

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; D Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace (Chairman). In attendance Cllr G Bonnett.

70. Apologies for absence were received from H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke and S Upton.

71. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

72. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

73. Matters Arising.

a. Springfield Tip. In hand.

74. Accounts.

The clerk reported that she had returned the precept paperwork.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Mr S Smith	£500.00	Donation towards the decoration of the village hall from the 2025 reserves.
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75. Planning.

25/01719/FUL Hawthorns, Wantz Road.

Conversion of a part Class E offices/dwelling and conversion of an office to an annexe.

25/05299/TP0 Farthings, Pennys Lane.

T7, T8, T9 Oak – Prune over hanging branches on northeast border with branches hanging above outbuildings towards the southwest by max 1.5m. Reason; Hazard to outbuildings.

76. Community Matters.

a. Maldon Road Playing Field & Lease. Clerk to re-report the repair of the safety surface. Conifers - nothing to report as there is not a confirmed date for the commencement of works. CHP will need to contact the Parish Council for access.

b. Allotments. Nothing to report as it is too wet for D Cannon to do anything at the allotments.

c. Bollards. Clerk to send another email to find out progress of licence application copying Cllr Sue Dobson in.

d. War Memorial – Nothing to Report.

e. Pylons – Nothing to Report.

f. Whites Bridge Walk boards. D Smith outlined the history of the walk boards which are now broken, damaged or missing because of accidents, wear and tear and the weather. When there is an accident, the bridge gets repaired but the railings and boards are left. Previously The Environment Agency had agreed to repair the area if The Flood Alleviation Scheme went ahead but this scheme had now been cancelled. It was agreed that if repaired it could be maintained, hedges could be trimmed making visibility much better. It was agreed that the clerk report with some photographs.

77. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported that the regular meeting hadn't yet been held so there wasn't much to report. Decoration of the Village Hall had started and the main room had been finished. The Mates group had decorated the bar area and Chelmer Room. A Wallace suggested holding a Charity Event in the Summer to raise funds.

78. Village Sites.

a. Trees. Nothing to report.

b. Roads Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. Nothing to report.

79. Correspondence.

A Wallace outlined an email from Martyn Hart who had managed to get extra half hour services on the 351 Bus route through the Love your Bus Scheme. He explained that he was now trying to extend the 351 Bus route to Basildon Hospital, so instead of taking three buses two and a half hours to get there it would take one bus 55 minutes and be a direct service. The parish council supported this idea, clerk to confirm to Martyn Hart.

80. Any Other Business.

a. Fly Tipping Swan Lane. C Quilter reported on recent fly tipping in Swan Lane which was to be followed up by Cllr. G. Bonnett.

b. Clerk to report the bags of rubbish in the central reservation along the A414 by the pitched tent.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Next Meeting Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.