

The Annual Parish Assembly of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 8th May 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace (Chairman). In attendance Cllr Sue Dobson.

Chairmans Report

A Wallace reported on the past year and thanked the parish councillors for their involvement in the Parish Council. There were no real changes in the village and some new projects had been taken on. Cllr Dobson confirmed that there were no new developments planned as Margaretting is in the Green Belt.

The roadworks on the A12 had been completed and the site that had been used by the golf course had rapidly been turned back to green fields.

Cllr Dobson outlined the Devolution process and how it would affect budgeting in the future. Clerk to forward a reference number for the Blue Shed on the site opposite the golf course and the emails regarding the bollards opposite Bishops Court.

The Parish Assembly closed at 6.47 p.m.

The A.G.M. of Margaretting Parish Council commenced at 6.55 p.m.

113. Apologies for absence were received from S Upton and Cllr Gillian Bonnett.

The Clerk opened the meeting.

Election of Officers

Chairman. A Wallace. Proposed by D Smith, seconded by C Quilter.

Vice-Chairman. C Quilter. Proposed by A Wallace, seconded by D Smith.

Allotments - C Quilter.

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke.

Emergency Planning – H Blurton.

Representative to EALC – S Upton.

Maldon Road Recreation Field – C Quilter.

Finance – P Savill & C Kochan.

Planning – H Blurton.

Press – A Wallace.

Rights of Way – C Quilter.

Transport – T Paoli-Burke.

Tree Warden – L Cameron & S Upton.

Village Furniture – H Blurton.

VHMC – D Smith.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.22 p.m.

1. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a. Flag for War Memorial Flagpole. T Paoli-Burke reported that she had spoken to P Wood and was waiting for him to get back to her with the measurements for a new flag. A Wallace to contact the company in Ivy Barn Lane about a new flag.
 - b. Dog Waste Bin at Margaretting Tye. C Quilter reported that the bin hadn't been emptied since 26th March.
4. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Wallace Arboriculture & Ground Care	£550.00
Clear Councils Insurance	£1964.60
TLC Garden Maintenance	£ 90.00

The accounts sheet showed that the VAT reclaim of £1284.69 and the first Precept payment £7210.00 had been paid into the account. Clerk reported that the Audit figures would be discussed at the June meeting and P Savill was acting as the internal auditor.

It was also agreed that P Savill would be replaced as a signatory on the cheque by C Kochan.

5. Community Matters.
 - a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that the playing field had been cut several times and was looking much better.
 - b. Allotments. It was reported that D Cannon was still working on clearing the vacant allotments.
 - c. Bollards Opposite Bishops Court. Cllr S Dobson was going to look into this item a bit further. Clerk to forward all emails and correspondence onto her.

d. Refurbishment of War Memorial. H Blurton reported that the grant had been refused. However, the lead lettering can be painted. It was agreed that a list should be made of what needs doing so that quotes can be obtained and the Local Authority can be notified of any work that is going to be carried out. The re-painting of the posts and chains surrounding the War Memorial can be done by anyone, H Blurton to get some quotes for this.

e. Pylons. Nothing new to report.

6. Village Hall Report

D Smith reported on the AGM where the users of the village hall had been invited to attend and apart from one email to say they couldn't make it only committee members turned up. The accounts were okay but the committee still needed more funds for projects.

The water meter had been read and hopefully they will get a rebate as it hasn't been read for a few years. Also, the fire exit doors were not being closed properly so someone will have to come out and look at them.

L Cannon is holding four coffee mornings a year and the money from this will go towards re-decoration of the Village Hall. It has been suggested that another race night is held. Two football teams are in talks with Bob Culliton so hopefully the field will be used Saturday and Sunday. D Smith also reported that the cricket team have organised an independent cut of the grass before their games.

A Wallace to speak to Damon Wallace to find out how the Grass Cutting around the village is going and to explain about the extra independent cut at the Wantz Road field for the cricket.

7. Village Sites

a. Trees. Nothing to report.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways.

T Paoli-Burke reported that she had been walking many bridleways and they all seemed well maintained. It was also agreed that A Wallace speak to Damon Wallace to ask for an extra cut of the verge from Peacocks down to the school.

Clerk to contact Cllr Dobson to ask advice about having the walk boards at Whitesbridge removed.

8. Planning.

25/00637/FUL Coppers, Pennys Lane

Description of works: Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single storey front, side and rear extensions. Addition of first floor balconies. Loft conversion with rear dormer. Internal and external alterations. Widening of existing driveway.

Decisions 25/00273/FUL Tandridge, Maldon Road Application Granted

Hip to gable loft conversion to create first floor. Two front dormers and rear box dormer.
Internal alterations and alterations top fenestration.

9. Any Other Business.

H Blurton explained that Dawn at Martins Farm has passed her first aid training and thought it was important to have a defibrillator at Margaretting Tye. Clerk to send information to H Blurton of the Parish Councils supplier. Residents of Margaretting Tye were to take this project on themselves.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.