

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 2nd May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, A Smith & A Wallace.

In attendance were four members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

The clerk opened the meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from M Barnes and P Savill.

2. Election of Officers

Chairman – H Blurton. Proposed by A Smith and seconded by T Paoli-Burke

Vice-Chairman – T Paoli-Burke proposed by H Blurton and seconded by L Kerry

Allotments – K Young

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke

Emergency Planning – H Blurton

EALC – A Smith

Maldon Road Recreation Field – C Quilter

Finance – P Savill/M Barnes

Planning – H Blurton

Press – A Wallace

Pond Management /Trees - T Boem

Rights of Way – C Quilter

Transport – T Paoli-Burke

Village Furniture – H Blurton

VHMC – L Kerry

The ordinary Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.37 p.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Democratic Time

a. Railway Crossing - Cllr I Grundy had spoken to the waste department regarding getting the dustcart to Mr & Mrs Albons property. H Blurton advised them to write to The Planning Department about the closure of the footpath.

b. Environment Agency – Clerk was waiting for a new date for a meeting it was agreed that a few representatives from Brookside Cottages and the Landlord from The Red Lion would be invited to attend.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following one amendment.**

5. Matters Arising

a. **Split Tree** – H Blurton reported that a dangerous tree notice had been served on Highways.

b. **B.T** The clerk was waiting for a response as to the value of the telephone kiosk at The Tye and details of who was to pay the electricity for the inside light.

c. **Chelmsford Community Transport** – A representative had been invited to the Parish Assembly.

d. **Spring Litter Clean** H Blurton reported that it had been a good turnout. It was agreed that the clerk purchase five more hoops for the black bags.

e. **Pond** H Blurton had yet to speak to T Boem about the greenness of the pond. A Wallace to research and speak to some experts for advice. Clerk to contact the parks department for advice.

f. Bollard H Blurton had purchased the bollard for The Tye which he was to cut in half so that there will be a spare.

6. Accounts

H Blurton outlined the balances in the bank. Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd	£440.40
H Blurton	£ 48.41

7. Community Matters

1. Maldon Road Playing Field C Quilter reported that he was waiting to hear from Stephen Mayhew and has yet to speak to Mr Dean. T Paoli-Burke outlined the different bushes and plants that had been planted alongside Bank End Cottage and the playing field. The owner of 3 Bank End Cottages owns the old sewage treatment works land and intended to landscape it. As access is needed H Blurton suggested that they should contact the planning department for advice.

8. Village Sites

a. Pot Hole T Paoli-Burke to inform the clerk of pot hole for her to report.

b. Bridle path No.22. –H Blurton had reported rotten fingerpost.

9. Planning

H Blurton reported that he had been to the council offices with P Savill to find out if The Local Plan mentioned Margaretting. Two things came up; Boreham – Marks Tey widening of the A12 to three carriageways and also between Ingatestone – Brookstreet . There was also concern in the Plan with the A130 interchange at Howe Greene. He also explained that there would be a time limit of two years to start a project after permission had been given.

H Blurton showed councillors a copy of the proposed 2036 Local Plan which showed the outline of the village envelope – the only difference being a small piece of garden beside Ponders Lodge.

Decisions

17/00358/FUL	The Briars, Penny's Lane	Refused
17/00263/FUL	WhitewebsCottage	Granted

Applications

The Briars	17/00592/FUL	PC Object
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Replacement of existing and detached garages with new bungalow and outbuilding with garage.

Whitewebs Cottage 17/00264/FUL & 17/00262/FUL PC Object

Proposed Outbuilding – Double Garage

Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension

10. Any Other Business

a. Cllr I Grundy reported that he had invited Cllr Whitehead to the Parish Assembly.

b. H Blurton outlined damage caused to a house in Swan Lane on 25th April.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in **The Chelmer Room.**