

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), C Quilter, P Savill, P Slade, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance were two members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

**22. Apologies for absence** were received from T Paoli-Burke

**23. Declaration of Interest** L Edwards declared an interest in a planning application at 6 Bank End Cottages.

#### **24. Democratic Time**

Footpaths L Edwards to speak to Lawrence Page and find out who is responsible for the footpaths in Parsonage Lane over the railway crossing.

The footbridge under the culvert had been reported (ref 2476660)

Tyelands Mr & Mrs Albon explained that Tyelands had been refurbished; once the garden was done it was to be re-let until the flood alleviation scheme starts.

#### **25. Matters Arising**

**a. Telephone Box/Tye** In hand.

**b. Skateboarding** A letter supporting the skateboarders was read out.

**c. Open Reach** A letter informing the parish council of a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July had been sent to the VHMC in error. It was too late to arrange for anyone to attend the meeting. Clerk to ensure that they know the correct address to use in the future.

**d. Glenside Cottages** - L Edwards reported that the muddy area outside Glenside Cottages had been covered with pebbles.

**e. Queens Celebrations** It was reported that £650 was left over and the accounts had been closed. L Edwards suggested putting it towards transport for the pensioners which was being paid by Relief in Need at present. It was agreed to put a piece in the Newsletter and the Chairman of the Queen's celebrations committee write to the sponsors to find out their views.

#### **26. Accounts**

P Savill outlined the balances in the bank. Authority was given for payment of the following;

H Blurton (paper towels for office and computer cable)	£ 26.18
P Savill (payment for magician & punch and judy)	£350.00
RCCE (Subs)	£ 66.00
C Quilter (Padlock for gate at Maldon Road park)	£ 14.97

#### **27. Community Matters**

a. Village security – L Edwards reported on the recent spate of burglaries. It was agreed to put something in the newsletter and remind parishioners of the 101 number to call.

b. The residents of Ging House had offered to pay for security cameras to be installed at The Village Hall. H Blurton to suggest that larger signs be put up at the village hall entrance and up the driveway at the next Village Hall meeting. P Slade reported the flickering light above the door; H Blurton confirmed the light belonged to the village hall.

#### **28. Maldon Road Playing Field**

C Quilter had purchased a new padlock for the gate, keys were being held by T Nixon, L Edwards & M D Landscapes there was also a spare in the office. He reported that dogs were not being kept on a

lead and also some dog waste was being put into the normal waste bin. P Savill to write a piece in the newsletter reminding dog owners.

L Edwards agreed to meet Sovereign on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the play area while damaged safety surfacing is inspected.

### **29 Flooding**

It was reported that some residents had received a warning prior to the flooding, but those most affected The Red Lion and Brookside Cottages hadn't. Private Road residents received their warning too late. Clerk and A Wallace to contact The Environment Agency. Clerk to request gulley's at War Memorial are cleared with Highways. Clerk to contact Andy Bestwick about clearing Margaretting brook.

### **30 Village Projects**

(i) It was agreed that each project should have two councillors working together on it. P Savill to put a list of different suggestions in the newsletter to see if any are favoured by residents; railings at the park, village hall sign at the crossroads and other suggestions that have come up over the years.

It was agreed that H Blurton replace the oak post bollard on the green at the tye.

H Blurton reported on the quotes for making good the bus shelter opposite The Red Lion. It was agreed to go with A Gibbons £250 to make good the shiplap, clean it down and apply two coats of sadolin.

P Savill and L Edwards offered to clean the bus shelters and telephone box when in the area.

(ii) Pond & Trees – P Slade reported that The Conservation Volunteers would be cleaning the pond on 4<sup>th</sup> August for the day at a cost of £250; they would be using the parish office for the toilet.

Some work needs to be carried out on two of the small trees.

(iii) It was reported that the footpath between the Saddlery and Larmers was being redone, it was not sure how further along the road Highways were going to go.

(iv) Clerk to report 'for sale' van on Roman Road.

### **31. Planning**

6 Bank End Cottages (L Edwards declared an interest) 16/00638/Ful PC Object

Coptfold Hall 16/06002/HRN No Objections

4 Whitesbridge Cottages, Maldon Road 16/00829/FUL

#### Decisions

Jonette, Pennys Lane 15/00755/FUL Refused

Workshop east of Mole Cottage, London Road 16/00467/Ful Granted

Elm Cottage, main Road, 16/00060/FUL Refused

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The Willows, Private Road 16/00799/Ful No Objections

Furze Lodge, Writtle Road 16/00769/Ful No Objections

H Blurton outlined three planning applications that the parish council cannot comment on.

### **32. Any Other Business**

A Wallace explained to the parish council problems with fireworks at Hylands House, residents were not being informed when they were going to be let off especially during the week. A group had been set up who were going to contact Writtle Parish Council. Clerk to pass their details onto A Wallace. The general consensus was to get the fireworks stopped during the week by 10 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.