

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), C Elsom, D Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace. In attendance were five members of the public and Simon Upton.

13. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Grundy and T Paoli-Burke.

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

15. Democratic Time

- a. Lamp Post opposite Penny's Lane – Clerk to forward the reference number onto Marion Downie.
- b. Mr & Mrs Albon reported that the gates at the Parsonage crossing were still unlocked and they had been re-painted.
- c. Mr & Mrs Albon reported that the leak in the field was still ongoing due to a dispute between Landowner and Amenity Company.
- d. Residents from Wantfield Cottages attended the meeting and spoke about their concerns for the site opposite (Hawthorns) who had been given an Enforcement Order and had subsequently submitted a planning application, the Parish Council listened to their concerns. H Blurton outlined the history and planning applications for the site. The protected junction was still in hand. Residents were advised to object to the planning application and to mention the heavy plant that was reported as going in on a regular basis; the planning officer will have a duty to inspect beyond the red line as shown on the application.
- e. Fly Tipping/Wantz Road – it was reported that some large boulders had been placed on the grass verge outside The Oaks. A Wallace to take some photographs and discuss with H Blurton. H Blurton explained that whenever he had reported fly tipping the team had always been very efficient in coming out and clearing.

16. To Appoint Lead Councillors and Representatives

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke
Emergency Planning – H Blurton
EALC – D Smith
Maldon Road Recreation Field – C Quilter
Finance – C Kochan
Planning – H Blurton
Press – A Wallace
Pond Management – C Elsom
Rights of Way – C Quilter
Transport – A Wallace/T Paoli-Burke
Tree Warden – L Cameron
Village Furniture – H Blurton/A Wallace
VHMC – Shared by Rota

17. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th May were agreed and signed as a true and correct record after several amendments were made.

18. Matters Arising

(a) Bench; A Smith. Clerk to contact Lord Petre for permission to put the bench on the green between Yew Tree Cottage and Peacocks. If permission was agreed the type of bench would be

discussed – D Smith explained that if the chosen bench was over budget the Smith family would make up the difference.

(b) WhatsApp – A Wallace outlined the rules of the group, once people had registered the rules would be sent back to them. Any abuse would be removed immediately along with the contact, WhatsApp is very secure.

(c) Blue Shed – Nothing new to report.

(d) Defibrillator – H Blurton reported that he had one quote of £290.00 for labour and materials and he was to obtain another before the next meeting.

(e) Eagle Place – It was reported that the Environmental Health Officer should be informed about the rubbish bags on the footpath, clerk to send a photograph.

19. Accounts

The accounts were discussed along with the balances in the bank. Authority was given for payment of the following; Clerks Salary & Expenses £500.00.

The BT telephone invoice for the office of £73.80 had come out of the account between meetings by direct debit.

20. Community Matters

a. Dog Fouling/Fence/Notice Board H Blurton reported a magnetic Notice Board would cost £303.00. A Wallace suggested banning dogs from the playing field. H Blurton to ask P Savill to write a piece in the newsletter explaining that because of problems the parish council are considering banning dogs from the playing field to see if it makes a difference. Clerk to ask Dog Warden for advice. C Quilter reported that a patch of repair in the safety surfacing was missing A Wallace to look at. Clerk to copy the playground report and forward to C Quilter & H Blurton.

b. Allotments – C Quilter and D Smith to obtain some prices for water tanks and ballcocks.

21. Village Sites

a. Pond & Trees – clerk to pass the Conservation Volunteers information onto C Elsom so as he can discuss the algae in the pond. It was established that the pond was last dredged in 2004.

b. Roads/Pavements/Grass Verges and Rights of Way – Clerk to report the missing signs both ends of footpath number 23.

c. Village Map – In T Paoli-Burkes absence this item was carried forward.

22. Planning

Hawthorns, Wantz Road. PC to object to change of use. Increased traffic which will add to parking problems in Wantz Road. Also, parishioners are concerned that this will spread into back field.

Canford House, Wantz Road. Parish Council comments; Taking this application and the one made on 16th May into consideration this is still an inappropriate development.

H Blurton reminded members of the parish council that homeowners can build a single storey rear extension up to six metres for terraced and semi-detached houses or eight metres for detached houses without planning permission as long as there are no objections from neighbours. This has been agreed by central government.

A Wallace reported that the planning forum, which was scheduled and he was to attend was cancelled.

23. Any Other Business

There were no objections to Simon Upton being co-opted onto the Parish Council at the September meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.,

Next meeting Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.