

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, A Wallace and S Upton.

**74. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr. I Grundy.

**75. Declarations of Interest.** A Wallace declared an interest in the agenda item: Bollards opposite Bishops Court.

#### **76. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **77. Matters Arising**

**a. PC Scott Smith.** It was agreed to invite the PC when the date for the Parish Assembly is arranged.

**b. Voting.** Clerk to write a piece for the Newsletter outlining the new rules being introduced in May where a photo ID will be required to vote.

#### **78. Accounts.**

The balances in the bank were discussed and it was agreed that the planning income (CIL) 2019/2020 would be recorded against money spent in the playground at Maldon Road earlier in the year. Clerk to find out the specific rules for using the CIL Planning Gain income.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

RCCE Subs	£ 72.60	
Chelmsford City Council	£ 50.00	Lease Maldon Road Playing Field
Communicate UK	£197.76	Fire & Alarm System
H Blurton	£ 27.08	Ink Cartridges
C Kochan	£500.00	Clerks Salary & Expenses

#### **79. Community Matters**

**a. Maldon Road Playing Field** Nothing to report.

**b. Allotments** T Paoli-Burke reported she had given S Warr's contact details to L Turner regarding horse manure. D Smith reported that S Warr didn't have a tractor or trailer to move the manure, but was sure allotment holders could organise collection with him. S Upton reported on costings for the potting sheds, A Wallace reported that this hadn't yet been discussed with the allotment holders. Clerk to find out figures given at an earlier meeting regarding allotment rents. Clerk to ask P Savill to put another piece in the newsletter advertising the empty plots.

**c. Parking at Hyland's Park.** Nothing to report.

**d. Village Hall Report** D Smith reported that the general consensus of the village hall committee was that the village hall users would still want the Wi-Fi. M Scott had found a deal of £25 a month but there was confusion whether the existing wi-fi was registered in the parish councils name or the village halls. Clerk to get an update on what BT would offer on existing phone and wi-fi.

**e. Bollards opposite Bishops Court.** A quotation for the works was agreed and awarded to ECCS and A W Services. Clerk to send a recorded letter to Highways confirming that the parish council were going to go ahead with the works.

**f. Notice Board, Maldon Road.** T Paoli-Burke reported that the Perspex had been ordered and the notice board would be repaired once it had arrived.

**g. Bench.** It was agreed that a replacement bench from Glasdon costing £631.77 would be ordered by the clerk, unless D Smith was able to purchase one cheaper through trade. The bench would be delivered to Whitesbridge.

h. 20's Plenty for Essex It was agreed to join the scheme with the school area in mind, clerk to respond. S Upton reported that the traffic speed changes some planning policies.

#### **80. The Kings Coronation.**

It was agreed to put something into the newsletter to find out if anyone was organising an event for the occasion.

#### **81. Plaques at War Memorial.**

H Blurton reported that he had emailed Seventeen Stonemasons, only three had responded to confirm that they no longer did lead lettering. In the meantime, he reported that he had written to The War Memorial Trust asking for advice.

#### **82. Village Sites.**

a. Trees. Nothing to report.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. H Blurton reported that the Pot Holes in Swan Lane had been repaired. Clerk reported that some pot holes on the slip road by Ivy Hill Hotel had been sprayed and she would re-report the others again.

#### **83. Planning.**

##### Applications

Kennets, Maldon Road                    23/00080/FUL  
Proposed loft conversion with front and rear dormers

Ynamit, Maldon Road                    22/02130/FUL  
Demolition of existing derelict building and construction of annex ancillary to main dwelling.

Ynamit, Maldon Road                    22/02128/FUL  
Raise the roof to create first floor accommodation with dormer windows. Proposed two storey front extension and single storey rear extension.

It was agreed that between meetings H Blurton & S Upton would take the lead on commenting on planning applications unless there was a difference of opinion. In that case the Chairman or Vice Chairman would be included. It was reported that Hawthorns would be submitting a planning application.

#### **84. Any Other Business.**

a. Bus Shelter opposite The Red Lion. The quotation had been accepted by the insurance company and the builder informed to commence work.

b. Telephone Box at Margaretting Tye. H Blurton reported that a resident had replaced a pane of glass and he was thinking about putting a shelf in for some books to go on.

c. H Blurton reported that he was trying to get the light to work on the defibrillator.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room.

