

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace (Chairman). In attendance Cllr G Bonnett.

A Wallace welcomed Cllr Gillian Bonnett to the meeting, newly elected councillor following Cllr I Grundy's passing.

73. Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Upton.

74. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

75. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

76. Matters Arising.

a. A Wallace reported that there was no feedback to report following his conversation to the Landlady at The Black Bull regarding the rubbish opposite.

b. Bridleway over A12. Cllr Bonnett reported that this area fell within the Goat Hall Ward and had been reported.

77. Accounts.

The balance sheet was discussed. A Wallace reported that the £50 donation to Blood Cancer had been forwarded to M Lucking & Sons. The £5000 cheque for the P.W.L.B had been returned as only a bank transfer would be accepted within 48 hours of the Parish Council being notified of the interest rate. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk would ask S Upton if he would kindly transfer the amount and the Parish Council reimburse him at the February meeting.

78. Planning.

Applications

24/01709/FUL Longcroft, Maldon Road

Description of works: Single storey, flat roofed rear extension.

24/01714/FUL Linden, Maldon Road

Description of works: Raise roof to create first floor with alterations to fenestration and cladding. Addition of single storey porch to front. Replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof.

24/01715/FUL Linden. Maldon Road

Proposed additional storey and replacement roof and cladding. Two storey front extension.

Replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof.

24/01698/FUL Webbs Cottage, Main Road

Demolition of existing store. Construction of two storey side extensions to existing studio flats with alterations to fenestration. Alterations to existing driveway.

24/01678/FUL The Oaks, Wantz Road

Conversion of stable to a residential annexe for ancillary use.

79. Community Matters.

- a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that there were no problems in the playing field. It was agreed that the branches overhanging the annex at Broadoaks could be cut down and removed by the parishioner. However, access through the playing area to carry out the work would not be allowed.
- b. Allotments. Nothing to report. Cllr Bonnett was to forward some information onto councillors.
- c. Clerk had reported the knocked down National Speed Limit sign opposite Bishops Court (Ref; 2955845).
- d. Bollards opposite Bishops Court in hand.
- e. Telephone Box by the pond. Cllr G Bonnett was to inform the city council that the parish council were happy to have the equipment removed from the telephone box and the box secured.
- g. Pylons. Nothing to report.

80. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported that following a donation from The Black Bull and an extra raffle from donations from The Star in Ingatestone total funds raised was £2592.00. Next event was a dance evening on the 8th February where all money raised would go to the village hall. And L Cannon was organising a Book Sale/ Tea Party on 22nd February. The AGM had been organised for Tuesday 6th May. Permission had also been granted to trim the trees that had TPO's on them. D Smith explained that the committee were still in talks with the school about using the field for nature work, sports day and lunchtime break in the summer. L Cannon was to have a word with the new stand in headteacher about funding.

81. Village Sites.

- a. Trees. Nothing to report.
- b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways. Clerk to report the pothole between Whitesbridge Farm and the bridge by the gate. (Ref 3782456). The Puddle by El-Rita was still there, clerk to report. D Smith reported that the handmade dog fouling sign seemed to be working.

82. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr G Bonnett reported that the city council were to increase car parking tariffs, Burial and Cremation Services and were to introduce a £60 fee for the emptying of the Brown Bins (garden waste). Councillors were interested to learn how much money had been raised through parking at Hylands Park through the Freedom of Information Act. (Ref IR12171)
- b. Clerk to re-report that the dog fouling bin at The White Hart has again not been emptied and seems to periodically missed off of the rota. (Ref; RFSS 54279)
- c. Clerk to report to CHP the furniture that has been dumped outside a property in Maldon Road and partially obstructing the pavement. (Ref; 72/204402/WAIEJF)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall