to soften its appearance
 - Monitor/advise on community development of sensory/mindfulness garden
- Replace notice-board in Church Street
- Maintain notice-boards in Lucking St & Dynes Hall Rd
- Ongoing maintenance to village playing field car park surface
- Footpath maintenance programme:
 - Carry out on-going monitoring, maintenance and repairs
- Ensure community engagement/awareness of planning applications to ensure relevant capture of community opinion
- Improvements to drainage on Lucking Street, Purls Hill, Toldish Hall Road and Hosdens/Dynes Hall Road
- Maintain **NALC Foundation Award** status



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❖ On-Going Actions

- Ensure annual maintenance of hedge to rear of Village Playing Field (border with land at Chifneys)
- Carry out regular litter picking and verge/footpath maintenance via village Task Force/Zone Volunteers
- Provide representation at County & District meetings (where appropriate)
- Liaise with local police, as necessary with the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator
- Liaise on Highways management (signage/potholes/drainage) with ECC Highways Department
- Consider and respond to consultations on current and future issues that specifically affect the parish
- Respond to **all** planning consultations
- Annual Parish Assembly:
 - Invite all active village organisations and groups
 - Provide an administrative service & refreshments
- Keep content of all village message boards up to date/ensure regular removal of outdated/irrelevant material
- Update and circulate information on Council and other relevant activity regularly via the Maplestead Magna Carta newsletter, the Council/village website, Facebook and other local social media platforms, as applicable.
- Control and manage Parish public finances
- Review, and ensure attendance on, appropriate Clerk and Councillor training programmes
- Continue actions to combat local fly-tipping
- Ensure regular cutting and maintenance of village triangles
- Continue to work with the school and village hall to address any parking issues
- Ensure regular cleaning and maintenance of village highway signs
- Keep a watching brief on, and respond appropriately to, local telecoms mobile phone mast applications/developments

❖ Future Actions/Ambitions

- Resurface playing field car park with eco-friendly, gravel-retaining grids to prevent wear/obviate the need for maintenance
- Install 2/3 EV charging points in village playing field car park, as a facility for residents without off-street parking/the school/village visitors (investigate what Government/local grants are available)
- Re-visit and submit Road Safety/Speed Limit review
- Work towards achieving **NALC Quality Award** status (subject to Clerk undertaking CiLCA qualification)