

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 11th April at 7.30 p.m. 2024.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, A Wallace (Chairman) and S Upton. Also present were two members of the public.

90. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Grundy.

91. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

92. Democratic Time

- a. Elizabeth Reynolds attended the meeting to explain her concerns regarding the pylons and to ask whether the parish council were writing an objection during the consultation period.
- b. David Hodgson attended the meeting to explain to the parish council that he was going to campaign to reduce the speed in Maldon Road. He outlined several occasions where vehicles seemed to be exceeding the 60mph speed limit.

93. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

94. Matters Arising.

- a. T Paoli-Burke reported that she was working with P Savill to create a list of links for parishioners to report various problems.

95. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£267.60
RCCE (Subs)	£ 59.70
Wave (Water at allotments)	£ 42.46

Clerk reported that she was going to claim the vat back for the year. It was also reported that there was still 11 years left on the PWLB loan.

96. Community Matters

- a. T Paoli-Burke reported that she was working with T Nixon on ways to brighten up the village. D Smith reported that she had spoken to D Cannon who would look at the lavender bank once the tulips die off to see what needs doing.
- b. Maldon Road Playing Field – No problems were reported at the playing field. H Blurton explained the price range for a notice board, depending on what was required. A Wallace suggested a figure of £500, H Blurton was to find a suitable one for that price so that it could be agreed if it would be the correct size.
- c. Allotments – Nothing to report.
- d. Fly Tipping – clerk to report shopping trolley and waste left on central reservation on A414 where the tents were pitched.
- e. Bollards opposite Bishops Court – clerk trying to find a suitable road plan.
- f. A12 Roadworks. It was reported that heavy lorries were still coming through the village.
- g. Pylons. S Upton & A Wallace were to attend a meeting in Writtle on 15th April.
- h. Litter pick organised for Saturday 13th meeting at the village hall at 10am.

97. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported that the AGM was scheduled for 7th May. Suzie Woods bench was now in place and the cricket container was being sorted out. All the plaques from the old benches were eventually going to be mounted and displayed somewhere.

98. Village Sites.

- a. Trees. H Blurton reported that a Cherry Tree could replace the suggested Hornbeam as long as the parish council obtain permission from highways to plant it. He had asked for seven days' notice for work to the Copper Beech Tree and trees at the war memorial to be carried out.
- b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. Clerk to report the hanging branch on footpath 22. H Blurton to take some photographs of the potholes in Swan Lane by Martins Farm. A Wallace reported that he had spoken to the people in the garage who were not concerned about their cars parked in Wantz Road.

99. Planning.

Applications.

24/00401/FUL Hawthorns, Wantz Road

Demolition of existing residential dwelling, commercial buildings and storage areas and construction of three detached dwellings.

24/00421/FUL Dunedin, Maldon Road

Proposed single storey side and rear wraparound extension (revision of approved application

23/01198/FUL

24/00454/FUL Webbs Cottage, Main Road

Proposed two storey side extensions to existing studio flats. Alterations to fenestration to flats and bike/bin store.

The following decision was reported;

24/00216/FUL Killigrews, Main Road. Granted Listed Building Consent.

100. It was agreed that The Parish Assembly would be held before the next Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m. on 9th May 2024.

101. Any Other Business.

- a. The Black Bull. There was a discussion about the Black Bull. Clerk was waiting to hear back from Susan Reed.
- b. Clerk to apply for a horse riders sign for Maldon Road between Whitebridge Farm and Whitebridge Cottages.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Next meeting The Parish Assembly followed by AGM and usual Parish Council meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday 9th May 2024 in The Meeting Room.