

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith, A Wallace and S Upton. In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

53. Apologies for Absence. There were no apologies for absence.

54. Declarations of Interest. S Upton declared an Interest in Planning. Thurston's Cottage was a property owned by him.

55. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

56. Matters Arising.

a. Clerk reported that following her email to Roger Hirst. She had invited PC 80565 Scott Smith (Community Safety Officer) to attend the January meeting to discuss concerns around the village.

57. Accounts and Precept

Authority was given for payment of the following;

T Paoli-Burke	£50.00	Chairmans Expenses
Margaretting PCC	£600.00	Contribution to Church grass cutting
Good Directions	£95.40	Replacement Bin Liner
C Kochan	£500.00	Clerks Salary & Expenses

The precept was discussed along with expenditure for the previous year and the balances in the bank.

It was agreed that the Parish Council set the precept at £12,420. This meant there had been no increase in the last few years The Chairman and Clerk signed the paperwork, Clerk to return it to the City Council.

58. Community Matters.

a. Maldon Road Playing Field – No problems to report. Clerk reported that the bin liner had been ordered and was on its way.

b. Allotments – T Paoli-Burke to contact Lynn Turner to find out if she had made contact with Steve Warr regarding manure for the allotments.

c. Parking at Hylands Park – Cllr I Grundy reported that the café had closed. Figures were still unavailable at the City Council but he would report back to the Parish Council when they were available.

d. Bollards opposite Bishops Court. No response from Mr Swift. Clerk to forward sent email onto A Wallace.

e. Village Hall Report. D Smith reported that the village hall committee didn't want to lose the Broadband and would therefore be researching figures. A Wallace suggested offering to pay half the

broadband cost with the village hall and purchasing a computer for the office so councillors could look at planning applications fully.

59. Plaques at War Memorial

H Blurton reported that he would be meeting up with David Frost over the Christmas period and he would be bringing all the information with him for discussion. H Blurton reported that he was to write to The Memorial Association for a suggestion of material to use for the three names so that they don't detract from what is already there. A Wallace to speak to a stone mason and explain what the parish council want and find out if it can be done.

60. Village Sites.

a. Trees – Nothing to Report.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways –

Bench – H Blurton had some figures and pictures of different benches. Most favoured were the ones manufactured by Glasdon which were made from recycled materials and ranged from £600 - £1200. It was agreed that an extra slab could be created either side of the concrete base already in place which would make the fitting of the bench easier. A Wallace to take some photos of the Glasdon benches at Braintree.

Survey Strips Writtle Road Clerk reported reply from Jon Simmons regarding the strips which would go on the next financial years list as there was no money left in the budget.

Grass Verge on Main Road to school from Peacocks Clerk to contact Parks department and enquire if they would be able to do extra cuts on the verge which is used by school children and invoice the Parish Council for it.

Hedging T Paoli-Burke to write a circular letter and post to residents on route to the school to request residents trim their hedges back. A piece also to go into Newsletter and the WhatsApp group.

Road Signs Clerk to make a request to the Highway Rangers for the road signs around the village to be cleaned.

61. Planning

Applications

Peacocks, Main Road. 22/02069/LBC

Removal of Oil Tank from cellar. Remedial works including excavation of contaminated concrete and soils and reinstatement of cellar floor.

Thurston's Cottage, Coptfold Hall Drive. 22/01942/FUL
Proposed replacement dwelling with shed and garage.

Bearman's Farmhouse, Writtle Road. 22/01746/FUL
Proposed erection of a storage barn.

Winifred, Maldon Road. 22/02030/FUL
Demolition of existing detached garage. Proposed single storey side and rear extensions. Part two storey side extension. Internal alterations including relocation of stairs.

The Limes, Main Road. 22/01919

Proposed replacement of kitchen rear window with set of double doors, with double glazed units. Internal alterations with the partial removal of partition walls, replacement WC, kitchen and store room.

Decisions

Land West of Margaretting Hall, Church Lane. 22/01077/FUL Refused

Inner Lodge, Writtle Road 22/01685/FUL Approved

Some councillors reported that they were unable to see the whole application on their tablets or phones. A Wallace explained that if they couldn't see the application, they shouldn't be making a comment. It was agreed that in this case they must message H Blurton with a no comment as they can't see the application.

H Blurton reported that he had visited The Oaks following reports that a fence that was behind the conifers had been taken down and a new fence had been put back up in front of the conifers. But, as far as he could see there were no problems there.

62. Any Other Business

- a. A Wallace reported that he had removed the bench opposite the school.
- b. S Upton reported that Margaretting Relief in Need were putting a Christmas tree up by the pond.
- c. Bus Shelter (next to Red Lion) T Paoli-Burkes husband to look at over the Christmas period.
- d. Door on Church Side of Notice board – T Paoli-Burke to ask husband to look at.
- e. Cllr Grundy asked to be informed if any residents in CHP housing had any damp issues.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.13p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.