

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; G Banks, H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, P Savill and A Wallace. In attendance were Cllr I Grundy and three members of the public.

13. Apologies for absence were received from A Smith.

14. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

15. Democratic Time H Blurton reported that to date the Parish Council had received no paperwork concerning the closure of the footpath by the railway crossing in Parsonage Lane, although a meeting was scheduled to take place in September. H Blurton reported that the parish council had received an email from Andy Bestwick confirming that there was nothing to report concerning the flood alleviation scheme. Mr & Mrs Albon reported that they were repairing some of the track themselves as it is in such a bad state

After a discussion about the flags at the War Memorial it was agreed that M Wright was to be the flag master, A Wallace to return the flags to him.

16. Minutes

The minutes dated 12th May 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

17. Matters Arising

a. Surface Water Maldon Road The Parish Council had received notification that there had been an inspection and the area had been assessed, a drainage engineer was to review the findings.

b. Eastern Angles H Blurton outlined the figures and the profit made was to be donated to the Village Hall.

c. Wantz Road parking – A resident from Wantfield Cottages had written to the business opposite and the parking had improved slightly, it was agreed that the clerk would contact Nick Binder from Safer Essex Partnership.

d. Broad oaks/trees C Quilter reported that the tree work would take place the following week.

e. Sign for gate at Maldon Road playing field L Kerry outlined the wording on the sign that she had seen. It was agreed that H Blurton to have a sign made up.

f. Fence opposite Black Bull The enforcement notice was dated 18th December 2017, six months had passed and to date there was no knowledge of an appeal.

18. Allotments

It was agreed that a note go round to all allotment holders reminding them that their allotments be kept tidy.

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

ROSPA	Playground inspection	£ 96.60
M D L	Grass cutting	£439.20

It was reported that the village hall be given the £120.00 profit from the recent Eastern Angles production.

C Quilter reported on comments from the playground inspection. It was agreed that H Blurton get two quotes from local residents to re paint the junior swing and to stain the gate.

20 Table Tennis

A Wallace reported that he was being sent some information.

21. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported on the following repairs which needed doing at the village hall;

The galvanized tank needed replacing with two plastic ones.

The double doors were rotten and needed replacing.

Carpet Tiles in the Chelmer Room needed replacing.

There was a problem with the electricity in the Chelmer Room and an electrician had been booked to have a look and send a report, he had also been asked to look at the lights on the driveway.

Cllr I Grundy suggested applying for lots of grants, H Blurton confirmed that L Cameron had applied for and submitted forms for lots of different grants and it looked favourable that a local charity would pay for the above.

The meeting closed at 8.18 while a resident asked about a village hall booking it re-opened at 8.20.

22. Village Sites.

a. Bus Shelter – In hand

b. Pond – Dipping board needed repairing. It was agreed that G Banks, A Wallace & H Blurton meet at the pond to discuss the way forward for this project. G Banks knew someone who could help with water quality and decking.

23. Roads, Pavements & Rights of Way

a. Village gateways – In place

b. Swan Lane – Has yet to be adopted as a quiet lane.

c. The White Hart – The owner has asked if he could put some posts on the green to prevent motorists parking on it, H Blurton had offered to help him with the parish council's permission. The land was owned by Lord Petre but had to go through highways as well. The parish council agreed to this.

d. Clerk to re-report the damaged verge on the A12 slip road, London bound in Wantz Road to Highways England.

e. clerk to request that the verge be cut back on the slip road coming off of the A12 by Ivy Hill Hotel.

f. Footpath 39 clerk to report needs clearing.

g. Footpath Map – T Paoli-Burke explained that due to family reasons this had taken a back seat but she would take it up again now.

24. Planning

Ivy Hill Hotel 18/00919/FUL PC to object

Proposed extension to existing outbuildings and conversion into 2 staff accommodation apartments.

Whites Place Farm (Ingatestone Saddlery) 18/00966/FUL Proposed horticultural facilities

H Blurton reported that he couldn't find any information on this application.

Decisions

Edmount, Margaretting Tye – 18/00480/FUL Granted

H Blurton reported that an enforcement notice had been served on The Barns House, Roman Road.

And a planning application from The Briars, Pennys Lane had been refused.

25. Any Other Business

a. P Savill outlined an event at the church on 7th July to raise funds.

b. G Banks reported that repairs to the A12 were still ongoing. H Blurton to look and see if he can find out when repairs will be completed.

c. C Quilter reported that heavy Lorries were using Swan Lane to go to Frisling Hall; H Blurton didn't think there was a weight restriction on Whites Bridge.

d. Recycling bags were delivered to households twice a year or could be collected from the village hall on certain dates.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.