

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30p.m.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), C Quilter and A Smith.

In attendance: Cllr I Grundy and three members of the public.

15. Apologies for absence were received from T Boem, P Savill, P Slade and A Wallace.

16. Declarations of Interest . There were no Declarations of Interest.

17. Democratic Time

a. W Henderson showed a photo of the parking in Maldon Road. It was believed that the builders had finished working on the house where the cars were causing congestion so it was hoped that the problems would ease.

b. W Henderson asked about the disabled ramp at the office. H Blurton explained that it was not a disabled ramp; the pavement had been built that way because of the damp proof course of bricks and as agreed by the Parish Council three planters have been purchased which were to be secured and planted with box hedging. L Edwards explained that a hand rail needed to be secured for the elderly to be able to visit the office. It was confirmed that a wheelchair could gain access. **H Blurton** to look into putting a hand rail onto the building. W Henderson suggested that Age Concern or Health & Safety come out and have a look.

c. Mr & Mrs Albon informed the Parish Council that a footpath notice had been put up advising the public that the railway crossing in Parsonage Lane was due to be closed.

d. Mr & Mrs Albon reported that the Flood Alleviation was going to another judicial review.

18. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

19. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

a. Peacocks – **L Edwards** to contact RSPB for advice although the peacocks are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

b. Fallen Tree at Pond – it was reported that the tree had been removed.

c. Litter Bins - C Quilter reported that he had the keys for the litter bins at the recreation ground.

20. Accounts and Audit

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Grass Roots & Tree Garden Services	£ 350.00
AON (Insurance)	£1393.55
M D Landscapes	£ 439.20

Clerks Salary and Expenses	£ 473.75
Mr H Blurton (Planters for Office)	£ 149.97
B.T. Direct Debit	£ 72.00

The Clerk outlined figures that were to be submitted to the Auditor, these included assets held, borrowings, precept, staff costs and all other balances. As at 31st March balances held was £23,041.00. The Internal Auditor (Michele Pontin) had carried out an audit and agreed that the objectives were achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council. Councillors were informed of the annual governance statement for 2014/15 which the members of The Parish Council approved and the Chairman and Clerk dually signed.

21. Maldon Road recreation Field

- (i) Allotments – L Edwards reported that parishioners seemed to be tending to their allotments.
- (ii) Youth Shelter – It was reported that A Wallace had taken the seats to be galvanised.
- (iii) L Edwards reported problems that had been occurring on a regular basis with youths from outside the village. All information had been passed onto the local PSCO.
- (iv) Toddler Swings – L Edwards outlined the quotations. After a discussion it was agreed to accept the Wicksteed quote of £5000 plus vat. L Edwards to contact Wicksteed so as work can commence before the summer holidays.

22. Village Projects

- a. Parish Council Office – Nothing to report on the computer, the clerk reported that she may have a printer that can be used in the office.
- b. Village Hall Road Sign – Nothing to report.

23. Village Sites

- (i) Repairs & Maintenance – L Edwards reported that the sewage drain in the Maldon Road playing field had been unblocked.
- (ii) Street Light No 2, Orton Close – Cllr Grundy reported on a letter outlining a missing bracket that had been removed by UK Power Networks when overhead lines were being refurbished.
- (iii) Pond & Trees – P Slade had contacted L Edwards as some cherry trees in Parsonage Lane were dying. It was suggested that P Slade contact T Boem so that ownership could be established.
- (iv) Footpath 21 – Clerk had received a copy of the Extinguishment Order for the footpath from Chelmsford City Council. M Scott and C Quilter had been given a copy.

24. Orton Close Issues.

- A. Clerk to request that the grass on the corner of Orton Close is cut.

B. Dog Bin – Clerk to arrange for the Dog Warden to come out and meet with the Chairman to discuss leaflets for the newsletter and the possibility of signs being installed outlining the fines imposed for dog fouling.

C. Lay-by adjustment – to be carried forward to the July meeting.

25. Nomination for Relief in Need Trust.

It was agreed to carry this forward and to be an agenda item in July.

26. Planning

15/00896/FUL Trinity Cottage, Writtle Road

Proposed Garage & Loft Storage No Objections

15/00333/FUL Tye Lodge, Margaretting Tye

Two storey side extension Granted

27. Correspondence

a. Crime Survey – L Edwards reported that she had completed and returned the survey

b. Notification of Chelmsford Bus Network – Clerk to pass onto P Savill for the Newsletter.

28. Any Other Business

(i) Cllr I Grundy reported that sales of the ‘V tickets’ were down on previous years.

(ii) L Edwards reported on the Mayor’s Civic Service which she had attended.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.