



Great Maplestead Parish Council

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Members of the Great Maplestead Parish Council you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Great Maplestead Parish Council at the Village Hall, Great Maplestead on **Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.15pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

Members of the press and public are cordially invited to attend the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed: 
Clerk to the Council

Date: 20 7 2023

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE

2. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - CO-OPTION FOR CURRENT VACANCY

To review and vote on applications received

In accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 subsection 2 & Local Government Act 1972 subsection 100A&B, & Schedule 12A, this agenda item will be discussed in a private meeting of the council.

Open Public Meeting

3. ANNOUNCE RESULT OF CO-OPTION VOTE

Invite successful applicant to sign Acceptance of Office and join the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillors are asked to agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2023 as a true and accurate account of proceedings of the meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With regard to items on the agenda. Members of the Council are advised to declare the existence and nature of any 'Disclosable Pecuniary', 'Non-Pecuniary' or 'Other Pecuniary' interests relating to items on the agenda.

6. COUNTY & DISTRICT MATTERS

Updates and notifications to be received

7. OFFICER REPORTS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE

No business decisions may be made.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

With respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest

Note: The **maximum time allowed** for public question time is **10 minutes** or at the Chairman's discretion. A member of the public shall not speak for longer than **3 minutes** or at the Chairman's discretion.

9. PROGRESS UPDATES

Clerk to report on actions from 17th May 2023 meeting

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 10.1. **D-Day 80 Celebrations June 2024** – To consider support for village participation in national beacon lighting event
- 10.2. **Annual Street Lighting Maintenance Contract** – To agree renewal of 5-year contract with A & J Lighting Solutions
- 10.3. **Village Playing Field Redevelopment Project – Report/Next Steps**
 - 10.3.1. **New/Replacement Goal Posts/Basketball Net**
 - 10.3.2. **Reinstallation of Spring Rockers**
 - 10.3.3. **Install New Tyre Activity Area**
 - 10.3.4. **Mindfulness Garden**
- 10.4. **Annual Review of Risk Assessment Register** – To agree recommended amendments and adopt revised register for 2023/2024
- 10.5. **Review of Fixed Asset Register** – To approve revised register for 2023/24
- 10.6. **Local Council Award Scheme** – To agree to re-apply for Foundation Status for further 4 year term, & to confirm that all documentation and information is in place for this award. Registration fee £50.00
- 10.7. **EV Charging Point** – To consider installation of charging point at village playing field subject to full investigation of costs, funding and work involved
- 10.8. **Requests for Charity/Community Donations** – To review council policy in response to possible future requests for grant funding/donations, and adopt decision as new council Standing Order.
- 10.9. **Footpath Map** – To investigate possibility of introducing a parish footpath map, subject to costs and possible funding opportunities
- 10.10. **Rural Community Council of Essex Annual Membership** – To agree 1 year membership at cost of £52.80
- 10.11 **Braintree Association of Local Councils** – To consider membership at an annual cost of £48.00

11. FINANCE

- 11.1. **Bank Balances**
- 11.2. **Approval of Payments & Receipts Reconciled** – To be signed by 2 councillors
- 11.3. **Authorisation of Payments to be Made** – To be signed by 2 councillors
- 11.4. **Bank Transfers Made**
- 11.5. **Other**
 - 11.5.1. **To approve transfer of council bank accounts from NatWest Bank to Lloyds Bank Treasury Account**
 - 11.5.2. **N-Power Notification of increase to electricity tariff for street lighting WEF 1 September 2023 from 33.80p/kWh to 50.188p/kWh**

12. PLANNING

- 12.1. **Applications Received**

None
- 12.2. **Application Decisions**

23/00978/FUL Hopwells Farm, Hedingham Road. Creation of 3 ponds to provide new habitats for great crested newts. Granted 12 7 2023

13. CORRESPONDENCE - For notification

- 13.1. **National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Tee** – Invitation to register as an Interested Party to ensure inclusion in future consultations and receipt of planning information
- 13.2. **Village Playing Field Goalposts** – Parishioner enquiry regarding possible addition of goal-nets
- 13.3. **Green Bin Collections** – News announcement of new paid for service to be introduced by BDC in March 2024
- 13.4. **ECC Supported Local Bus Services Consultation for 2024-2028** – Consultation open now until 5th October 2023. F315 Halstead – Sudbury service identified for withdrawal as a “low use” service.
- 13.5. **BASICS Essex Charity Volunteer Immediate Care Doctors & Paramedics** – Request for donation

14. CONTENT FOR e-NEWSLETTER

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Note: No decisions can lawfully be made under this item, LGA 1972 section 12, 10(2)(b) states that business must be specified, therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Council Meeting 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm