

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

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

67. Declarations of Interest. T Paoli-Burke declared an interest in a planning application at 1 Bank End Cottages, Maldon Road and would not be commenting on the application.

68. Democratic Time.

The Oaks, Wantz Road A Parishioner from Galleywood who was interested in purchasing The Oaks attended the meeting he outlined the past planning history and ideas that he had for the property in regards to enlarging it. H Blurton advised him on what would be allowed within planning rules.

69. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following some minor amendments.

70. Matters Arising

a. School Sign - Cllr Grundy reported that the LHP request sign had been accepted (LCHE212032) and the application to join the cycle paths from Webbs Farm Golf Course and the path from Widford was being explored as was the gate which should be unlocked for access.

71. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Robert Smith (Parish Councils contribution to Anthony Smiths Bench) £935.00
Margaretting Village Hall (Contribution towards Insurance) £519.68
Communicate UK (Maintenance of Fire & Alarm System) £192

72. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. It was agreed that the clerk ask Craig Brewster to quote for the repairs that he had suggested following inspection.

b. Allotments. After a discussion it was agreed that the weekend of 12th & 13th March would be when the allotments would be cleared. S Upton to make a start a couple of days before. Clerk to notify the allotment holders and to arrange a meeting on site to agree which areas needed clearing.

c. Queens Jubilee. T Paoli-Burke reported the arrangements made so far for 3rd June. The marquee was organised and some caterers were already booked. It would be a free event. D Smith to give A Wallace the contact numbers for some other caterers who wouldn't charge for being on site. The event wouldn't only be for residents of Margaretting, but would be for neighbouring villages and families. S Upton proposed that the Parish Council support the event with a £2800 budget, this was seconded by H Blurton. It was agreed that any money left over would go back to the Parish Council.

73. Spring Litter Pick

It was agreed that the litter pick would take place on Saturday 26th March, meeting at The Village Hall at 10.30. Clerk to organise litter picking equipment, which H Blurton would collect and return. Clerk to organise for the litter to be collected following the clearance.

74. Village Hall Matters

D Smith reported that the fence had been repaired, roses had been pruned, the car park had been treated and cut around the edges. Also, dog fouling notices had been put up.

75. Operation London Bridge

After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact Ingatestone to ask if Margaretting residents would be allowed to sign their condolence book.

76. Village Sites

a. Pond – H Blurton outlined the noted history of the pond which was last properly cleared out in 1974. After which the Parish Council made an agreement with Chelmsford District Council that the Parish Council would take on the strip of land by the pavement in front of the pond and maintain it. Lord Petre owns the pond. Clerk to contact the city council and request that they come and inspect the diseased Copper Beech tree on the green in front of the pond.

b. Trees – H Blurton reported that there was a five-year maintenance agreement in place for work to be carried out on the weeping pear trees at the War Memorial which would be trimmed before Remembrance Sunday. Permission for work on the Willow Tree at Margaretting Tye would have to be applied for.

c. Advertising Boards at The Black Bull – clerk to report to Enforcement Officer.

77. Planning

The following application was discussed;

1 Bank End, Maldon Road 22/00006/FUL

Retrospective application for hip to gable roof extension, addition of flat roof dormer to the rear and roof lights to the front.

Decisions

Margaretting Hall, Church Lane Permission	21/01540/OUT	Granted outlined Planning
Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye	21/02252/FUL	Application Refused
The Black Bull, Main Road	21/01818/FUL	Granted
1 Elm Cottage, Private Road	21/02270/FUL	Granted

Clerk to see if there is any paperwork about the Bollards on Main Road opposite Bishops Court. The Walk Boards and surrounding fencing at Whitesbridge had been reported.

78. Any Other Business

a. Cllr Grundy reported that he was meeting with the Police, he was to try and get a contact number, as there used to be a direct contact and manpower was now back to what it was in 2010.

b. Cllr Grundy outlined the Mayors Community Evening.

c. D Smith reported that the bench was now in place.

d. S Upton reported that a local farm would be lighting a beacon for the Platinum Jubilee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.