

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30p.m.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), P Slade and A Wallace.

One member of the public was in attendance.

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

### **133. Election of Officers**

Chairman – L Edwards was elected following the proposal by H Blurton which was seconded by C Quilter.

Vice Chairman – H Blurton was elected following the proposal by L Edwards which was seconded by C Quilter.

P Savill and A Wallace were duly co-opted onto the Parish Council as proposed by H Blurton and seconded by P Slade.

H Blurton thanked P Savill for all her hard work during her time as Chairman; this was supported by all the Councillors and the Clerk.

Allotments – K Young to carry on this role

Community Health – L Edwards

Emergency Planning – H Blurton

EALC – P Slade

Maldon Road Recreation Field – C Quilter

Finance – P Savill

Planning – H Blurton

Press – A Wallace

Pond Management – T Boem

Rights of Way – M Scott to carry on in this role

Transport – L Edwards

Tree Warden – T Boem/P Slade

VHMC – P Slade

Village Furniture – H Blurton/A Wallace

The AGM closed at 7.48pm. The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.49pm.

### **1. Democratic Time**

W Henderson was concerned about the parking in Maldon Road outside a property where work was being carried out. C Quilter reminded the Parish Council that it was illegal to park on the pathway. It was agreed to monitor until the next meeting, taking photographs if necessary.

**2.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

### **3 Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

a. Brook/Flooding – Nothing to report on the brook.

b. Writtle Road/Margaretting Road Speed Limit – Nothing to report. A Wallace expressed his concern with problems at the school regarding speeding and parking on the zigzag lines. This was not being policed properly. It was agreed that he speak to the PSCO.

c. Eastfield Farm/Parsonage Lane – nothing new to report.

#### **4. Margaretting 2015 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

P Savill outlined the various stalls and events that were going to contribute to the day. Councillors were showed the rosettes that had been purchased following a grant payment.

**5. Parish Surgery** – The surgery on 16<sup>th</sup> May is to be held by P Slade.

**6. Governance Committee** – L Edwards explained the role, it was agreed not to nominate a Parish Councillor. Clerk to inform the City Council.

#### **7. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes £658.80

EALC Subs £228.96

Essex & Suffolk Water (Allotments) £18.55

P Savill gave a finance report.

#### **8. Village Projects**

a. Village Sign – carried forward to the June meeting

b. Village Hall Sign – H Blurton reported that Cllr I Grundy was enquiring as to the price difference. A Wallace to get a quote from MacDonalds Highways.

c. Village Gateways – H Blurton reported that wooden gates had been refused so it was agreed that the Parish Council go ahead with plastic ones. H Blurton to inform Highways and request that Margaretting go on the list for the plastic gates.

d. Lavender Bank – H Blurton reported that this item has been ongoing for two years; now there has been a request for information about materials. H Blurton to send the original email with materials listed on it.

#### **9. Village Sites**

a) Repairs & Maintenance – H Blurton reported that he would complete the information sign.

b) Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways –

i. H Blurton reported that M Scott had surveyed some of the footpaths.

ii. P Savill had reported some cars that were parked on kerbs.

iii. C Quilter reported a new bridleway sign and bollard had been installed. The bridleway over Whitesbridge up to the A12 is so overgrown that it can't be walked. H Blurton to explain to M Scott that C Quilter is to liaise with him about the footpath.

#### **10. Pond & Trees**

It was reported that the tree in the pond is scheduled to be removed before the June meeting and the blanket weed is to be cleared late Summer/early Autumn. A problem that had occurred with heating oil in the brook running from Wantz Road to Maldon Road had been reported to The Environment Health Department.

#### **11. Maldon Road recreation Field**

a. Allotments. L Edwards reported that people were busy working on their allotments.

- b. Toddler Swings – L Edwards outlined two quotes for the swings and another quote will be received in time for the next meeting. It was agreed to make a decision at the next meeting when all quotes could be looked at. L Edwards would like the swings to be completed so that they are ready for the Summer Holidays.
- c. Youth Shelter Seats – A Wallace & H Blurton to meet before the June meeting to remove the seats.
- d. Skate Board Ramps – Nothing to report – it was agreed to take this item off of the agenda.

## **12. Planning**

There were no applications submitted.

H Blurton outlined the enforcement cases;

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| 15/00204/ENFB | Eastfield Farm           |
| 14/00196/ENFB | River Mead, Private Road |
| 14/00720/ENFB | Four Oaks                |
| 15/00129/ENFB | Ging House               |

Closed Cases; 14/00387/ENFB Shed Construction  
14/00618/ENFB Hawthorns, Wantz Road

H Blurton to forward A Bestwick's email concerning The Flood Alleviation onto Mr & Mrs Albion.

## **13. Correspondence**

- a. Notification of resurfacing works at The Brook Street Roundabout.
- b. Clerk to contact CCC to enquire whether the new bus shelter is insured by the council.
- c. Peacocks – after a discussion about the peacock, it was agreed that nothing could be done to move the peacock on.

## **14. Any Other Business**

- a. Litter Bins at play area; P Savill to pass the keys for the bin onto C Quilter.
- b. Office; A Wallace to get a price for a standard printer. He explained that he was waiting to get a cupboard to match the units; he will also look into obtaining a laptop for the office. H Blurton to source a cupboard at a reasonable price.
- c. Planters; H Blurton explained that he had cancelled his original order and would collect new planters from Tiptree.
- d. Clerk to arrange a notice for the notice board for the Councillor vacancy.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30 p.m.