

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 7.30pm

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), M Scott, P Slade, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance; Mr and Mrs Albon.

**61. Apologies for absence** were received from T Boem and Cllr I Grundy.

P Savill explained why I Grundy and R Whitehead would not be attending the meeting to give an update on the flood alleviation scheme. They would attend next month when the outcome of the court case concerning the Environment Agency's application to access land in Margaretting was known.

## **62. Democratic Time**

Mr and Mrs Albon explained that the Environment Agency had approached them and given them a seven day notice to access their land. They outlined their concerns following the flooding incident in Southend when a number of pumps required attention from Environment Agency engineers. **P Savill** to write to the Environment Agency raising the Parish Council's concerns about trees being cut down and the seven days' notice given to Mr and Mrs Albon whilst a court case is pending and it is not definite that the scheme will take place.

## **63. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

## **64. Matters Arising**

a. Three Mile Hill – **A Wallace** to draw up a list of reasons why a speed reduction should be imposed along the three mile hill section of the B1006.

## **65. Maldon Road Recreation Field**

a. Allotments/Play Area – Nothing to report

b. Skate Ramps – A Wallace updated the PC on the different companies that he had approached. It was agreed that he would meet with the local children to decide what they had in mind, then approach the different companies and get a costing. L Edwards requested that the nearby neighbours be consulted before a final decision is made, this was agreed.

c. Youth Shelter – Arrangements to remove the seats are on hold until the spring.

## **66. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Essex & Suffolk Water

£ 31.55

Water for the allotments

M D Landscapes	£439.20	Grass cutting
Mr H Blurton	£ 44.99	Telephone for Office
Margaretting Village Hall	£ 25.68	Electricity used in office.
Booster for internet	£ 25.00	

P Savill outlined the income and expenditure and reported a £500 donation from Maztec.

It was agreed to contribute 30% to the Village Hall insurance which was £408.11. **M Scott** abstained from the discussion, being the chairman of the village hall committee. **P Savill** to write to Penny Doyle and explain the outcome of the contribution.

M Scott reported that he had signed and returned the forms for the closure of the National Savings account.

M Scott explained that the broadband hub had broken and a new one had been purchased.

## 67. Village Projects

a. Office – H Blurton suggested putting something aside in the precept for the upkeep of the office; it was thought that it would take about a year to find out the costs of running the office. A Wallace was thanked for the filing cabinets; he offered to look out for a cupboard. H Blurton to draw up a rota so that the office is manned during the coffee mornings. P Savill reported that the PSCO was to hold a surgery from the office too.

b. Village Sign/Village Gateways – Nothing to report

c. Walkways – Whitesbridge – Nothing to report.

## 68. Village Sites

a. Trees. H Blurton reported that he had received approval for work to be carried out to the willow tree at Margaretting Tye; works would be carried out to the willow, cherry trees and silver birch at Maldon Road playing field and the tree at pond before the December meeting.

b. Pond. - It was reported that the Conservation Team would be at the pond on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30. T Boem, P Slade and maybe A Smith would meet them there. P Savill reported that there would be a charge for their services of £200 a day to clear weed, leaves and debris from the pond.

c. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. **P Savill** to mention the bad state of the footpath by the notice board to ECC Highways when she contacts them about problems at Nunns Crossing.

M Scott reported that the City Council had allocated additional funds for the maintenance of bridleways and public rights of way which meant some of them would be cut back and cleared.

## 69. Planning.

14/01800/FUL Installation of a power supply kiosk to be used to power the strategic flood protection scheme approved under planning permission 12/01320/FUL

14/01694/FUL The Maples, Maldon Road. Single Storey Extension. No Comments

14/01520/FUL Whitewebs Cottage, Main Road. Retrospective application for a two storey extension. M Scott requested that the Parish Council monitor the amount of waste in the front of the property.

14/01709/FUL Ging House, Wantz Road. Construction of a single storey side extension to accommodate a domestic swimming pool and gym. No comments

14/01746/COUPA Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane. Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the conversion of one agricultural building to one residential dwelling house PC Object

Four Oaks. H Blurton outlined the history of the property and the construction which already has an outstanding enforcement notice on it. He also explained new legislation concerning planning.

H Blurton outlined the enforcement cases.

H Blurton reported that there were no new sites to put forward for the planning scheme or for the travellers planning scheme.

## 70. Any Other Business

a. Carol Singing. P Savill informed the Parish Council there would be Carol Singing in the village on 15<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm in the Black Bull.

b. Parish Church. P Savill reported that a group 'Supporters of St Margaret's Church' had been started up to raise funds for the church.

c. Bridleway 43. **Clerk** to report that the bollard had been removed from bridleway 43.

d. Display Boards. M Scott reported that the missing boards from the village hall had been found.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.42p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 p.m.