

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; G Banks, H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, A Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace. Also present was Cllr I Grundy.

103. Apologies for absence were received from T Paoli-Burke and P Savill.

104. Declarations of Interest H Blurton declared an interest with a planning application 'Edmount' which is his neighbours' property.

105. Democratic Time H Blurton explained that following parking problems at the school he was expecting the Headmistress to be at the meeting. I Grundy outlined the 3PR scheme which was worth trying and had been successful. H Blurton to visit the school and take some information with him.

106. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 8th March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

107. Matters Arising

- a. Eastern Angles – H Blurton to find out how ticket sales are going.
- b. Village Hall Contribution - It was agreed to include the Village Hall on the agenda every month so anything needed could be discussed and agreed upon if a cost is involved.
- c. Village Sign – H Blurton to ask the Church and School if they would be interested in the old village sign.
- d. Spring Litter Clean – this was to take place on Saturday 14th April, H Blurton to collect litter pickers, bags and gloves from City Council, clerk to return them. All collected rubbish was to be collected from the crossroads by the Hit Squad on Monday 16th April.
- e. Weeping Pear – In Hand
- f. Advertising Board at the old filling station – It was reported that the board had been removed.
- g. Jamie Stubbs – clerk to contact Jamie Stubbs for an update of Enforcement Notices.

108. Accounts.

In P Savills absence H Blurton outlined the balances in the bank and end of year accounts. A Wallace suggested that some of the money be used on a new project. C Quilter suggested that the pond needed clearing and it was a worthwhile project. It was agreed that this would be on the June agenda. H Blurton and the clerk signed the 'Certificate of Exemption ' for the Auditor which the clerk was to forward to them.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

NWG	Water at Allotments	£48.22
EALC	Subs	£246.79
H Blurton	Van hire & Petrol	£91.25
To take the Village Sign to be copied & renewed		
Village Hall	Electricity used in office	£166.41

109. Quiet Lane Proposal in Swan Lane

H Blurton reported that Highways had approved this proposal.

110. Slip road A12

Clerk had reported the damaged verge to Highways who confirmed that damage was caused by Highways England the photographs had been forwarded onto them.

It was reported that resurfacing on the A12 would take place during the night between 23rd April and 7th May.

111. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field C Quilter presented a quotation for tree work at the rear of Broadoaks he was to get another quotation he also reported that the play equipment and safety surfacing was to be inspected sometime during May/June. L Kerry spoke about a sign she had seen on a gate where the area was called a priority to deter dog fouling, she was to take a photograph of it for the next meeting. Clerk to contact the dog warden and find out what signs are available from them.

112. Village Sites

Repairs & Maintenance Nothing to report

Pond & Trees Clerk to contact Lynn Cameron to ask her if she would be Margarettings Tree Warden, this would be much appreciated by the parish council and Tim Boem

Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. H Blurton praised the Hit Squad who was very quick at removing some fly tipping once reported. Clerk reported that she had booked a day for Parish Cleansing it was agreed that she asks for the vegetation to be cut back on the verges and pathways both sides of the road from the top of the hill down to the school.

113. Planning

H Blurton 'Declared an Interest' in the first planning application and left the room.

Edmount, Margaretting Tye

18/00480/FUL Single storey rear extension

No Objections

H Blurton returned to the room and reported

Decisions

18/00075/FUL Land South of Farthings, Pennys Lane Refused Planning Permission

18/00071/FUL Ivy Hill Hotel Grant Planning Permission

17/01815/MAT Barr House, Writtle Road Grant Planning Permission

18/00085/CLOPUD Ponders, Main Road Refused Planning Permission

114. Correspondence

a. Best Kept Village Competition L Kerry agreed to complete the form for The Best Kept Village Competition and return. Clerk to forward the forms onto her.

115. Any Other Business

a. Parking at Wantz Road – H Blurton explained that two residents came to the surgery about the parking in Wantz Road he explained to them that as there were no parking restrictions on this section of road so there was nothing that could be done. It was also discussed that because of the parking it was making it difficult to drive out of the village hall, the residents near the village hall were going to get a petition together for Essex Highways to be signed by the users of the village hall too. I Grundy suggested applying for a 'Junction Protection' H Blurton to take some photographs for I Grundy to take this item forward and to report back to the residents who are concerned.

b. H Blurton to respond to Jane Winter regarding Fryerning Neighbourhood Planning.

c. Police Community Meeting – 17th April in Fryerning Village Hall. P Slade is to let H Blurton know if this is still going ahead.

d. H Blurton thanked L Kerry for doing the photocopying free of charge.

e. L Kerry to ask M Barnes for the office key for G Banks.

f. Blue Shed/Three Mile Hill – A Wallace reported on a telephone conversation he had had with the Highways Enforcement Officer, who was aware of the shed. He was to forward some photographs onto her.

g. L Kerry reported that someone was sleeping in the hut at the redundant filling station.

h. A Wallace reported that himself and his neighbours had received a letter saying that they were in the flood area and needed to change their insurance policies.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.