

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, P Savill and A Wallace.

Also present were eleven members of the public, Cllr I Grundy and Cllr R Whitehead.

104. Declarations of Interest. H Blurton declared an interest in a planning application for The White Hart public house.

105. Democratic Time.

a. Cllr R Whitehead outlined the 2021/36 Local Plan;

1. There is no change to the existing policy on the Green Belt.

2. A second entrance to Broomfield Hospital has been agreed.

3. The long awaited train station at Beaulieu has yet to be constructed – this will easily take five years as there are lots of factors such as purchasing the land and dealing with Great Eastern Railway. Our three local MP's are lobbying for the railway station and by pass.

4. A new school for all ages is near completion at Beaulieu.

5. The plans and costs for the flood alleviation are old but there was no update to report.

Monies from Government and Chelmsford City Council are still allocated for the Environment Agency to proceed with this.

6. The Local Plan up to 2021 is still in place and can be quoted until the new one is adopted.

b. Residents from Margaretting Tye attended the meeting to express their concerns about a planning application for The White Hart several points were made which would be considered when the application was to be discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would request an extension of two weeks for comments to be sent back so that some of the points made could be confirmed as the application was only received a few days before the meeting. Clerk also to contact nearby residents to explain about the return date for comments.

106. Minutes The minutes of the meeting dated 10th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following two amendments.

107. Matters Arising

a. H Blurton reported that L Kerry had stepped down as parish councillor, clerk to write and thank her for input as a councillor.

b. Pumping Station – H Blurton reported that the site was still on the Enforcement list, the gates have been closed and there has been no activity on site.

c. Dog waste bin – It was agreed that H Blurton purchase a sign for the bin at the Crossroads/Wantz Road.

d. Over 60's club – It was reported that the rent had been paid up until the end of March. It was agreed that this would be paid every three months.

e. Elections – clerk reported that she would forward the nomination papers to councillors which would have to be checked when returned to the city council by Wednesday 3rd April at 4 p.m. She also reported that she would be attending a seminar before the next meeting.

f. H Blurton reported that there was a temporary barrier up in Swan Lane where the tubular fencing had been damaged.

g. Tony Smith – following an achievement of fifty years on the Parish Council H Blurton reported that he had spoken to the family about a beacon and a bench. It was agreed that a bench costing £250-£300 could be brought. Councillors were asked to consider where the bench might be placed to discuss at the March meeting.

108. Allotments

The clerk reported that all the allotments had been let. Following the May elections she would issue new agreements to all allotment holders. It was reported that there was still an offer of fruit trees but this was rejected.

109. Accounts

P Savill outlined the account sheet and balances in the bank and reserves.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

H Blurton	£13.99	Paper for Office and a Lightbulb
Communicate Uk	£192.00	Fire Alarm check and maintenance
Village Hall	£45.00	Hall hire for the over 60's club

110. Community Matters

Maldon Road Playing Field. The owner of Broadoaks had contacted the parish council concerning the trees which needed attention. Clerk to respond as at the present no work was planned.

111. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton explained that the village hall was looking to replace the boiler; they were finding it difficult to find a company which use a warm aircsystem. The project is expected to be costly. T Paoli-Burke to ask her neighbour for advice and suggestions.

112. Defibrillator

The casing for the defibrillator was in the office. H Blurton explained that after an onsite meeting The Black Bull was the preferred site for it to be housed. H Blurton to organise a power point for it, to contact Greene King and confirm where it is to be fixed onto the wall and to confirm that it will be maintained. Clerk to contact Defibrillator Company to find out when it will be delivered.

113. Village Sites

a. Pond and Trees – The trees at the war memorial and the fruit trees by the pond were due to be trimmed by Bartlett's, a new quote had been received which was the same as the one given in 2013 which was the cheapest quote received at that time.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways - it was reported that these had been sprayed.

I Grundy confirmed that the parking in Wantz Road was on the waiting list.

114. Planning

Decisions

Land South of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane 18/01939/FUL Refused

Proposed stable block with associated hardstanding

Land North East of Mole Cottage, London Road 18/01968/FUL Approved

Change of use of existing storage building to beauty treatment salon

Canford House, Wantz Road 18/01976/FUL Refused

Demolition of part existing dwelling, construction of single/double storey extensions, internal reconfiguration, new roof with loft conversion and dormers, replacement windows, material change to elevations to new garage, alterations to front drive and new entrance gates.

H Blurton outlined the enforcement cases.

115. Any Other Business

a. **Map** – T Paoli-Burke to forward the email concerning maps to councillors. This is to be an agenda item for March.

- b. **Rubbish on Footpath** – clerk to contact environmental department concerning the increased amount of rubbish on the footpath outside the properties where the Spread Eagle was.
- c. **Stock Post Office** – Cllr I Grundy reported that the village store in Stock had been sold to Budgens and therefore they were to lose the post office.
- d. **Blue Shed** – Cllr I Grundy reported he was still going through paperwork back to 2014 regarding the shed.
- e. **Parish Council meetings** Cllr Whitehead was always willing to attend the parish council meeting if something came up.
- f. **Pedestrian Gate at Church Crossing** – A Wallace explained that someone attended the surgery and thought that the pedestrian gate had been locked, but it was the main gate that was locked.
- g. **WhatsApp** – A Wallace outlined a WhatsApp group – he was to look into a bit more after contacting the police and neighbourhood watch group.
- h. **Dog Waste Bags** – T Paoli-Burke to contact dog warden for a supply of bags.
- i. **Red Telephone Box by the pond** – it was agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue the purchase of this.
- j. **Finger Post** – A Wallace confirmed the post had been reinstated in Private Road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.