

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace. In attendance Cllr I Grundy and one member of the public.

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

**105. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**106. Democratic Time** Clerk to contact the City Council (Highways) and request that some areas around the village have the verges and hedges cut back, they were the slip road of the A12, outside The Barns House in Roman Road and along the road by Peacocks. Cllr I Grundy would pursue if needed.

#### **107. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following one amendment.

#### **108. Matters Arising**

- a. War Memorial. Nothing new to report. H Blurton was yet to meet with D Frost.
- b. Black Bull. H Blurton reported that the 'Asset to the village form' had been submitted and accepted and that the Parish Council should hear from the council soon. However, The Black Bull is now off the market and will not be sold.
- c. Bollards at Margaretting Tye. H Blurton had contacted Highways explaining that the green was getting damaged, he had enclosed some photographs and a map proposing where the bollards were to be placed – approximately 4ft 6ins apart.
- d. Litter Pick – H Blurton to collect pickers and bags on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Clerk to return.
- e. Website – It was reported that Essex Info was closing at the end of March, the new provider would be 'voice'. H Blurton to ask P Savill to write a piece in the newsletter outlining it.
- f. Clock in The Meeting Room – D Smith reported that this was in hand.
- g. Bench – D Smith showed councillors photos of the bench which was powder coated, she reported that the Smith family were looking into incorporating some ears of corn onto it.

#### **109. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

C Kochan Salary & Expenses	£500.00
H Blurton (Discs)	£ 16.99

#### **110. Community Matters**

**a. Defibrillator** H Blurton outlined the problems registering the defibrillator with The East of England Ambulance Service, but finally it has been done. The Defibrillator has to be checked and signed for every month, H Blurton offered to do this. He reported that the battery runs out in 2021 and that in the future a first responder needs to be organised. S Upton suggested Dennis the Postman who is a responder.

**b. Maldon Road playing field.** C Quilter reported that there were no problems or leaking sewage at the playing field.

#### **111. Village Hall Matters**

H Blurton outlined damage caused to the village hall following a birthday party, the cost of the damage was being estimated. He also reported on the increase in costings from the tradesman

working on the hall at present. S Upton suggested B Bell and D Holland who could submit a price for decorating The Chelmer Room. H Blurton agreed to meet with them on site.

#### **112. V E Day**

A Wallace outlined the day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, everything was organised apart from leaflet printing and the bugler was yet to confirm. Music and a Fish and Chip van were organised for the evening as well as the marquee. H Blurton reported that the village hall was to waive their donation from the bar.

#### **113. Village Sites**

Repairs & Maintenance – Bus Shelter opposite Red Lion. Two quotes were discussed and it was agreed to award B Bell the job which was £350 plus vat. H Blurton suggested he meet with B Bell at the playing field to discuss a quote for the play area. S Upton suggested that B Bell may also submit a quote to decorate the Chelmer Room.

Clerk to contact the new residents of 3 Whitebridge Cottages concerning the parked vehicle outside their property which is causing a hazard.

#### **114. Planning**

##### Decisions

20/00097/FUL Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road

Granted Planning Permission

19/02071/FUL Hill House, Writtle Road

Granted Planning Permission

#### **115. Any Other Business**

- a. Bradwell Power Station – Cllr I Grundy reported on the 10 – 12-year project which will provide power to four million homes.
- b. Cllr I Grundy outlined the Local Plan which has been approved by the Secretary of State.
- c. Covid 19. S Upton suggested the Parish Council create a plan for the virus as the next few weeks were critical. It was agreed that the parish council follow the guidelines of the city council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.