

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter (Vice-Chairman in Chair), D Smith and S Upton. In attendance Cllr G Bonnett and nine members of the public.

101. Declarations of Interest. C Quilter declared an interest in a planning application 26/00361/FUL 4 Crondon Hall Cottages and confirmed that he would not be making any comments to the application.

102. Democratic Time.

Several topics were discussed during Democratic Time.

1. It was brought to the Parish Councils' attention that several areas around the village were being surveyed possibly for housing.
2. A member of Margaretting PCC introduced himself and gave an outline of his involvement within the village and his previous involvement with the city council and the planning committee. He explained that several festivals were held in the church throughout the year which relied on the use of the church car park which had recently been blocked off by the landowner following the parish council's early response to a planning application. The Landowner was present at the meeting and after a discussion confirmed that he would remove the barriers.
3. The Parish Council had received a solicitor's letter regarding application number 26/00338/FUL. The Parish Council had commented on the application before it was discussed at a Parish Council meeting in error although it had been circulated to all parish councillors when the application was received. After a discussion with the landowner, it was agreed that the comments be withdrawn and the application be discussed under item 105 on the agenda, then re-submitted. Landowner to withdraw solicitor's letter.
4. Residents of Margaretting Tye were keen to have speed signs in Swan Lane.

103. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

104. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

D Wallace (Invoice 473)	£660.00
Wicksteed	£ 72.07
C Quilter (3x keys )	£ 24.00

The following were paid between meetings

Essex County Council (Bollards)	£8000.41
EALC & NALC (Subs)	£293.85

The balance sheet was discussed and the clerk explained that she would be doing the end of year audit for P Savill to agree as internal auditor and sign before submitting to the Auditor.

105. Planning.

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109. Any Other Business.

- a. Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call confirming that the blue shed site was to be cleared following S Upton's visit to the site to confirm it was vacant.
- b. Lease. Cllr G Bonnett outlined the terms of the lease for the Maldon Road playing field which was discussed. Cllr G Bonnett to request the lease is drawn up.
- c. Cllr G Bonnett reported on the site in Writtle Road that had been sold. The land has been split into several plots four of which have been sold at auction. Chelmsford City had been informed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.20. p.m.

Next meeting The Parish Assembly followed by the AGM was to take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.