

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, C Quilter, P Slade, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance were four members of the public.

66. Apologies for absence were received from P Savill, T Paoli-Burke and Cllr I Grundy.

67. Declarations of Interest there were no Declarations of Interest.

68. Democratic Time

a. Dog Waste – following a conversation it was agreed to put something in the Newsletter to encourage Parishioners to use the bins and not to bag it and leave it bagged on the verge. It was mentioned that a lot of dog walkers using the field opposite the school are from outside of the village.

b. Mr & Mrs Albon reported that the contact for Network Rail was the Crossings Manager Claire MacFarlane.

c. There was a request to describe where the footpaths that get reported are in the Newsletter.

69. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated 10th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

70. Matters Arising

a. Environment Agency – The Clerk reported that an email had been sent but there had been no response.

b. Allotments – A Wallace to post a message about the vacant allotments on the nextdoor website.

c. Tree Stumps (Parsonage Lane & Verge opposite) H Blurton to speak to L Cameron.

d. P Slade outlined the flooding in the road by W Henderson's barn, he was to forward the email sent to Highways onto H Blurton.

71. Parking at the School

H Blurton outlined previous problems with parking at the school which had always been an issue. A Wallace suggested doing a community project to help. P Slade thought the idea of having a variable speed limit (like Mountnessing) of 30mph would be beneficial. It was agreed to carry this item forward to January's meeting, P Slade to re-invite the schools Headmistress.

72. Accounts and Precept

Authority was given for signature of the following;

Donation to PCC for upkeep of Churchyard	£475.00
Clerks salary & expenses	£473.75

P Savill had printed off a sheet showing previous precepts and expenditure and an estimation for 2017/2018. H Blurton outlined the figures and councillors discussed the village sign, the hedge at the Maldon Road playing field and various benches and gates that needed staining in 2017. It was agreed that the precept would remain the same as 2016 at £12,422. H Blurton and the clerk signed the city council paperwork for the clerk to return.

73. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road playing field. No problems were reported. Sovereign were due to repair some of the safety surfacing costing £560.00 plus vat.

b. 351 Bus Service – nothing to report.

c. Roads/Pavements/Verges – clerk to report sewage problems in Penny’s Lane by Coppers.

74. Planning

Applications

Jonette, Pennys Lane No Objections

16/01986/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding and garage. Single storey side extension.

Alterations to existing roof to create hipped roof form, new front porch. New detached garage and gym.

Canterburys Cottage, Main Road

16/02031/FUL Single storey side extension to existing garage/home office

The PC object as there is already a substantial sized office. Perhaps he is running a business from this address?

Romans, Main Road No Objections

16/02071/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling with off street parking.

Decisions

Elm Cottage 16/01684/FUL

Refused

Ivy Hill Hotel 16/00954/FUL

Application Withdrawn

Eweland hall 16/01822/FUL

Application Granted

75 Correspondence

a. H Blurton to put a poster about the mobile information village visits dates onto the Notice Board.

76. Any Other Business

a. Broadband – A Wallace outlined a meeting he had attended. He agreed to write a piece for the newsletter explaining the roll out period and available grants for hubs.

b. H Blurton thanked P Slade for his service with the Parish Council and his involvement with the pond and trees especially.

c. H Blurton reported that several people were interested in becoming parish councillors and would be invited to the January meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.44p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.