

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance were six members of the public, Cllr I Grundy and L Kerry.

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

**98. Declarations of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **99. Democratic Time**

**a.** W Henderson informed the Parish Council of an incident with someone walking their dog.

**b.** It was reported that dog fouling in the alleyway between Orton Close and Maldon Road was particularly bad at present and the Dog Warden had put some new notices up in the area.

**c.** Mr & Mrs Albon reported that it had been proposed that the railway crossing was to be fenced off, therefore all vehicles would have to gain access by going under the bridge, which would be difficult for some vehicles. H Blurton to contact Network Rail to try and arrange a meeting on site as it was unsure whether anyone from Network Rail had seen the bridge. In the meantime Mr & Mrs Albon were urged to contact some of their suppliers and ask them to confirm that they will not be able to gain access because of the closure. I Grundy to speak to the environment team in regards to the dustcart gaining access.

**d.** The Headmistress attended the meeting to explain her concerns with speeding and parking at the school, she outlined all she had done to try to improve the problem. I Grundy outlined the parking initiative that had been launched at Tyrells School and was open for other schools to take place; he was to drop some information into the school. A Wallace suggested that the parish council help financially with the walking bus idea by paying for the High Visibility Vests. A DBS check for volunteers to walk the children from The Red Lion to the school is £54 a check.

**100. The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following two amendments.**

**101.** H Blurton welcomed Lorraine Kerry onto the Parish Council.

#### **102. Matters Arising**

**a. Split Tree Trunk** H Blurton reported that he had spoken to L Cameron and had a contact number for the person that will be dealing with the tree.

**b. Environment Agency** Clerk to follow up following the flooding at Brookside Cottages and The Red Lion.

**c. Telephone Kiosk** There was no problem with the contract the legal team at Chelmsford City Council had looked over it, H Blurton to sign and return it to BT.

**d. Chelmsford Community Transport** A representative would be attending the April meeting.

#### **103. Accounts**

In P Savills' absence H Blurton outlined the accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

£111.76	Village Hall. Electricity used in the office.
£ 10.00	Village Hall. Mole Catching.
£473.75	C Kochan. Salary & Expenses
£733.68	PWLB Paid by Direct Debit between meetings
£ 43.20	BT Paid by Direct Debit between meetings

£192.00          Communicate Uk

#### **104. Community Matters**

- a. Maldon Road Playing Field; C Quilter explained that some vegetation had been cut back and plants had been planted between the drive and 8 Bank End Cottages, garden. Teresa offered to speak to owner and find out if he had done the planting. C Quilter also reported that the hedge was to be cut and H Blurton would unlock the gate so as access could be gained.
- b. There had been no known problems with public transport to report.

#### **105. Village Sites**

- a. Village Sign – H Blurton reported that the PC would be able to apply for a grant later in the year to restore the sign by the pond.
- b. Pond & Trees – Nothing to report.
- c. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way and Bridleways – H Blurton reported a tipper lorry opposite Canterbury Cottage – clerk to report it to highways.
- d. Clerk to contact Gemma Hill regarding the re-routing of footpath 21.

#### **106. Spring Litter Clean**

It was arranged that the litter clean would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.30a.m. Meeting at The Black Bull.

#### **107. Planning**

Decisions Romans, Main Road 16/02071/FUL Granted

Applications

17/00260/FUL Foxgloves, Maldon Road

Single storey rear & side extension – No Objections

17/00358/FUL The Briars, Pennys Lane

Single storey side & rear extensions. Side alterations to existing roof, new front porch. Demolition of existing outbuilding and garage. New detached garage & gym. H Blurton outlined previous planning applications. It was agreed that he comments according to previous responses.

#### **108. Correspondence**

Best Kept Village Competition – Lorraine Kerry to fill out the questionnaire and return it.

#### **109. Any Other Business**

1. There was a discussion about footpath 21 and where it might amalgamate with footpath 22.
2. L Kerry asked about a tree at the bottom of her garden which neighbours were concerned about in case it fell into their garden, H Blurton suggested that if there was concern they should seek advice from the planning department.
3. The Parish Assembly was arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
4. Parish Council surgery – T Paoli-Burke to do the surgery on a Wednesday afternoon in April whilst the Over 60's Club was being held. A Wallace to do it on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 p.m.
5. H Blurton reported that Councillors names and contact numbers would be displayed on the notice board.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.