

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 13th October 2022 at 7.30p.m.

Present: H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter and D Smith. In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

30. Apologies for absence were received from S Upton and A Wallace.

31. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

33. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th July were signed and agreed as a true and correct record.

34. Matters Arising

a. It was recorded that the September meeting was cancelled following the death of Queen Elizabeth 11 and following guidelines from EALC.

35. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£535.20.
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After a discussion it was agreed to cancel the Broadband which serves the village hall and office. Clerk to find out the cost from BT for the office telephone to just receive incoming calls and the cost to have calls diverted to the clerk's mobile.

36. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field C Quilter reported that there were no real problems at the playing field, but the conifer trees around the old peoples' bungalows needed trimming back. It was suggested that S Upton might have a contact who could trim them back.

b. Allotments S Upton's email outlining sheds and paving for the allotments was discussed. H Blurton suggested that before the parish council go ahead a meeting should be arranged with the allotment holders to find out if they would be prepared to pay an increased rent to cover the cost. T Paoli-Burke had been contacted by an allotment holder who had requested permission to have some manure delivered. Councillors asked her to find out how much was going to be delivered and how it was going to be delivered as any damage would be down to them. The allotment holders had also asked about having the hedge trimmed back. It was agreed that the school could take over the tenancy of number 1 allotment.

c. Pylons It was reported that the next consultation was in 2023.

d. Parking at Hylands Park Nothing to report but T Paoli-Burke had noticed that there were far more parking spaces available in the park and some of the shops were not renewing their licences.

e. Village Hall Report D Smith reported that the electrics had been updated and pat tested; the new cleaner has started work; the committee were looking into the hiring costs following damage caused recently by a hirer. The terms and conditions were to be looked at again if the hirer want to use a bouncy castle outside. It was also reported that if football or cricket is being played on the field there have been parking problems.

37. Bollards opposite Bishops Court.

H Blurton outlined the two stretches of verge where the bollards needed to go and had estimated that it would need approximately 20 x 6" dried round pressure treated bollards with reflective bands (white and red) for the job. Clerk to contact C R Swift Ltd and request a meeting on site with C Quilter who had offered to meet them and discuss the project.

38. Adoption of The Code of Conduct.

It was agreed that the Parish Council adopt The Code of Conduct as set out by Chelmsford City Council.

39. Plaques at The War Memorial

H Blurton suggested that the two plaques one for the first World War and one for the second World War be made of plastic with the names written in white, this was agreed. H Blurton reported that he had ordered the Poppy Wreath and would set up the unknown soldier silhouette during the week. C Quilter to enquire after a microphone and amplifier and T Paoli-Burke was to ask P Wood if they could be plugged into his electric.

40. Village Sites

Trees – Clerk to notify Lord Petre that the Copper Beech tree at the pond was diseased.

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

Clerk to contact the Highway Rangers and request the walkway between Orton Close and Maldon Road is cleared of vegetation and rubbish.

D Smith reported that the bridleways had been cut back.

41. Planning

23 Maldon Road 22/01700/FUL

Two storey side extension and provision of front and rear dormers to existing roof space.

Decisions

Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye 22/01453/FUL Refused

42. Correspondence

Parsonage Lane. Following a query about speeding in Parsonage Lane it was reported that unfortunately Parsonage Lane is an adopted road by the council.

43. Any Other Business

a. Cllr I Grundy reported that The Environment Agency had confirmed that they were not progressing the option of flood storage at Margaretting further and that the option was now closed. Clerk to notify Cllr Grundy of repairs in Swan Lane following the news from The Environment Agency.

b. D Smith had spoken to a resident in Maldon Road concerning acorns and the crack in the footpath. She had suggested that the resident contacts CHP and explain the situation.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th November at 7.30p.m. in The Meeting Room