

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter and A Wallace.

Also present were six members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

116. Apologies for absence were received from P Savill.

117. Declarations of Interest H Blurton declared an interest in a planning application for The White Hart public house.

118. Democratic Time

a. Affordable Housing – Two architects from CCC Property attended the meeting to find out if there was any interest in a small development of affordable housing on a piece of land in Parsonage Lane. The scheme would primarily be offered to Margaretting residents before being offered to neighbouring villages. They were willing to pay for a survey for village residents to find out if there was a need. H Blurton explained that to his knowledge there had been two surveys in the past and on both occasions the Local Authority would only consider any application if the land was bequeathed to them, on the Local Plan there were no sites set aside for Margaretting. After the elections Mr Rowe would re contact the Parish Council to find out the previous results.

b. The White Hart, Margaretting Tye. H Blurton had declared an interest in this item and therefore would not be taking part in this discussion. T Paoli-Burke took the Chairman's Chair and it was explained that there had been 21 objections to the application. Attendees were given the chance to outline their objections.

119. Minutes. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following three amendments.

120. Matters Arising

a. Dog Bin Sign – it was agreed that H Blurton organise the sign and fix to the bin.

b. Election – H Blurton to return the Nomination Papers.

c. Bench – H Blurton suggested that a sign go on the green at the War Memorial where it had been suggested the memorial bench go so anyone wishing to comment could contact the clerk and do so.

At this juncture the meeting closed at 8.27 and Di Smith explained that the family hadn't held a meeting to decide whether they wanted a beacon or bench. The meeting re-opened at 8.29

d. WhatsApp – A Wallace reported that he had spoken to The City Council and was to follow it up.

121. Allotments

It was confirmed that a polytunnel would not be allowed on an allotment as stated on the allotment holder's agreement.

122. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

Bartlett's Tree Work £480.00

Stryker UK Defibrillator £780.00

Clerks Salary & Exp. £500.00

P Savill had printed off the balance sheet which was outlined.

123. Community Matters

Trees at Broadoaks – H Blurton reported that he had spoken to the tree warden and gone through the lease which states that the parish council must maintain the hedging, trees were not mentioned. Clerk to contact the city council for advice.

124. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that The Village Hall Committee were looking at some heat pumps to be installed.

125. Defibrillator

H Blurton reported that he sent a drawing of the proposed area where the defibrillator was to be housed and Greene King had responded by suggesting a not so prominent site on the wall of the brick-built outhouse to the left of the main pub. H Blurton had contacted Greene King and explained that it would be difficult to get power supplied to this area, the roof was dangerous and it would be difficult for the landlady to keep her eye on the defibrillator. It was agreed to go ahead and fix the defibrillator if Greene King agree to the original site.

126. Village Sites

a. Pond and Trees – clerk reported she had notified the city council and the volunteers that this item was on hold until after the election.

b. Repairs – H Blurton was to get the specification ready for the bus shelter repair opposite The Red Lion and the wood preserve coat on the Maldon Road playing field gate.

127. Village Map

T Paoli-Burke to forward councillors the email concerning the village map, the cost was £500. It was suggested that this be put forward to the new council in May.

128. Planning

The White Hart, Margaretting Tye

19/00128/FUL Single storey front extension, single storey side and rear extension including internal reconfiguration to create larger dining area and more suitable office/kitchen space. Conversion of existing frame canopy into dining room. Addition of 10 No. Outdoor dining pods to rear of amenity space.

PC Object

* The increase of traffic on a Grade 2 listed lane which has just been granted 'Quiet Lane' status. This will cause noise and pollution to its users, walkers, horse riders and cyclists etc.

* Parking – There is not enough parking as it is and with the estimated extra 60 covers this will create an extra 30 parking spaces, at present there are reports of vehicles parking on the grass verges and in residents' driveways.

* Any front extension will be out of character with its surroundings.

* Sewage – the system is not big enough to cope with the customer base now.

* The land at the front of The White Hart isn't owned by The White Hart.

* This is inappropriate development within the Metropolitan Green Belt and an area of Special Landscape status.

* Pods – The proposal of the additional ten pods to be sited on land classified as agricultural.

Lynton Lodge, Main Road No Objections

19/00260/FUL Demolition of half of existing building. Single storey rear and side extension

Longcroft, Maldon Road No Objections

19/00332/FUL Demolition of 'Guest Block@ Hipped roof changed to gable ends with three dormers to front elevation and three additional windows to rear. First floor extension with balcony.

Clerk to report caravan area in Private Road where building works are taking place.

Clerk to contact Planning Department requesting that all applications get sent to H Blurton.

129. Correspondence

- a. Community Transport – clerk to invite Claire Dade to the Parish Assembly
- b. Clerk to request the pathway from the golf course to Hylands park be sprayed in the parish cleansing day.
- c. Parish Assembly arranged to follow the AGM on 16th May in the Chelmer Room. AGM to commence at the earlier time of 7 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

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