



# Great Maplestead Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT MAPLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.30PM AT GREAT MAPLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs.S.Harris, I.Johnson, J.Newton, B.Vincent, D.Pike

**Chair:** Cllr.S.Harris

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crisp

**Also Present:** Members of public 0

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr.Last, Cllr.Weight

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Vincent

Agreed unanimously

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr.S.Harris – Agenda item 9.5 Parish News – Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declared, as a member of the editorial team. To participate and vote.

### 4. COUNTY & DISTRICT MATTERS

Apologies received from Cllr.P.Schwier.

### 5. OFFICER REPORTS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE

**Cllr.Pike** – New noticeboard for Church St to be erected in next 2/3 weeks, and will be positioned slightly nearer to roadside to provide easier access

**Cllr.Vincent** – Nothing to report

**Cllr.Harris** – As per pre-circulated report

**Cllr.Johnson** – Neighbourhood Watch – a number of recent break-ins and thefts from barns & outbuildings within Great Maplestead and neighbouring parishes – including theft of council strimmers and Stihl combi-tool. Parishioners are advised to be extra vigilant during winter months, and particularly over the festive period

**Cllr.Newton** – Village Playing Field – one area of repaired ground has not re-seeded well, will re-seed again in the Spring

**Cllr.Last** – An update was sent prior to the meeting – Playing Field - The potential supplier of the 5 a-side goal has not responded to enquiries. Will be seeking alternative providers.

**Cllr.Weight** – An update was sent prior to the meeting - Mindfulness Garden – An initial meeting has taken place. Thanks extended to Cllr.Last for the successful grant application. Warm Haven – St Giles Church has re-opened the warm room again for the coming winter.

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

*For notification*

**6.1. Notification of application by National Grid for an Order Granting Development Consent for Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

**6.2. Essex Planning Officers Association (EPOA) consultation on parking standards for new developments. Consultation closes 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**6.3. BDC consultation Potential Improvements to Open Spaces Plan – annual review**

**6.4. Parishioner communication regarding noise from bonfire party celebrations – Response sent providing appropriate signposting to relevant authority**

**6.5. Comment received via website regarding overgrowth on FP23 – Response sent advising the council will investigate**

### 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*None*



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### 8. PROGRESS UPDATES

The Clerk pre-circulated a report on actions since last meeting.

### 9. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 9.1. To accept BDC Community Gardens grant of £3000, for the village playing field mindfulness garden

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Vincent

Agreed unanimously

#### 9.2. To agree to reinstate old spring rocker play equipment and new rubber tyre scramble in children's play area

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Newton

Agreed unanimously

#### 9.3. To agree appointment of Tony Hume to undertake minor vegetation cutting of specific village footpaths

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Johnson

Agreed unanimously

#### 9.4. To agree a £200.00 contribution, from the council Events budget, towards village Christmas Tree and lighting/decorating event

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Johnson

Agreed unanimously

#### 9.5. To consider a one-off, financial contribution of £150.00, towards the publication costs of the Parish News, co-ordinating with the 3 other linked parishes. To be paid by on-line banking.

**Proposed:** Cllr.Johnson

**Seconded:** Cllr.Vincent

Agreed unanimously

#### 9.6. To investigate flooding problems from neighbouring fields on Purlis Hill & escalate to Essex Highways to inspect blocked culverts, to alleviate ice risks in winter.

**Proposed:** Cllr.Johnson

**Seconded:** Cllr.Harris

Agreed unanimously

### 10. PLANNING

#### 10.1. Decisions

None

#### 10.2. Applications

23/02501/FUL Rangers Hall, Hosdens Lane. Change of use of Poll Miles Hall from a residential annexe to an independent dwelling.

Council to respond "No comments, no objections"

**Proposed:** Cllr.Harris

**Seconded:** Cllr.Pike

Agreed unanimously

#### 10.3. Appeals

22/02780/T56 Little Lodge Farm, Church Rd, Great Maplestead.

Appeal Reference: APP/Z1510/W/23/3323559

The installation of a 25m high column with 3 No. antenna and 2 No. dishes. Installation of 4 no. equipment cabinets and associated ancillary development thereto

Appeal made by Telefonica to Secretary of State following BDC refusal of application



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### 11. FINANCE

- 11.1. **Current Bank Balances**
- 11.2. **Reconciled Receipts & Payments** Signed by Cllr.Vincent & Cllr.Pike
- 11.3. **Payments & Receipts For Authorisation** Signed by Cllr.Vincent & Cllr.Pike
- 11.4. **Bank Transfers Made**
- 11.5. **Other**

### 12. CONTENT FOR e-NEWSLETTER

Mindfulness garden; Footpaths update; Noise disturbance; Warm haven; Winter crime advice.

### 13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Precept  
Annual Budget 2024/25  
EV Charging Point

### 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Ordinary Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....**TRUE COPY**.....

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024