

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Boem, L Edwards, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), M Scott, P Slade and A Smith

In attendance; Cllr I Grundy and Jordanne Wood

83. Apologies for absence were received from A Wallace.

84. Democratic Time

Jordanne Wood had been invited to the meeting to talk about Youth Councils. Jordanne, who is the Head Girl at The Anglo European School, joined the Ingatestone & Fryerning Youth Council a year ago. She is one of thirteen 11-18year olds who form the council and is the Vice-Chairman.

Jordanne explained how the Youth Council was run and the different things that they had been involved in and organised. P Savill outlined the plans for the Community Games 2015 which was to be held at the village hall on Saturday, May 16th. Jordanne Wood suggested including music and dance and that she may be able to help by inviting the school's oriental drummers, dancers and national dancers to participate. It was agreed that Jordanne would write a piece for the newsletter to try and encourage new members to the youth council as ten members would be leaving this year to go to university.

85 Minutes

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and correct record after the following amendment was made;

Minute 78(b) to read; C Quilter reported that the bollard on footpath 43 had been put back but not satisfactorily.

86 Matters Arising

a. School Parking – P Slade reported that this item was in hand.

87 Accounts

P Savill reported that since the last meeting the invoice for the work to the willow tree at The Tye and the trees in the playing field had been received and paid (£750.00). Two BT bills (£67.18 & £69.91) had also been paid by direct debit.

88. Maldon Road Recreation Ground.

a. Play Area – C Quilter reported that there were no problems.

b. Youth Shelter – Nothing to report.

89. Village Projects

a. PC Office – Clerk to open the office during the January coffee morning. A Wallace to open the office on Saturday 14th February. A Smith expressed his concerns about the number of break ins around the village and concern that the office may get broken into.

b. Village Hall Sign – H Blurton reported that no one from Highways had been in touch with him. Cllr I Grundy reported the Parish Council’s request to install a sign was on the agenda for the next Highways meeting where he would explain that the Parish Council only wanted permission for the sign and not funding.

c. Village Gateways – H Blurton reported that he had heard from Highways who had said that this item could go in the 2015/2016 budget. M Scott suggested that as our design had not been accepted the whole project should be cancelled. Cllr Grundy suggested he could find out if the item is on the agenda for the panel to discuss on 28th; in which case he would raise our concerns at that meeting. **H Blurton** to drop all the paperwork off to Cllr I Grundy before then.

d. Whitesbridge Walkboards – Nothing to report.

e. Flood Alleviation – It was reported that the Environment Agency would not go onto land where cattle was grazing. A meeting between the Environment Agency and the land owner had taken place

90. Village Sites

Repairs & Maintenance – Nothing to report.

Pond & Trees – It was agreed that before the work can be carried out to the fallen tree confirmation was required from BT on how much it would charge to disconnect, survey and re-connect the line.

P Savill reported that two oak trees had been delivered to her house, one to go in Maldon Road to replace the dead Jubilee Tree. Councillors were asked to suggest a site for the other tree.

Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways – P Savill reported on the list of Highway defects. L Edwards added two more to the list (a faulty light and damaged verge in Maldon Road). The Nunns Crossing flooding was being monitored – senior management were aware of the situation.

91 Planning

H Blurton reported on the following decisions:

14/01746/COUPA: Four Oaks – Refused

14/01788/FUL: Beech Lorne – Approved

14/01808/FUL: Land South of Entrance Lodge – Approved

The following application was considered:

14/01934/FUL: Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road, Front Porch and ramp No Objections

92 Correspondence

a. Winter Newsletter – A Smith to read.

b. War Memorial bollards – Clerk reported that she had heard from the insurance company – **Clerk** to contact A Wallace to find out whether he could get a quote for the replacement.

93 Any Other Business

- a. Clerk to return the form about areas of land likely to flood (Red Lion, School and Brookside) also (Linfield and Ridgeways)
- b. H Blurton reported on damage caused to Village Hall due to theft of lead from roof.
- c. H Blurton reported that the instructions for the heater in the office had been laminated and were on view.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Next meeting Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.