

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall on Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30.p.m.

Present; H Blurton, C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace (Vice-Chairman in Chair). In attendance Cllr I Grundy and two members of the public.

22. Apologies for absence were received from T Paoli-Burke.

23. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

24. Democratic Time. Jai Sharma and Tom Davey attended the meeting to talk about the proposed fencing around the pond. A Wallace showed a pamphlet of the fencing and explained that there would be a gate within for maintenance which would be out of sight and Tom Davey would be given a key to. It was explained by Jai Sharma that the Algae and Duck Weed should all soon be removed which would clear the confusion that it could be mistaken for grass. As far as the jetty was concerned it was reported as a bit wobbly but useful when clearing weed so the team were hoping that the top could be refurbished with their help and also there was only one rotting beam. Clerk to contact the Hit Squad and request clearance of pond waste by Rhymers.

25. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

26. Matters Arising.

- a. Unknown Solider – D Smith reported that the Solider was in the office just needed putting together.
- b. Finger Post at junction of Swan Lane – A Wallace to look at and possibly repair.
- c. CHP (Conifers) Maldon Road – The Parish Councils request had been acknowledged.
- d. Bench – D Smith reported that the plaque for the bench had been ordered.
- e. Defibrillator – Battery and Pads in hand.
- f. Eastern Angles – H Blurton reported that The Eastern Angles wouldn't be performing this year.

27. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£439.20	
H Blurton (Poppy Wreath)	£ 25.00	
Village Hall	£ 93.31	Electricity use for office
C Kochan	£295.40	Tommy Statue and Bin Liner for Playing Field

C Quilter to contact Barclays to organise a mandate for cheque signatures.

28. Community Matters

Maldon Road Playing Field It was reported that the new bin liner was in place. Clerk to contact CBC with regards to obtaining a quote for work at the play area. C Quilter reported that the gate to the allotments had been repaired and opened both ways now. After a discussion it was agreed that C Quilter, S Upton and A Wallace would meet at the allotments on Sunday 17th October to have a look and decide the best way forward to clear the first two overgrown allotments.

Queens Jubilee A Wallace outlined the extra cost for hiring the marquee over the bank holiday weekend and reminded the parish council that a £207 deposit had already been paid. It was also confirmed that a marquee was available on the date as requested. A Wallace to ask T Paoli-Burke to contact the company and let them know that a decision would be made at the November meeting when an outline of what was planned and costs were to be discussed.

29. Village Hall Matters

D Smith reported the general maintenance/tidy up that was organised for around the village hall grounds over the weekend. H Blurton to submit applications to have the weeping plum trees pruned and work on the two oak trees at the village hall to be carried out. It was also reported that the overhanging tree covered in Ivy in the village hall car park needed attention. H Blurton reported that the company that supplied electric to the village hall had gone bust so another company had been signed up.

30. Planning

The following applications were discussed;

Larmar Engineering, Roman Road 21/01831/FUL

Demolition of existing factory and associated outbuildings. Construction of five dwellings with associated parking and amenity space.

Whitewebs Cottage, Roman Road 21/01787/FUL

Construction of a stable building with associated tack room.

Killigrews, Main Road 21/01921/FUL

Demolition of garage. Construction of single storey building for garage, storage and staff accommodation with rooms in the roof.

Decisions

Willow Cottage, London Road 21/01231/CLEUD

Approved

Larmer Engineering, Main Road 20/02111/FUL

Refused/Appealed

Ivy Barn Cottage, Ivy Barn Lane 21/00583/FUL

Application Withdrawn

Ponders, Main Road 21/01669/FUL

Approved

Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer regarding the advertising van at The Black Bull.

31. Any Other Business

a. H Blurton outlined The Community Corporate Governance Review and explained that the only difference was that parish councils were changing from 9 councillors to 7.

b. Cllr I Grundy reported that charging at Hylands park had been passed at cabinet and would commence on 8th November costing £2.00 if you were a resident. A Wallace wondered whether the Enforcement Officers were planning to patrol Three Mile Hill as some people may park there instead of paying the fee.

c. Clerk to ask P Savill to mention in the newsletter that Disabled Parking Spaces in Orton Close are only for Disabled Drivers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.27.

Next Meeting Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.