

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, S Upton and A Wallace (Chairman). In attendance Cllr Gillian Bonnett.

19. Apologies for absence were received from D Smith.

20. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

21. Democratic Time.

A parishioner attended the meeting and outlined several problems that needed reporting. It was agreed that the clerk was to report the following; The ongoing problem with having the Dog Waste bins emptied regularly (Cllr Gillian Bonnett was also to contact the department) especially at Margaretting Tye. Infestation of Rats around the waste bins in the area opposite the garage affecting homes in Maldon Road. Clerk also to ask P Savill to mention in the Newsletter about feeding birds which also encourage rats, it was suggested that there might be a link to try and put people off feeding them. Clerk also to contact Planning Enforcement.

22. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

23. Matters Arising.

a. Flag for War Memorial Flagpole. T Paoli-Burke to ask P Wood for the flags. A Wallace to take the flag down at the War Memorial after tonight's meeting.

b. Dog Waste Bin. Cllr Gillian Bonnett to contact department responsible and clerk to re-report. A Wallace to download a sign for the Maldon Road Notice Board to encourage usage of the Dog Waste Bin.

24. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

SDS Tree Services £780.00

Wallace Arboriculture £550.00

Balances in the bank and reserves were reported.

Clerk to contact Clear Councils Insurance to ask how much the extra premium would be to increase the public liability to £5 million and £10 million.

H Blurton, A Wallace and the Clerk signed the mandate for signatory of signing cheques. C Quilter was the fourth signatory.

25. Planning.

Demolition of the existing commercial kennels and cattery buildings and residential dwelling and redevelopment of the site comprising of 7No. dwellings

26. Community Matters.

- a. Steve Warr. S Upton reported the passing of Steve Warr, a previous Parish Councillor and Chairman. There was to be a Thanksgiving service on 25th July at Bullfinches.
- b. Maldon Road Playing Field. Nothing to report. Quotes in hand for cutting the conifers, once received clerk to forward onto CHP. Cllr G Bonnett spoke about the Lease on the playing field which was agreed until 2034. After a discussion it was agreed to extend it for another 20 years until 2054, Cllr G Bonnett to contact the property manager to organise. And then decide what to do at the play area.
- c. Bollards. Nothing new to report.
- d. War Memorial. Nothing to report.
- e. Pylons. S Upton reported that The National Grid were sending out definitive maps to Landowners. There was a consultation period of fourteen days.
- f. Community Asset – The Black Bull. After a discussion the Parish Council unanimously agreed to apply for an ‘Assets of Community Value’ to be placed on The Black Bull.
- g. Community Fitness Initiative. Nothing to report. Item to remain on agenda.

27. Village Hall Report.

In D Smiths absence there was no report this month.

28. Village Sites.

- a. Trees. Nothing to report.
- b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. S Upton reported that he had cut the hedging back between the bus stop opposite The Black Bull and the Eagle.

29. Any Other Business.

- a. A Wallace outlined the Chelmsford Association of Local Councils following his conversation with Bob Kilvington of Great Baddow Parish Council. The subscription fee was £40.00 per annum. Clerk to forward his email onto Councillors.

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

Next meeting Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.

