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Great Maplestead Parish Council's Award-Winning Newsletter

Next Phase of Playing Field Development Project agreed...

Digging for drainage...

At the **Parish Council's Annual Meeting on 4th May** a contract for undertaking the drainage work that forms **Phase 1 of the Playing Field Development Project** was approved.

Installation of the new land drains, necessary to alleviate water-logging of parts of the field after heavy rain, is scheduled to start soon after the **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations.

In other Project news...

...an **Invitation to Tender** for replacement of the existing playground equipment and installation of a perimeter walking and disabled access path was placed on the Government's **Contract Finder** website in April: encouraging interest by suppliers has already been shown.



And, following the **Parish Assembly** presentation, discussions about a community-led project to create a Sensory Garden as a social/relaxation area have also taken place.

And the fundraising goes on...

...with **Simon Last's** and **Martin Crisp's** epic 1000-mile, 14-day **Land's End to John o'Groats** fundraising bike ride challenge now underway.

Follow the pair's daily progress via Facebook and WhatsApp – they will be blogging updates each evening with stories about that day's events.



You can support the challenge and read more details about the Development Project at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/maplestead-community-field/>

Doggy doo-doo: Don't!

In what appears to be a perennial problem, complaints of dog waste fouling in the local area continue to be made to the **Council** and on social media by concerned parishioners.

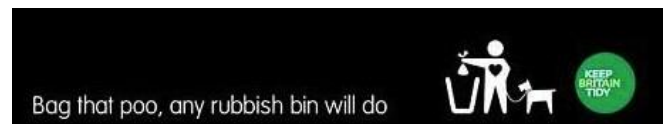
Failing to scoop and bag dog faeces deposited in public places is not only anti-social but also poses a potential health risk to anyone un-necessarily exposed to this highly unpleasant nuisance.

Also it seems that some owners, who are dutifully bagging their dog faeces, are then dumping the bags beside footpaths or hanging them in hedges rather than placing them in a bin – just why? They could be liable for a littering fine of up to £1000.



The **Council** has received requests for more dog waste bins and there is now a new one in Toldishall Road. Unfortunately it is in the wrong location and may have to be removed if it cannot be transferred. However, the village is already well supplied with dog waste bins (the website link here shows where they are: <https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/parish-information/footpaths/>) and no evidence has been presented to suggest that having more bins would prevent or alleviate this anti-social behaviour.

Also, current Government guidance is that suitably bagged dog waste can be disposed of in any public waste or litter bins, not just those specifically provided for the purpose, so there is no excuse...



In the absence of any public bins the bagged waste should be taken home and disposed of in a domestic waste (black) bin, double bagged to prevent smells. There is therefore no reason why owners should not be scooping, bagging and binning their dog's faeces responsibly.

Dog fouling/bagged waste littering can be reported to **BDC** at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/advice-environment/dogs/?documentId=371&categoryId=20001>

Green Power Consultation

East Anglia GREEN (EAG) is proposing to build a new high voltage network reinforcement between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury.

The existing high voltage electricity network in East Anglia doesn't currently have the capacity to cope, reliably and securely, with 2030's power needs.

EAG is therefore looking to build a new 400kV, 180km long transmission line, linked to a new 400kV connection substation, to be able to handle the required additional capacity.

The new line will be mostly overhead, carried by pylons with conductors. Underground cabling will be used through the Dedham Vale AONB. There will also be modifications to existing substations at Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury and a new 400kV connection substation in the Tendring district.

EAG is holding a series of in-person and on-line consultation events about the scheme, to enable people to study the plans and comment on them.

nationalgrid Information about these events, the proposals, an interactive map, the consultation materials and providing feedback can be found at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/east-anglia-green>

The consultation closes on Thursday 16th June.

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Read all about it...

Ambitious plans for a vibrant, modern and sustainable Library Service in Essex is now set to become a reality.

'**Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026**' plan was recently approved by **Essex County Council**, marking the next step in an exciting future for the county's libraries.

Feedback from an 8-week public consultation that took place between November 2021 and January 2022, where thousands of residents shared their views on the initial proposal, has been incorporated in the final plan, which can be found at: www.essex.gov.uk/everyoneslibrary.

Helping improve literacy, encouraging people to enjoy reading for pleasure and increasing the range of online resources available to users are just some of the plan's ambitions.

There is also a commitment to keeping all 74 of the county's libraries open, with investment in training and the upskilling of existing library staff.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance, **Cllr Louise McKinlay** said: "This is an important moment for our Library Service. This plan will help create a service that is modern, vibrant and sustainable, with improved access, better facilities and more opportunities for local people."



Council Meeting Dates 2022/23

The Parish Council has scheduled five further full meetings during the next 12 months:

- ✦ **2022:** 29th June; 7th September; 9th November.
- ✦ **2023:** 11th January; 15th March.

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Latest Planning News

The following planning decisions were noted by the Council at its 4th May meeting:

Application Decisions

- ✦ **21/03072/COUPA** *Byham Hall, Gestingthorpe Rd.* Prior approval for the change of agricultural building to a dwelling house (class 3) & for associated operational development – change of use to 5 x residential dwellings.
Planning permission required Decision 31/1/22
- ✦ **21/03045/FUL** - *Lynwood, Toldish Hall Rd.* Demolition of existing detached dwelling & erection of 2x residential dwellings, landscaping & associated parking.
Granted 17/03/2022

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Forthcoming Events

The following are some village events (*these at the Village Hall) to note for your diary:

- ✦ **Weekend of 2nd-5th June: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** – a leaflet with full details and the party ticket application form was delivered to every household in April. More details on the website's 'Events' page.

And later in the year:

- ✦ **Sat 10th Sep*: Autumn Show** – categories include flowers (with a sunflower competition), fruit and vegetables, cookery and handicrafts. The subject for the photography competition is '**Abandoned Buildings**' (for children under 16: '**I Love My??**'). Look out for a full schedule nearer the time.
- ✦ **Sat 17th Sep*: Maplestead's Jumble Sale**
- ✦ **Sun 3rd Oct: Harvest Village Walk**
- ✦ **Sat 22nd Oct*: Greyhound Racing Night**

More information about these and other social activities will be found on the 'Events' page of the Parish Council website and on Facebook.

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Contacting the Council

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