

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30. p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, A Wallace (Chairman) and S Upton.

79. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Grundy.

#### 80. Declarations of Interest

H Blurton expressed an interest in planning application 24/00245/FUL. Proposed extension to existing outbuilding at Van Dyke at Margaretting Tye as he is going to make his own comments on the application.

#### 81. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### 82. Matters Arising.

a. T Paoli-Burke to compose a list of links for people to use to report any problems to Essex County Council or the City Council for the Parish Council website.

#### 83. Accounts.

The balances in the bank were discussed and different ways some of the money could be spent.

T Paoli-Burke thought the village needed brightening up and was going to come up with some suggestions for the April meeting.

P.W.L.B clerk to enquire whether the parish council could pay a lump sum off of the loan balance or would it incur a penalty? Clerk to find out how many years are left to pay the loan off.

D Smith to ask Darren Cannon if he would be interested in clearing the lavender bank in Maldon Road.

It was also suggested that maybe the parish council could pay a parishioner to litter pick around the village. It was agreed to put a note in the newsletter for suggestions on areas that needed tidying up. It was agreed to that a Notice Board in the Maldon Road playing field would be an agenda item for the April meeting.

#### 84. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. D Smith suggested that when D Cannon puts the new bench in on the field when the weather dries up, they can take the trailer and fill it with the rubbish that's been left at the rear of the bungalows.

b. Allotments. Nothing to report.

c. Parking at Hylands. Nothing new to report, but clerk to report there are now two tents pitched on the central reservation of the A414 by Hylands House.

d. Bollards. Nothing to report. Clerk still trying to obtain an up-to-date photo/map of the area.

e. A12. Councillors discussed problems and closures.

f. Pylons. S Upton reported that he had the ESO report which was not looking favourable. Lots of surveys were being conducted and notices being served. A Wallace and S Upton to attend the next meeting.

#### 85. Spring Litter Clean.

A date was set for 13<sup>th</sup> April meeting at the village hall at 10am. Clerk to organise litter picks etc which H Blurton would collect from Freighter House and the Clerk would return. It was agreed that this would go on the WhatsApp group with the suggestion that if you cannot participate then perhaps you could clear the patch outside your property if need be.

#### 86. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported the following;

Pat Testing had been carried out.

There was to be another working party when weather dries up.

Suzie Woods Bench was to be installed and the Ife family were to install one too. It had been agreed that that would be sufficient for the time being.

Three new tables had been purchased.

Bookings were slowly increasing.

The new cleaner was working out.

Secretary looking into having hire prices advertised on village website.

The roof had been repaired paid for by a donation by Margaretting Relief in Need.

There had been several suggestions about fund raising which were being discussed.

#### 87. Village Sites.

a. Trees H Blurton reported on the quote for the Copper Beech at the pond which was £1490, which included grinding the stump out, filling with top soil and grass seeding. Planting a new Hornbeam would cost £320 and the TPO from the Copper Beech would be carried over. H Blurton to find out from the City Council if a different tree could be used. It was agreed to accept the quote. H Blurton to advise Bartletts and to also suggest that the new tree be planted on the area on the green on the corner of Maldon Road.

H Blurton also reported that to trim the weeping pears at The War Memorial was quoted and agreed at £300.

#### b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges & Bridleways.

Clerk to report the following;

Footpath 22 Whitesbridge Cottages to Martins Farm. Overgrown.

Footpath 43 Crondon Hall/Swan Lane missing post to stop vehicles gaining access.

Width Restriction sign at Private Road. Missing.

A Wallace to have a chat to with the new owners at the garage by the crossroads regarding parking in Wantz Road.

#### 88. Planning.

##### Applications

24/00285/FUL Land west of El-Rita, Maldon Road

Change of use of land and hard surfacing for outside storage in association with existing business. (Class E).

24/00321/FUL Park Lodge Cottage, Writtle Road

Install air source heat pump on north elevation.

24/00216/FUL Killigrews, Main Road

Demolition of garage. Construction of single storey building for garage, storage and staff accommodation with rooms in the roof (Changes to previously approved application 21/01921/FUL).

24/00245/FUL Van Dyke, Margaretting Tye

Proposed extension to existing outbuilding

##### Decisions

23/02027/FUL 1 Brookside Cottage, Main Road

Refused

23/01175/CLEUD Tandridge, Maldon Road

Split Decision

#### 89. Any Other Business

a. D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – It was agreed that H Blurton put the solidier silhouette up for a two-week period. A Wood to be asked to raise the flag at the war memorial.

b. Clerk to report the dog waste bin at The White Hart which is overflowing and needs emptying.

c. It was reported that there was lots of activity at Rivermead, Private Road which only has permission for two caravans and one outbuilding, clerk to contact planning.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room.