

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Office, Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

**83. Democratic Time**

a. War Memorial. Mr David Frost attended the meeting and explained that four names were not recognised on the war memorial he outlined who they were and a little piece of history about them, it may have been that there was a logical reason why they were mentioned. T Paoli-Burke volunteered to help Mr Frost with his research as did Lorna Cannon. H Blurton explained that the easiest way around including the names was to include them on two plastic plaques and fix them to the plinth of the war memorial.

b. Black Bull. Mr D Frost explained that he had spoken to a planning officer about nominating The Black Bull as an asset to the village. He reported that he had discussed it with Julie Bennett he suggested that the application form be filled in and returned as a matter of urgency. After a discussion the Parish Council unanimously agreed to apply for an 'Assets of Community Value' to be placed on The Black Bull. H Blurton to send the form out to councillors to fill in so that he could collate them. He reported that he would involve P Savill, M Scott and J Bennett

c. Water Leak in Parsonage Lane Mr Albon reported that there was still a leak in the field, he reported that the track was in poor condition, previously he had repaired it. H Blurton to look at the Land Registry map to see who owns the different pieces of land.

**84. Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**85. Matters Arising**

a. Bollards on the green at Margaretting Tye – Clerk reported that Lord Petre had given permission for the bollards to be put onto the green and grass verges following approval from Highways.

b. T Paoli-Burke reported that number plate recognition and the reporting of the telephone kiosk by the pond were in hand.

**86. Community Matters**

a. Maldon Road Playing Field – C Quilter reported that there was some drug activity taking place in the area. It was agreed to mention on WhatsApp that residents should report any suspicious vehicles to 101.

b. Fibre Broadband – S Upton reported that the road around Furze Hill/Ivy Hill were being dug up for the fibre broadband programme.

**87. Village Hall Matters**

H Blurton reported that the new heating system was being installed and should be finished by the end of January.

**88. VE Day Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> May**

H Blurton reported that the Jubilee took two years to organise and he was concerned that the celebration would be difficult to organise in such a short space of time. Lorna Cannon and Lynne

Turner had attended the meeting and had agreed to help set up the committee and organise the event. A Wallace and T Paoli-Burke were to join the committee as well, several ideas were discussed about how the day should be. Clerk to contact EALC and find out about funding by the parish council.

### **89. Village Sites**

**a. Repairs & Maintenance** – Ongoing

**b. Pond** – The parish council were to discuss this item further but the general consensus was not to spend money trying to clear the water in the pond.

**c. Three Mile Hill** – Clerk to report the missing manhole cover by the bus stop by Hylands Park.

**d.** Clerk to report sunken manhole covers in Writtle Road and re-report the potholes that have been sprayed but not repaired. Clerk also to send some photos of the flooding in Maldon Road near El-Rita.

### **90. Planning**

There were no applications but H Blurton reported on an application discussed between the December 2019 and January 2020 meetings;

19/02071/FUL Hill House, Writtle Road Proposed demolition of existing double garage and erection of new double garage closer to the boundary. Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

### **91. Any Other Business**

a. A Wallace to collect the burnt-out car in Swan Lane.

b. T Paoli-Burke to check with the Land Registry to try and find out who owns the piece of land next to the old service station, Main Road. D Smith to try and find out too.

c. It was reported that the Over 60's club may fold and it was also reported that they were to discuss whether to move their meetings to once a month at The Black Bull.

d. Parish Surgery – It was decided that due to the lack of visitors the surgery would not be held for the foreseeable future.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.05 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.