

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, L Edwards, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), M Scott, P Slade and A Wallace

In attendance: W Henderson

106. Apologies for absence were received from T Boem, A Smith and Cllr I Grundy.

107. Margaretting 2015 Update P Savill reported that so far S Keeble had confirmed that there would be an art display, Margaretting Friends were to do the catering and organise some craft stalls. She was waiting to hear back from the school and photography group. H Blurton informed the Parish Council that someone was interested in coming along to do an archery display. **M Scott** to contact Bob Culliton to arrange a meeting. **P Savill** to contact Jordanne Wood. A theme for the fancy dress competition still had to be thought of.

108. Democratic Time

- a. Whistle Boards – W Henderson reported that the whistle boards were still activated. It was thought that they would not be fully redundant until the footpath was completely closed. **P Savill** to contact Network Rail for an update.
- b. Flooding/Nunns Crossing – P Savill explained to W Henderson that Network Rail were dealing with this item.
- c. Maldon Road/Watercourse Engineer – P Slade to arrange a meeting on site with the engineer.
- d. Parked Cars – W Henderson expressed his concern about the parked cars in Maldon Road near the bend opposite Parsonage Lane. **P Savill** to contact Highways about the yellow lines.

109. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th February were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

110. Matters Arising

- a. Parish Council Surgery. A Wallace outlined his time running the surgery where he was able to organise a speed camera (by the school) via PCSO Gemma Carr and discuss various parking problems in the area as well.
- b. Quieter Lanes – **Clerk** to contact Stock Parish Council (Lorraine Green) and express Margaretting's support for Swan Lane being adopted as a quieter lane.
- c. Bollards/War Memorial – Clerk reported that she had forwarded the quote onto Moody's insurance broker.
- d. Mobile Homes/Main Road – Clerk reported that the parish council's email raising concerns about the number of homes on the site had been forwarded to the Chairman of Ingatestone Parish Council.

111. Review of Financial Regulations

P Savill outlined the updated Financial Regulations. It was agreed that she would tidy up one of the clauses and send a revised copy to everyone.

112. Maldon Road Recreation Field

1. Play area – C Quilter reported that there were no problems to report.
2. Skateboard Ramps – Nothing new to report.
3. Youth Shelter Seats – Nothing to report. The work to the seats will take place in the spring.
4. Toddler Swings – L Edwards reported on prices for the toddler swings; Wicksteed £5,670.00 (£4,835.00 using a different safety surface) or £1,081.00 for equipment only from another company. L Edwards to obtain a third quote.

113. Village Projects

- a. Office - H Blurton reported that the planters were on order. A Wallace was to try and get a cabinet to match the drawers in the office. H Blurton summarized the costs of a printer/scanner/copier which had a liquid ink refill and would work out cheaper than using cartridges (Epson eco tank printer). A Wallace was to make enquiries about a laptop and printer.
- b. Village Hall Road sign – H Blurton reported on the sign; he had contacted J Simmons for a written cost before the Parish Council proceed .
- c. Village Gateways – H Blurton reported he was still waiting to hear from Highways. P Slade reported that the new gateways on the Writtle Road were made of plastic. It was noted that the gateways did not mark the actual boundary between Margaretting and Writtle. P Savill to contact Writtle Parish Council.
- d. Whites Bridge Walk Boards – P Savill reported that negotiations were continuing.

114. Village Sites

1. Repairs & Maintenance – Nothing to report.
2. Pond & Trees – P Slade explained there was a tree at Ging House that the village hall had requested work to be carried out on but it was not clear whether the tree was within the boundary of Ging House or the Village Hall. It was noted that the deeds for the village hall which were lodged with the solicitors would identify the boundary. H Blurton was to look at his paperwork to see if he could find out.

In T Boem's absence it was agreed to delay a decision on whether or not to remove the tree by the pond until the costings from BT to disconnect and reconnect the phone line at Pond Cottage had been confirmed by T Boem.

It was agreed that the two new oak trees at P Savill's home be offered to P Torr. M Scott to contact P Torr.

115. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways

- a. L Edwards reported there was a new sign along the footpath between the Church car park and P Torr's field. **M Scott** to contact P Torr to see if the sign can be replaced, he was also to walk the path by Canterbury.
- b. Parsonage Lane. Following complaints about the state of the grass verge outside Glenside Cottages after re-seeding, P Savill explained she had already contacted Chelmer Housing but was yet to receive a response from them. **Clerk** to contact Chelmsford City Council (Jamie Stubbs) about the car repair premises in Parsonage Lane.
- c. Bridleway 11/Swan Lane. C Quilter reported that the bollard had now completely disappeared.

116. Planning

H Blurton outlined the following

Hawthorns, Wantz Road, Margaretting	14/01978/CLEUD	<u>Granted</u>
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Glencar, Maldon Road, Margaretting	14/02035/FUL	<u>Granted</u>
Ynamit, Maldon Road, Margaretting	14/00110/CLOPUD	<u>Granted</u>

There was one new enforcement case which H Blurton reported;

15/00129/ENFB Outbuilding under construction at Ging House, Wantz Road, Margaretting.

117. Annual Spring Clean

The date was organised for Saturday 11th April meeting at The Black Bull at 11am. **Clerk** to arrange litter picks, gloves and bags.

118. Correspondence

- a. **Clerk** to contact Brian Mayfield regarding the elections.
- b. Notification of the date of the next Governance Committee, L Edwards to read.

119. Any Other Business

- a. Parked Cars. C Quilter reported cars were parking on the bend in Maldon Road, A Wallace suggested taking the car registration number for PCSO Gemma Carr.
- b. Wheelie Bins. **P Savill** to write something in the newsletter about wheelie bins being left out the night before collection and blocking the footpath.
- c. Bus Service. L Edwards reported the procedure for reporting late or missing buses, which was not very good.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.30p.m.