

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30p.m.

Present; L Edwards (Chairman), P Savill, P Slade, C Quilter and A Wallace. In attendance Cllr I Grundy and one member of the public.

**29. Apologies for absence** were received from H Blurton, T Boem and A Smith.

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

### **31. Democratic Time**

a. L Edwards reported that her daughter and Penny's daughter would attend September's meeting to talk about the handrail for the office.

b. L Edwards reported that she had spoken to the builders causing the parking problems in Maldon Road; she had been assured that once building works had finished the problems should cease.

### **32. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

### **33. Matters Arising**

a) Peacocks – L Edwards explained that the RSPB were unable to help, but there had been sightings of peahens along the Writtle Road, so hopefully the problems with the peacock will stop.

b) Wicksteed – It was reported that work to install the toddler swings was due to commence during the summer break.

c) Gemma Carr had left some posters for the playing field, youth shelter, notice boards and village hall.

### **34. Accounts**

P Savill outlined the balances in the bank.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£439.20	
RCCE (Subs)	£ 66.00	
Play Safety Limited	£ 88.80	
Wicksteed Playgrounds	£6000.00	
South East Galvanizers	£212.52	(Youth Shelter Seats)

### **35. Maldon Road Recreation Field**

**a. Allotments** As reported by P Savill only £30 of the allotment rents has been collected to date. **Clerk** to contact K Young to find out if he is still able to collect the rents.

**b. Play Area** No problems to report. C Quilter outlined the ROSPA inspection report which had identified several areas where the safety surface is coming away and the suggestion that the multi goal be re-painted. **L Edwards** to get a quote from Wicksteed to fill in the gaps where the surfacing had come away and also a quote for repainting the multi goal. After a discussion about the Skate Board ramps and following concerns from PSCO Carr it was agreed that the ramps would not be feasible because of the size of the village. **Clerk** to contact Tracy Nixon and explain.

### **36. Village Projects**

**a. Office** L Edwards reported that her daughter had measured the ramp at the office and because of the gradient it was suggested that a handrail should be put in place both sides and some tactile paving should be incorporated at the bottom of the slope. It was agreed that **L Edwards** invite a planning officer (Disabled access officer) to have a look, but in the meantime A Wallace agreed to tape off the slope from the car park before the Horticultural Show. This was to be an Agenda Item at the September meeting and L Edwards and P Savills daughters will be invited to attend.

### **37. Village Sites**

**a.** It was reported that the street light on the corner of Parsonage Lane was still unrepaired.

### **38. Pond and Trees**

P Slade had reported the five dead cherry trees. **Clerk** to contact L Cameron and explain that if there is any confusion P Slade knows the location of the dead trees.

### **39. Roads, Paths and Grass Verges**

1. P Slade reported that the overgrown bridleway from Whitesbridge to Margaretting Tye had been reported and would be inspected within three weeks.

2. P Savill to report the overgrown footpath running beside Larmar Engineering to Maldon Road.

3. Clerk to report the delivery of materials in Penny's Lane to the Enforcement Officer.

4. Footpath 21 – Clerk to pass paperwork onto P Savill.

### **40. Nomination for Relief in Need.**

P Savill nominated Suzie Wood for this position, there were no objections. **Clerk** to inform Mrs Olrich-Smith.

### **41. Planning**

P Savill reported that a resident from Otley Place had complained about cars parked in Roman Road, this hadn't caused a problem with visibility and was a public road with no restrictions therefore there wasn't anything that could be done. **P Savill** to inform the Parishioner.

## Applications

Land at Longcroft, Maldon Road                      15/1049/FUL

Construction of detached dwelling including detached double garage, improved visibility splays to existing access and landscaping

Jonette

Notification that the Enforcement Officer will visit Whitewebbs Cottage and investigate whether there has been a breach of planning control.

### **42. Correspondence**

a. RCCE Annual Review and Notification of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

### **43. Any Other Business**

a. A Wallace commented on the new houses at the Spread Eagle Site and the design which fitted in with other houses in the village.

b. A Wallace reported that he would leave the new computer in the office.

c. L Edwards and Clerk to meet with Dog Warden.

d. Agenda Item for September – Layby in Orton Close. **P Savill** to download the Highway Panels form.

e. Agenda item for September – Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016) I Grundy to find out if the City Council had anything planned.

f. It was agreed that the keys for the bins would be kept in the office. **P Savill** to supply a new padlock.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Next meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30 p.m.