

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, on Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, D Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace. In attendance were three members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

24. Apologies for absence were received from C Elsom and S Upton.

25. Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interests.

26. Democratic Time- Mr G Sharp attended the meeting and reported that Network Rail wanted to build a road from Church Lane across the field towards Brook Farm. The Parish Council had no update from Network Rail regarding the closure of the railway crossing or from the Environment Agency regarding The Flood Alleviation Scheme.

27. Minutes The minutes were signed as a true and correct record following three amendments.

28. Matters Arising

a Fly Tipping in Wantz Road – It was agreed that the large boulders placed on the verge were a preventative measure to stop vehicles parking on the verge.

b A Smiths Bench – the clerk confirmed that Lord Petre had given his permission for the bench to go on the green between Yew Tree Cottage and Peacocks.

c WhatsApp – A Wallace reported that to date 35 people had signed up.

d Defibrillator – H Blurton reported two different quotes. It was agreed to go with A J Electrical at £475.00 to put in a new distribution box and provide a test certificate.

e Dog Fouling in Maldon Road playing field – A Wallace outlined a homemade dispenser for bags for dog waste which he had seen in Sandon. A Wallace was to make one up and put a picture of it on WhatsApp.

29.Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

101343 M D Landscapes	£1098.00	Invoices 100 & 140
101344 RCCE (Subs)	£ 72.60	

The balance sheet was discussed.

30. Community Matters

1 Repairs – H Blurton to contact three builders (two within the village) with a specification of repairs that needed carrying out.

2 Sheds/Allotments – Under the terms of the Parish Council lease it was agreed that the clerk contact the owner of the allotment where the shed had been erected and suggest they approach the city council and apply for permission for the shed to go onto the allotment. The parish council had no objections and in the first instance would write and confirm this. It was estimated that an allotment in Ingatestone the same size would cost £145.60 per annum. It was agreed that the allotments were heavily subsidised and agreed that the clerk write to all allotment holders and requested that all overgrown allotments are cleared or cut down and covered. Clerk also to ask for written confirmation that the allotment is still required. It was also reported that there was a working water tank on site.

3 Clerk to contact both parishioners who had contacted her about their trees on the boundary of the Maldon Road playing field mentioning that the lease says the Parish Council are responsible for the hedging and not the trees. Clerk also to contact David Ford (Trees) and arrange a meeting on site.

31. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that the village hall also has a problem with dog fouling on the field. H Blurton also reported that himself and M Scott had met at the village hall with a representative from Geothermal to discuss the village hall heating, they have a consultant who will give a recommendation of who to go with which will cost £700, it is an ongoing problem. It was agreed that H Blurton explain to M Scott that this was discussed at the Parish Council meeting and the parish

council were concerned that if the heating isn't sorted soon the heating won't be in place by winter and bookings will be lost. A Wallace offered to attend the next Village Hall meeting to discuss the problem.

32. Village Sites

Pond – The clerk updated councillors on the progress C Elsom had made in regards to the pond. It was agreed that C Elsom go ahead and get some quotations.

Gas Works – Ingatestone High Street – Cllr I Grundy reported that he was to have a meeting with highways within the next week, he was to ask about the bus route, doctors' surgery and the post office and deliveries of post.

Village Map – T Paoli-Burke to re-start looking into this again.

33. Planning

H Blurton reported that all enforcement notices on The White Hart, Margaretting Tye had been withdrawn.

Frstling Hall, Swan Lane 19/01100/FUL – 19/01110/FUL & 19/01111/FUL

Construction of 3 no. cattle roundhouse barns & extension of existing access track. No Objections

Decisions

The White Hart, Margaretting Tye	19/00128/FUL	Granted Planning Permission
3 Bank End, Maldon Road	19/00556/FUL	Granted Planning Permission
The Leys, Maldon Road	19/00650/FUL	Application Refused
Canford House, Wantz Road	19/00966/CLOPUD	Application Refused
Land adjacent to Greens Cottage	19/00576/FUL	Granted Planning Permission
Lynton Lodge, Main Road	19/00260/FUL	Granted Planning Permission

34. Any Other Business

A. Pavements outside old people's houses in Maldon Road – someone had fallen due to the state of the footpath. T Paoli-Burke to photograph and pass onto clerk for reporting. Clerk to pass reference number onto Cllr I Grundy.

B. Cllr I Grundy reported that Galleywood and Ingatestone Libraries were staying open.

C. It was agreed that D Smith forward the opening times of the recycling centre at Mountnessing onto P Savill to be included into the newsletter.

D. D Smith confirmed that there was a huge amount of salt left over from last year and therefore a top up wasn't needed.

E. T Paoli-Burke to find out information on The Jungle Book pantomime.

F. It was agreed that H Blurton find out the available Eastern Angles dates and confirm the preferred date with Michael and Jennie Scott before booking.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03pm

Next meeting Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.30p.m.