

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, D Smith and A Wallace (Vice-Chairman in Chair). In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

**63. Apologies for absence** were received from T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter and S Upton.

**64. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **65. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **66. Matters Arising.**

a. PC 80565 Scott Smith was unable to attend the meeting, he had however sent a copy of burglary and vehicle offences over the last three years. He was able to attend the Parish Assembly if required.

#### **67. Accounts.**

There were no accounts to present at the meeting.

#### **68. Community Matters.**

a. Maldon Road Playing Field The clerk reported that the new bin liner was in place.

b. Allotments T Paoli-Burke to report back on whether Lynn Turner had made contact with Steve Warr regarding manure for the allotments.

c. Parking at Hylands Park. A Wallace explained that he had noticed more people were getting their coffee from Rose Café, leaving their vehicle in the car park and walking over to Hylands Park. It was agreed that the clerk write to the City Council and request some figures for use age and setting up the parking scheme.

d. Bollards opposite Bishops Court D Smith and the clerk had both spoken to Swift Landscaping.

e. Village Hall Report. D Smith reported that there had been a flood at The Chelmer Room (sewage) just before Christmas that they had managed to get pumped out and she had dried the carpet in the Chelmer Room. Ash Waste had quoted £1000 + vat for a new pump, this had been authorised by M Scott. The quote to clean the carpet was £100, but funds were not available for it to be cleaned yet. H Blurton reported that money being spent is only just over what was coming into the Village Hall account. Following problems with the ice machine it has been switched off and D Smith reported that she is to suggest the dishwasher and pump are also disconnected. D Smith outlined the different roles that the village hall members had taken on; M Scott was to take on the maintenance role of meeting trades people and allowing them access into the hall to save L Cameron having to do it; Lorna Cannon was to take over the role of Secretary; L Cameron was to stay on for a while longer as bookings secretary. H Blurton outlined the figures for Broadband and it was agreed that the parish council would pay for the next three months and then look at the figures again. A Wallace suggested a month by month roll over. A Wallace was to take the computer from the office home to clean it and upgrade it before deciding whether to purchase a new one. Benches at village hall; the village hall had a new policy for memorial benches on the sports ground where if they deteriorate the owners will be notified and given a period of time to repair before the bench being removed. CCTV only two of the five cameras were reported as working so the system is to be cut off.

f. Notice Board – T Paoli-Burke had sent a message confirming a student carpenter would be carrying out repairs.

**69. Kings Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> May.** Carried over to the February meeting.

**70. Plaques at War Memorial** A Wallace reported that someone had looked at the photos and was going to visit the war memorial to look at it but they hadn't got back to him yet. H Blurton was going to try and find a Stonemason.

**71. Play in the Park** It was agreed that it was too late to put this in place as the closing date was at the end of January.

## **72. Village Sites**

a. Trees – Nothing to Report.

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

**Bench** – Agreed to carry over to the February meeting.

c. Spring Litter Clean – Date organised for 18<sup>th</sup> March meeting at The Black Bull at 10am. Clerk to organise pickers etc. H Blurton to collect, clerk to return.

d. Hedging – T Paoli-Burke to write a circular letter and distribute to residents on route to the school requesting they trim their hedging back, also to write a piece for the newsletter and WhatsApp group.

e. Clerk reported that she had requested for the road signs around the village are cleaned.

## **73. Planning**

22/02295/FUL Marshalls Farm, Handley Green

Single storey front extension and alteration to fenestration.

### Decisions

22/01746/FUL Bearman's Farmhouse, Writtle Road Planning Permission Refused

22/01716/FUL Land South of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane Application Refused

22/01942/FUL Thurston's Cottage, Coptfold Hall Drive Application Refused

## **73. Any Other Business**

a. H Blurton reported that he had printed off some 'Welcome Packs' for new residents. It was agreed that he could order some new ink cartridges.

b. It was reported that as from May you would need photo id to vote. Clerk to write a piece to go into the Newsletter.

c. Clerk reported that as from March funding was to be withdrawn for the Rangers at the city council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

