

A Meeting of Margareting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance; Cllr I Grundy and two members of the public.

**50. Apologies for absence** were received from L Edwards.

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

## **52. Democratic Time**

Mr Albon attended the meeting to find out whether there was any update to the flood alleviation. There was nothing to report on the scheme. H Blurton informed the Parish Council that Andy Bestwick was no longer involved in the project. Mr Albon informed the Parish Council that British Rail had installed a new fence from the level crossing up to his property.

## **53. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

## **54. Maldon Road Recreation Field**

a. Allotments Nothing to report

b. Play Area No problems were reported.

c. Skate Board Ramps Nothing to report; however P Savill reported that neighbours had voiced their concern about noise levels.

## **55. Accounts**

Authorisation for the following was agreed:

PKF Littlejohn	£ 240.00	Audit 2013/14
Mr G Burke	£4554.00	Bus Shelter Re-Build
M D Landscapes	£ 439.20	Grasscutting
H Blurton	£ 17.46	Office Sundries

P Savill reported the balances held in the bank as at 9 October. A wayleave payment of £38.55 had been paid into the bank. The Audit had been signed off. The reclaimed VAT had not been received; **Clerk** to chase up. **Clerk** to close the National Saving account with M Scott's signature; it had already been agreed that the money would go into the general account.

## 56. Village Projects

a) **Office** H Blurton reported that the telephone was connected. It was agreed to purchase an answer phone. A Wallace offered to bring some hand towels for the office toilet and to keep a look out for some filing cabinets. It was also agreed to purchase the 3 planters and plant with box hedges. A Wallace had donated an office 'open' sign. Broadband – M Scott reported that he was meeting someone on site who would hopefully be able to sort out the internet access problem.

H Blurton reported that he opened the office while the coffee morning was held in the village hall. It was agreed the office would be open again on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.

b) **Village Hall Road Sign** I Grundy to enquire about the sign.

c) **Village Gateways** Nothing to Report

d) **Whitesbridge Walk Boards** Nothing to Report

## 57. Village Sites

(i) **Repairs & Maintenance** Nothing to Report

(ii) **Pond & Trees** H Blurton reported that he had placed an order for the work to be carried out on the trees and was waiting to hear from Chelmsford City Council with regard to the trees with TPOs. T Boem to contact The Conservation Trust and arrange a meeting with a view to clearing the pond. T Boem explained that there was growth over a tree stump on the green in Maldon Road. P Slade to cut the tree down. T Boem reported that Lynn Cameron would inform the Parish Council when she has the new oak tree.

(iii) **Roads, Pavements & Grass Verges** H Blurton outlined the history of the bollards at The Tye. Clerk to report the blocked gully in Penny's Lane.

(iv) **Footpaths/Rights of Way** M Scott reported that there were five footpaths affected by the A12 in Margaretting. Other villages had managed to save their footpaths when the A12 was built but it was too late to do anything with the Margaretting footpaths now. He outlined the problems with Footpath 17. It was no longer used as a footpath as no one can get through it.

(v) **Three Mile Hill** It was agreed to forward a speed survey request to the Local Highways Panel. A Wallace explained that since the gaps in the central reservation road had been closed the speed of the traffic made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road and for motorists to access and leave Highlands Park.

P Savill to fill in the request form. Cllr I Grundy to support the request.

## 58 Planning

Flood Alleviation Scheme: I Grundy briefly outlined the position with the Environment Agency; he suggested inviting Roy Whitehead, the leader of the council, to the November meeting. **AGENDA ITEM NOVEMBER**

## Planning Decisions

14/00975/FUL	Whites Place Farm (Saddlery)	Granted
14/01136/MAT	Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye	Granted

## Planning Applications

14/05242/TPO Land adjacent to Chalksfield, Margaretting Tye

Proposal: Willow (T1) to reduce lateral spread by 1.5 to 2m, cutting to suitable growing points; reduce lateral spread to the east by 1.5m past the power lines; cutting to suitable growing points; reduce top height by 2m, cutting to suitable points.

H Blurton outlined the enforcement notices that were ongoing:

14/00196/ENFB	River Mead, Private Road	Mobile Home
14/00387/ENFB	A414/A12 Three Mile Hill Intersection	Shed Occupancy
14/00655/ENFB	The Barns House	Parking Vans
14/00656/ENFB	Whitewebbs	Erection of two storey extension

## Closed Cases

14/0633	Elm Cottage	Laurel Hedging
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P Savill confirmed that she had reported the parking problems in Wantz Road to James Stubbs.

## **59. Correspondence**

2013/14 Audit: P Savill explained the Auditor's comments concerning the precept and grant.

## **60. Any Other Business**

- Car Parking outside the School: A Wallace asked about arranging for the community police officer to patrol the school at dropping off and picking up times. **P Savill** to organise.
- Consent Streets: Cllr I Grundy reported to the parish council that the city council's new policy had enabled them to remove all cars that are for sale on a public road.
- Road Closures: **H Blurton** to inform the owners of The White Hart that road closures are advertised on the Highways website.
- Fly Tipping: A Smith reported that the Hit Squad had very quickly cleared the reported fly tipping.
- Village Hall Cricket Pitch: M Scott reported that Margaretting Cricket Club had folded; Galleywood were going to take it over. **M Scott** to write something for the Newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.14p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014.