

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Chelmer Room, Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, D Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace. In attendance were Cllr I Grundy and C Elsom.

The clerk opened the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence. There were no apologies for absence.

2. Election of Officers

Chairman. C Quilter proposed H Blurton this was seconded by A Wallace.

Vice Chairman. A Wallace proposed T Paoli-Burke this was seconded by C Quilter.

3. Democratic Time

Clerk to contact the Environment Agency regarding the pollution in the pond. C Elsom gave permission for the clerk to give his telephone number for contact.

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

6. Matters Arising

a. Bench. The piece of land between Yew Tree Cottage and Peacocks belongs to Lord Petre. H Blurton to take a photo for the clerk to request permission for the bench to be sited here.

b. WhatsApp. A Wallace explained that the scheme was in hand and progressing and should be up and running by the next meeting.

c. Map – It was agreed that this item be carried over to the June meeting.

d. Blue Shed – Nothing new to report. Cars are still parked on site. Cllr I Grundy to speak to Highways.

e. Defibrillator -In hand.

f. Eagle Place. There was still a problem with black bags and rubbish being left outside the property on the footpath. H Blurton to speak to Environmental Health and A Wallace to speak to the dustcart team.

7. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

BHIB Insurance	£1282.27
C Kochan (copying)	£ 27.93
ROSPA (Inspection)	£ 99.00

M D Landscapes £ 439.20

The end of year accounts were outlined and balances in the bank were agreed.

8. Community Matters

Allotments – It was agreed to leave the new allotment agreements until after an increase to the rent is decided with regards to the water bill.

Dog Fouling/Fencing/Notice Board at the Maldon Road playing field – Agenda item for June.

9. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that the village hall had already held their AGM, everything was running smoothly except for the heating system.

10. Village Sites

a. Repairs & Maintenance – repairs to the bus shelter opposite the Red Lion are in hand.

b. Pond & Trees – carried over to June meeting.

c. Swan Lane closure – H Blurton reported that he thought the lane was being closed for fibre optic work.

11. Planning

Land adjacent to Green Cottages 19/00576/FUL – Demolition of two commercial storage buildings and construction of a detached dwelling. PC to object Inappropriate development. Storage buildings are not commercial. Metropolitan green belt outside the village envelope.

The Leys, Maldon Road 19/00650/FUL – Conversion of outbuildings to create two residential dwellings. No objections PC to request neighbours' comments are taken into consideration.

H Blurton reported that Jamie Stubbs had requested that the parish council keep a record of how many times The White Hart use the field as there is a 28-day restriction on it and 16 days have already been used.

The Planning Forum is scheduled to take place on 13th June – A Wallace to attend.

12. Any Other Business

a. Office Dates – these were arranged up until August.

b. T Paoli- Burke outlined a scheme where road speeds could be stuck onto wheelie bins to try and slow traffic.

c. It was reported that Ivy Days bench at the churchyard needed staining.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

