

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace. In attendance Cllr Gillan Bonnett.

51. Apologies for absence were received from H Blurton.

52. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

53. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

54. Matters Arising.

a. Flag at War Memorial. A Wallace explained that the flag was in place and would remain so unless the wind was over 30 mph as stated in the flag warranty. C Quilter agreed to collect the poppy wreath from H Blurton for Remembrance Sunday.

b. C Quilter to try and work out what day he was turned away from the Tip at Springfield so Councillor Bonnett can investigate.

c. CIL. Councillor Bonnett outlined her findings with the CIL funding and explained that the floor area of the new dwellings at the old Larmer Engineering site were smaller than the floor area of the previous factory so the Parish Council were not entitled to a CIL payment. She had enquired about the Baskervilles site but was unable to report back until the sizes of the properties on the plans were submitted and agreed.

55. Accounts.

The balance sheet was discussed and authority was given for payment of the following;

D Wallace	£ 550.00
C Quilter	£ 3.98

It was agreed that D Smith ask D Cannon to clear the Lavender Bank in Maldon Road.

56. Planning.

25/00867/FUL Baskervilles, Roman Road

Demolition of existing commercial kennels and cattery buildings and residential dwelling and redevelopment of the site comprising of 7 No dwellings. GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION.

T Paoli-Burke to check at previous planning applications for the property next to The Rose Café.

57. Community Matters.

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. It was reported that a representative from Chelmer Housing were to visit the area and inspect the conifers. It was agreed to get some quotes for the work.

b. Allotments. It was suggested and agreed that D Cannon could spend up to two hours a week to start clearing the allotments at the far end of the site. There were several ideas as to what the area could be used for once cleared. Cllr G Bonnett to chase up the request to extend the lease until 2054.

c. Bollards. Nothing new to report.

d. Refurbishment of War Memorial. A Wallace reported that he was taking over this project from H Blurton and it would be discussed in the new year. The flags were in the office. T Paoli-Burke was to organise a print out of dates when certain flags should be raised.

e. Pylons. S Upton updated the Parish Council on events and explained that he was responding to the consultation with the help of an agent and he was also going to put something together on the parish council's behalf. Responses had to be in by 27th November.

58. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported on the Race Night, 60 tickets had been sold so far. Lexie Wood was running the bar and the Pizza and Ice Cream Vans were booked.

Nearly £2000 had been raised following the regular coffee mornings for decoration of the hall. A Wallace explained that there was £500 in reserves for the village hall maintenance and suggested that the money was spent on paint and gifted to the village hall.

There were two dripping taps and D Smith had brought two new ones to replace them.

A Wallace agreed to collect the scrap posts and odd bits and bobs.

D Smith explained that all future Village Hall meetings were to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The school were not responding regarding using the playing field.

59. Village Sites.

a. The Black Bull. S Upton reported that The Community Asset had been re-submitted.

b. Trees. Nothing to report on the Willow Tree at Margaretting Tye in H Blurton's absence.

A Wallace reported the new tree at the pond seemed fine and the Fungi had been removed.

c. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. A Wallace reported that parts of Three Mile Hill had been re-tarmacked.

60. Any Other Business

a. There was a discussion about putting a footpath in at the Churchyard. Cllr G Bonnett to contact the community services group.

b. It was reported that Margaretting Relief In Need don't run the Community Bus anymore so have some spare money to put into the community.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11th December 2025 in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.