

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace. Also present were four members of the public.

**92. Apologies for absence** were received from S Upton and Cllr I Grundy.

**93. Declarations of Interest** H Blurton had an interest in item 96c, otherwise there were no other Declarations of Interests.

#### **94. Democratic Time**

a. M Wright attended the meeting to discuss the surface water in Maldon Road. Clerk to request that the drains are cleared.

b. M Downie reported that before Christmas the Main Road outside The Red Lion and Brookside cottages had been flooded leading to a road closure. The storm drain was clogged up with mud and needed power flushing, clerk to report.

c. Network Rail – A Wallace reported that he had spoken to the security services that were working for Network Rail and were regularly patrolling the area.

**95. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020** were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **96. Matters Arising**

a. War Memorial. T Paoli-Burke reported that there was to be a meeting at the War Memorial to discuss the material for the plaque and the positioning of it. The meeting was yet to be arranged. T Paoli-Burke to go to the crematorium and look at some plaques there.

b. Black Bull. H Blurton reported that the 'Asset to the village' forms regarding The Black Bull had been submitted.

c. Bollards at Margaretting Tye. Lord Petre had given permission for this item following approval from Highways. D Smith outlined some prices and A Wallace was to submit some groundwork figures. Members of the Parish Council except for H Blurton voted unanimously to carry out the work. H Blurton was to contact Highways.

d. Number plate recognition – Nothing to report.

e. Three Mile Hill. It was reported that the drain cover had been replaced.

f. Pot Hole and sunken manhole Cover in Writtle Road had been reported.

g. H Blurton thanked A Wallace for removing the burnt-out car in Swan Lane.

#### **97. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Village Hall (Contribution to Insurance) £ 452.34

Balances in the bank were discussed.

#### **98. Community Matters**

### Maldon Road Playing Field

Following the earlier leak of sewage into the field, H Blurton reported that there had been another flooding. H Blurton to contact Anglian Water using the emergency number. C Quilter reported that there were no new signs of drug abuse.

It was agreed that clerk was to contact some of the allotment holders and give them until the end of April to tidy their allotments before the Parish Council take them back.

### **99. Village Hall Matters**

H Blurton reported that the village hall funds were low. The floor covering in The Chelmer Room were going to be replaced with sheet vinyl. This was to be paid for by Margaretting Friends. The kitchen, toilets and Chelmer Room itself needed decoration and H Blurton explained that he was doing a specification for this and for the redecoration of the Village Hall. H Blurton reported that there was not a football club anymore although L Cameron had contacted Ingatestone to see if they were interested in using the facilities.

### **100. V E Day**

T Paoli-Burke reported that there had been one donation. The EALC had confirmed that £8.12 per electorate was allowed to be spent. The village hall, band, bar, fish and chip van, marquee had all been booked. There was an estimated £1600 shortfall in revenue, A Wallace asked the parish council for £2000 to cover the shortfall any money raised would go back to the Parish Council. All councillors voted unanimously and agreed to this. A Wallace also reported that he was to approach the village hall committee and ask if the 10% bar donation on the day could be waived.

### **101. Village Sites**

1. Repairs & Maintenance – H Blurton reported that he was still to get another quote for works to be carried out.

2. Pond & Trees – A Wallace volunteered to remove the dipping platform. S Upton was not in attendance to explain any grant towards pond.

### **102. Planning**

Brooklands, Penny's Lane.      20/00024/FUL      The Parish Council have no objections

Demolition of existing conservatory and rear balcony. Installation of basement level and part two storey, part single storey front and rear extensions with balcony to the rear.

Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road 20/00097/FUL      The Parish Council have no objections

Proposed side and rear extension

Eweland House, Main Road      20/00168/FUL      Parish Council to submit previous comments

Retrospective application for existing concrete slab and proposed ancillary outbuilding to be constructed on top.

### Decisions

Margaretting Service Station      19/01876/OUT      Application Refused

Canford House, Wantz Road      19/01780/FUL      Application Granted

### **103 Any Other Business**

- a. T Paoli-Burke to write a piece for the newsletter regarding speeding
- b. Clerk to forward email from residents of Sunset onto Highway Enforcement Re; Blue Shed
- c. Litter Pick – Organised for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am at Black Bull
- d. H Blurton reported that Essex Info was closing. An application had been made and accepted to The Voice.
- e. A Wallace to look at office computer to see if it can be updated.
- f. Councillors had sent information on CCTV to read.
- g. Eastern Angles were performing in the village hall on May 12<sup>th</sup>, tickets were available from M Scott.
- h. The clock that was missing from the meeting room would be replaced by the Smith family if it cannot be found.
- i. Bench – D Smith reported that this was in hand.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Meeting Room at 7.30 p.m.