

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, P Savill, C Quilter and A Wallace

Also present were four members of the public

130. Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.

131. Democratic Time

a. Co-Option – Clifford Elsom attended the meeting. H Blurton outlined the procedure for being co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was reported that including Mr Elsom there were three parishioners who wanted to become Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the clerk invite all three along to the June meeting with a view to be co-opted on at the July meeting. Clerk to circulate copies of The Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and an outline of the various representatives for different groups that councillors are expected to become involved in as well as being on the office rota.

b. Dog Bin Sign – H Blurton reported that the sign had been made.

c. Bench – It was reported that the chain link around the memorial could not be removed, so a new site on the green between Peacocks and Yew Tree Cottage was suggested. It was agreed to move the sign from the War Memorial to this area to see if there were any objections.

d. WhatsApp – A Wallace outlined his conversation with Steve Everett, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator for Chelmsford City Council. A Wallace was willing to do the administration. He explained how the scheme worked. Stock and Ingatestone already have a system up and running and A Wallace was to contact the Ingatestone co-ordinator.

e. Trees at Playing Field/Rear of Broadoaks – Clerk to chase up a response from the city Council.

f. Map – It was agreed to leave this item until after the new council is formed.

g. Clerk had requested the cycle path be sprayed between the golf course and Hylands Park.

h. Blue Shed – H Blurton reported that he was compiling a new file on the correspondence and photographs for this site. Councillors also discussed the email from Jason Batchelor who had also contacted the Highways Enforcement officer regarding this site and information about the old telephone exchange.

132. Accounts

P Savill outlined the end of year accounts and the balances in the bank as of 31st March 2019. P Savill to organise a new mandate for change of signatory so that T Paoli-Burke could replace P Savill. P Savill reported that she had produced a sheet for the end of year accounts to be used at the Parish Assembly.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Margaretting Village Hall (Electric for Office)	£145.94	Cheque 101331
M D Landscapes (Grass cutting)	£439.20	Cheque 101332
Wave (Water at Allotments)	£124.91	Cheque 101333
EALC (Subs)	£265.36	Cheque 101334
H Blurton (Sign for Dog/Bin and Window Bolts	£ 29.95	Cheque 101335

133. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that there was an increase in dog fouling in the field. A Wallace suggested putting a Notice Board/Sign up by the bench. P Savill to write another piece in the newsletter explaining the dangers with children and dogs mess. H Blurton suggested

that maybe the parish council should re think putting a fence around the play area. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the June meeting.

T Paoli-Burke reported that blackberry bushes had been trimmed and burnt alongside 8 Bank End Cottages.

134. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that The VHM had written to the RCCE about the installation of heat lamps and were waiting for a response. He also reported that bookings for the village hall had increased.

135. Defibrillator.

H Blurton reported that he had met with the Estates Manager from Greene King and after looking at the new area for the defibrillator it was agreed that this was not suitable. A new area next to the restaurant door had been confirmed. H Blurton to get two new quotes from electricians before having the defibrillator installed.

136. Village Sites

a. H Blurton has the specification for the two jobs that need doing – bus shelter opposite The Red Lion and staining the Maldon Road playing field gate.

b. Pond & Trees – carried over to the new council in June.

c. P Savill reported that the footpath at the front of the Eagle Place had been cleared.

137. Planning

19/00496/FUL Spring Cottage, Maldon Road No Objections
Single storey rear and part first floor, two storey side extension. Comprising of bay window on front and additional first floor window.

19/00473/FUL Canterbury's Bungalow, Main Road No Objections
Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of replacement dwelling. Conversion of existing barn to residential use. Construction of cart lodge. Improvement of the existing access including the provision of passing places. Landscape and associated works.

19/00553/LBC The Red Lion, Main Road No Objections
Repointing of brickwork and repairs to front porch

TPO's Brooklands, Pennys Lane No Objections

Ref. No. 19/05065/TPO Validated Monday 25th March 2019

T15/T16 – Oaks – 2m crown reduction/2.5m if required on side laterals and remove major deadwood – Reasons: General maintenance as they are substantially overgrown. Work recommended by Ingatestone Tree Surgery.

Decisions

18/02094/FUL Barns south west of Little Tressels, The Tye Granted

H Blurton reported that as from 1st April all comments made in regard to planning applications will be available to view on the City Council website.

138. Any Other Business

a. H Blurton reported that the fire alarms in the office and village hall had been serviced.

b. L Cameron was to draw up the invoice for £45 the next three months rent for the over 60's club.

c. H Blurton thanked P Savill for all her hard work and dedication to the Parish Council, her advice and company will be sorely missed along with her knowledge for applying for grants for various projects.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.

Next meeting the AGM followed by the parish assembly Thursday 16th May at 7.00 p.m. in The Chelmer Room.