

A meeting of Margareting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

58. Co-Option Mrs Teresa Paolo-Burke was co-opted onto the Parish Council. The **clerk** to submit Mrs Paolo-Burke's Declaration of Members Interest paperwork to Chelmsford City Council.

59. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

60. Democratic Time

a. Mr & Mrs Albon reported on a gate that had been erected across the track by the Environment Agency which left enough of a gap for pedestrians to be able to get through. They also reported that a new set of plans for the project was to be released.

61. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2015 were agreed following some spelling alterations.

62. Matters Arising

a. **Essex & Suffolk Water (Maldon Road)** Clerk reported that this item was in hand.

b. **Telephone Box** Clerk reported that she had requested that the telephone box by the pond be painted.

c. **Dog Warden** L Edwards explained that she had been unable to contact the Dog Warden. Cllr I Grundy agreed to contact her and request that she contacts L Edwards.

d. **Footpaths** It was unclear whether footpath 20 had been cleared. **P Savill** to check on whether all the other reported footpaths had been cleared.

e. **Emergency Planning** H Blurton reported that he was to meet with the Emergency Planning Officer in due course.

63. Accounts

P. Savill outlined the accounts. The Audit had been signed off for 2014/2015. The Public Works Loan £733.68 was due to be debited from the account. Authority was given for payment of the following;

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| PKF | £360.00 |
| Office Electricity | £ 29.63 |
| Broadband | £ 74.34 |
| C Kochan | £473.75 |
| P Savill (C Hasler) | £ 10.00 |
| MDL (Grass cutting) | £439.20 |

64. Maldon Road Recreation Field

a. Allotments P Savill reported that there were two vacant allotments.

b. Play Area It was reported that the youth shelter seats were in place. Councillors agreed that the toddler swings looked good in the play area.

65. Village Projects

Parish Council Office H Blurton reported that he had spoken to Ingelton Woods regarding the ramp; he was to get confirmation of what they had said. L Edwards to contact the disabled building control officer and request copies of her report. P Savill suggested the planters should be put in place and

that the parish council consider the fitting of a handrail. H Blurton reported that the Village Hall Committee would like the handrail, if fitted onto the wall outside the office, to be like the one used for the Chelmer Room. H Blurton reported that the PCSO thought having a sign for the office was not a good idea although councillors were in favour of having a notice board. **A Wallace** was to deliver the laptop computer to H Blurton so that he could set it up.

The meeting was closed at 7.59pm on the arrival on M Wright who asked if a member of the Parish Council would be willing to lay a wreath at The Memorial on Remembrance Sunday; H Blurton offered to do so. The meeting resumed at 8.01pm

66. Village Sites

a. Repairs & Maintenance

H Blurton agreed to get a quotation to weather proof the bus shelter opposite the Red Lion and the village Notice Board. There was no news on the missing dog bin from the Village Hall.

b. Pond & Trees

Pond – P Slade reported that the Conservation Group were to start clearing the pond on 5th November. It was agreed that the group would be able to use the facilities in the office.

Trees – H Blurton reported that an order had been placed to have the pear trees pruned at the War Memorial. He was to speak to A Radley regarding the history of the cherry trees at Parsonage Lane. It was reported that there were another three dead cherry trees in Maldon Road.

c. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways

Footpath 21 – It was reported that three notices had been put up. L Edwards had contacted L Page. C Quilter reported that a notice had been published in the Essex Chronicle.

L Edwards outlined a letter from R Enever who was upset about the crossing closure in Parsonage Lane because of its historical past.

C Quilter showed the Parish Council an extract from M Scott's footpath survey; the Parish Council liked the way it had been set out and were very impressed at the way the survey had been done.

C Quilter to report back to M Scott. P Savill to inform Cllr I Grundy of the number of damaged footpaths and he would chase them up.

Speeding/Maldon Road – H Blurton confirmed that many surveys had taken place over the years to try and reduce speed limits around the village. He was to put a submission in to have a survey carried out in Maldon Road. Cllr I Grundy suggested that a representative attend the Highways Panel/ Parking Partnership meeting on 27th October. L Edwards and T Paolo-Burke were interested in attending.

67. Orton Close Layby

L Edwards reported that she had a meeting arranged with a representative from CHP and would report back at the next meeting.

68. Planning

There were no decisions to report.

15/01381/FUL Barr House, Writtle Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of a four bedroom house No objections

69 Correspondence

Trustees Report Margaretting Relief in Need – Clerk to file

70. Any Other Business

a. 351 Bus Service – there were still problems with the service. L Edwards reported that any incidents should be reported to her as she was keeping a journal.

- b. Queen's Celebration – A Smith reported that he had booked a hog roast which would cost £600. A meeting was scheduled for 26th November which was advertised in the Newsletter.
- c. T Boem – Clerk to write and thank T Boem for all his work as a Parish Councillor.
- d. Local Plan – Cllr Grundy reported on the Local Plan up to 2036 which will be published in 2016.
- e. Police – the reduction of PCSO officers was reported to the Parish Council. There would no longer be a dedicated PCSO for the Margaretting, Stock and South Hanningfield ward.
- f. Fireworks at Hylands House – A Wallace explained about the fireworks which were being set off at every big event at the house late at night. Cllr I Grundy to enquire about it.
- g. Village Sign – Cllr Grundy to enquire about the cost of the Village Hall sign.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.