

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, P Savill, P Slade, A Smith and A Wallace. In attendance were two members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

71. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

72. Democratic Time

- a. Mr & Mrs Albon attended the meeting and explained that their land was now nicely fenced off; they also reported on missing fingerposts and a problem with the wooden slats the other side of the culvert which the clerk was to report.
- b. Clerk to write to BT and request permission to paint the telephone box at the Tye.
- c. Wreath at War Memorial – H Blurton suggested that the Parish Council supply a wreath for the next remembrance Sunday on behalf of the parishioners and that a different councillor should lay it each year.

73. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2015 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

74. Matters Arising

- a. **CHP.** L Edwards reported that she and P Slade had met with a representative from CHP and although there wasn't much hope CHP was to look into the budget to see if there was enough capital for some white lining and tarmac to be done. It is hoped a soak away will be installed at the far end of the garage area to alleviate flooding.
- b. **Dog Warden.** It was reported that the Dog Warden had put some new signs up in Maldon Road and Parsonage Lane. Clerk to organise a replacement bin to be situated inside the village hall entrance where the previous one was.
- c. **George White's Bench.** Clerk to write to Mrs White outlining the proposal to have a memorial bench in George's memory at the allotments. H Blurton outlined the cost of a bench to be £250 - £350 plus the cost of a plaque and concrete.

75. Accounts

P Savill outlined the accounts and balances in the bank and reported a £500 donation from Maztec. Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£439.20
Chelmsford City Council	£ 71.00
P Slade (Copying)	£ 11.50

76. Maldon Road Recreation Field

- a. Allotments – there were still two vacant allotments.
- b. Play Area – Nothing to report.

77. Village Projects

Parish Council Office H Blurton reported that Ingelton Wood confirmed that the Building Control Officer had signed the job off, but they were to contact her. A price for a handrail in yellow or grey had been submitted at the cost of £925 plus vat. H Blurton preferred it to be black.

Office Notice Board H Blurton quoted £500 plus vat for a new notice board. It was agreed that this would be decided on at the end of the financial year. Permission was given for H Blurton to purchase some folders for the office and a telephone message book.

Shopper Bus Cllr Grundy explained that he thought the idea of axing the Shopper Bus was because Essex County Council wanted the village to use the Community Transport Bus; he suggested they be invited to a meeting. L Edwards agreed to talk to Don and June Moore who know a bit more about the Community Transport Bus; she will also contact the Community Transport office for more details.

78. Village Sites

a. Repairs & Maintenance Bus Shelter opposite the Red Lion – H Blurton reported that the bus shelter needed some minor repairs and a treatment; he had requested a quotation for the work. Lavender Bank – A quote from Modern Mint of £1,895.00 plus vat to put the sleepers in at the Lavender bank was reported, two more quotes were needed.

b. Spring Clean – Clerk to find out the price for the hoops for the black bags.

c. Pond & Trees – P Slade reported that the Conservation Volunteers had been down and taken a lot of rubbish from the pond. P Slade had arranged for the rubbish to be cleared away. They had done such a good job that it was suggested that they be invited back in the spring when a working party can be set up to work alongside them. H Blurton reported on the information board at the pond, the frame had gone rotten so he suggested having a new aluminium frame with a gap at the bottom so that the water can drain away. H Blurton reported that he had spoken to the Tree Officer regarding the dead cherry trees and had been advised not to do anything to the trees until she comes back to the Parish Council. Ivy was growing around the cherry trees behind the bus shelter opposite the Black Bull.

d. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways – Clerk to report the two finger posts on footpath 39 and by the culvert on footpath 30. The slats under the culvert and the style by Canterbury's on footpath 34. L Edwards was to look at the pavement in Maldon Road from the post box to the railway bridge. L Edwards to write to N Binder about parking on yellow lines.

79. Queen's Celebration

P Savill reported on the meeting that was to take place on 26th November at 7.00 p.m. hopefully there would be a good attendance and lots of ideas.

80. Planning

15/01784/FUL Tindal House, 1 Maldon Road

No Objections

Conversion of garage, new roof over front porch and dormer window in front roof slope.

15/01703/FUL Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road

No Objections

One and half storey side extension, two storey rear extension and two bay detached cart lodge

Decisions

15/01179/FUL Eweland Hall Cottage, Main Road Planning Permission Granted

15/01415/CLEUD Eastfield Farm, Main Road Planning Permission Granted

81. Any Other Business

a. Parish -Office - H Blurton to organise a fire alarm for the office

b. Gateways - It was reported that a new gateway between Margaretting/Galleywood had gone up, H Blurton to write a courtesy letter to Jon Simmons after Christmas asking him to confirm that Margaretting is on the gateway list for 2016/2017.

c. War Memorial - It was reported that another post at the war memorial was broken; A Wallace confirmed that there is a mould for replacing the posts.

d. London Road - A Wallace reported that someone was living in a tent in the area of land opposite the golf course.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.