

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith, A Wallace and S Upton. In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

**43. Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies for absence.

**44. Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were signed and agreed as a true and correct record.

**45. Matters Arising.**

**a. Fallen acorns and damaged footpath in Maldon Road** Nothing to Report.

**46. Accounts.**

Authority was given for payment of the following

M D Landscapes	£535.20
H Blurton (Poppy Wreath)	£ 25.00

Balances in the bank were healthy. It was reported that the precept would be discussed at the next meeting and that the balances in the account would reflect on the precept.

It was agreed that the Broadband which serves the village hall and office and the telephone in the office would be cancelled and a pay as you go telephone would be used instead.

T Paoli-Burke explained that there was an amount of money left over from the Jubilee events. It was agreed that this would be donated to The Friends of Margaretting Church.

The vandalised bench opposite the school was to be removed by A Wallace. It was agreed that H Blurton would remove the plaque from it and place on the bench at the pond facing the road. A new bench to commemorate the Queens Jubilee will be placed on the existing base where the vandalised bench stood, opposite the school. H Blurton to organise some new costings for the bench to present at the next meeting.

**47. Community Matters.**

**a. Maldon Road Playing Field.** C Quilter reported damage to the bin liner and it was agreed that the clerk would order a replacement.

**b. Allotments.** It was agreed that T Paoli-Burke speak to L Turner & L Cannon so that one of them can speak to S Warr and find out if he was willing to deliver some manure to the allotments.

**c. Pylons.** T Paoli-Burke reported that she was unable to attend the recent meeting. S Upton reported that he was trying to keep on top of events and the surveys that were being carried out. He reported that the next consultation was in 2023.

**d. Parking at Hylands Park.** A Wallace reported that the parking charges in side the park were just causing more vehicles and litter parking outside the park in laybys. Cllr I Grundy was to report any data when it becomes available.

**e. Village Hall Report** D Smith reported that it had been agreed that as the lights go out in the meeting room, they would be replaced with LED ones. Two new signs had been put up. And the hire charge increases were being discussed. It was reported that Lynn Cameron had resigned as of 1<sup>st</sup> January – her roles were Secretary of Village Hall, Booking Clerk and Maintenance. D Smith reported that her role of Booking Clerk was the most important position to fill. After a discussion it was suggested that perhaps a caretaker role would be a good solution for the village hall, as they would be able to oversee the maintenance, problems with hirers, keys and making sure the hall was left in a presentable condition. S Upton suggested contacting Mountnessing to find out the role of their

caretaker and whether they might be interested in taking on Margaretting too. D Smith was to talk to M Scott about the suggestion.

#### **48. Bollards opposite Bishops Court.**

Clerk to forward email sent to C Swift onto D Smith for follow up.

#### **49. Plaques at War Memorial.**

H Blurton reported that he had met at the War Memorial with S Upton to discuss the plaques which would have to be given permission by English Heritage, The City Council and The War Memorials Trust before proceeding. The plaque for The First World War which included two names would go at the bottom of the main slab and the plaque for The Second World War would be placed above the main slab, this included one name. Lime mortar was needed on the coping stones and there were some areas on the crazy paving that needed attention. He reported that he would take this project on and report progress.

#### **50. Village Sites.**

- a. Trees – Copper Beech tree at the pond had been reported to Lord Petre as diseased.
- b. Highway Rangers had been notified of vegetation and rubbish that needed clearing in the walkway between Orton Close and Maldon Road.
- c. Cllr Grundy reported that he had received complaints about speeding in Writtle Road. It was agreed that the clerk contact Jon Simmons and request some survey strips go across the road especially as more vehicles would be likely to use the cut through during planned closures to the A12.

#### **51. Planning**

##### Applications

Land West of El Rita 22/01965/CLEUD

Certificate of lawful development to regularise the use of land for B8 Storage Purposes.

Land South East of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane 22/01716/FUL

Change of use of land for equestrian and construction of menage and stables for equestrian purposes. Formation of new access, with gate and driveway. Installation of fencing.

##### Decisions

Morgan's Bungalow, Coptfold Hall Drive.	22/01544/FUL	Refused
Willow Pond View, Maldon Road	22/01430/FUL	Refused
23 Maldon Road	22/01700/FUL	Approved
2 Glenside, Parsonage Lane	22/01416/FUL	Approved

#### **52. Any Other Business**

- a. T Paoli-Burke reported on the increasing number of burglaries around the village and car crime. Cllr I Grundy to arrange for someone from Community Safety to the December meeting. Clerk to write to The Police Crime Commissioner, Roger Hurst and explain the problems within the village.
- b. H Blurton reported that there had been some changes to the bus timetable.
- c. It was agreed that a small gift would be purchased and presented to the bugler at The War Memorial for his 30 years in attending Remembrance Day.

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

Next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room