

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace. In attendance were three members of the public.

**43. Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr I Grundy.

**44. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**45. Democratic Time.** Marion Downie attended the meeting. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact highways to explain that there was no school sign by Baskervilles from Ingatestone towards Chelmsford although there was one coming from the following direction and it was agreed that one was needed. Clerk also to report on footpath 33 between Canterbury's and Margaretting Hall the footpath had been blocked where the fence had been welded across the footpath. Also, the passing places in Church Lane had been blocked by large tree trunks this was also to be reported to Highways. H Blurton explained that the Parish Council couldn't really organise anything for Julie Bennett at The Black Bull following her retirement. Flood Alleviation Mr Albon reported that he had spoken to a contact at The Environment Agency and was still trying to establish who owned the track. Clerk reported that she had spoken to Andy Bestwick who had confirmed that there was nothing new to report other than the project remains in the Environment Agency's capital programme. He had also suggested contacting Samuel Hooley (EA) concerning the track, to date there had been no response from him.

#### **46. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following some amendments.

#### **47. Matters Arising**

a. Finger Post – Swan Lane. Clerk to re-report. There were at least six outstanding Highways repairs in Swan Lane, it was agreed that the clerk send a letter and copy it onto Councillors.

b. Hylands Park – Parking. H Blurton to contact Cllr Ian Grundy to find out if there has been any data since the parking fees had been introduced.

#### **48. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

P.C.C. Donation for the upkeep of the churchyard	£600.00
Lease Maldon Road Playing Field	£ 50.00
T Paoli-Burke (Chairman's Expenses)	£ 50.00
Clerks Salary (October, November, December)	£500.00

#### **49. Community Matters**

a. Maldon Road Playing Field the Clerk explained that any work carried out wouldn't be completed until the Spring, however, she was still waiting for the quotation from Craig Brewster.

b. Allotments C Quilter reported that the gate post for the allotments had been readjusted.

c. Queens Jubilee T Paoli-Burke reported that the next meeting was scheduled for January.

#### **50. Village Hall Matters**

D Smith reported that the fence had been repaired, as had one of the large potholes at the rear of the Village Hall. The bookings seemed ok.

#### **51. Operation London Bridge**

After a discussion regarding a Book of Condolences it was agreed that T Paoli-Burke would speak to Tracy at The Black Bull to ask if the book could be housed in the café for Parishioners to sign, if not it was agreed that it could go into the Village Hall for a designated time as a member of the public would have to be present. T Paoli-Burke also to find out from P Savill about the plans Ingatestone have in place.

#### **52. Village Sites.**

a. Pond and Trees. S Upton outlined the emails between M Scott and himself regarding the pond. The Clerk had contacted the legal team at NALC and was waiting for a response to find out responsibilities of the pond. It was agreed that A Wallace look at the dipping platform with a view to removing it for safety reasons. Clerk to notify Jai Sharma. Clerk to track the copper beech tree to see if it had been inspected yet.

#### **53. Planning**

The following applications were discussed

Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye                      21/02252/FUL

Demolition of existing outbuildings. Proposed dwelling and Tennis Court.

1 Elm Cottage, Private Road                      21/02270/FUL

Proposed single storey rear/side extensions.

Guestling, Maldon Road                          21/02180/FUL

Demolish conservatory and contract a single storey rear extension.

#### Decisions

Larmar Engineering, Roman Road                      Approved

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#### **54. Any Other Business**

a. Margaretting Relief in Need. It was confirmed that S Upton was the parish council representative.

b. Office. H Blurton reported the heating wasn't working and it was agreed that he arrange for an electrician to look at it. Also, the telephone needed some attention, maybe new batteries.

c. Clerk to report to the Enforcement Officer the clearing next to Tandridge leading to a Mobile Home where a post box has been placed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30 in The Meeting Room.

