

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place at the Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, C Quilter, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance was one member of the public.

The clerk opened the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from G Barnes, T Paoli-Burke, P Savill and Cllr I Grundy.

## **2. Election of Officers**

Chairman – H Blurton. Proposed by A Wallace and seconded by C Quilter

Vice-Chairman – T Paoli-Burke. Proposed by H Blurton and seconded by L Kerry

Allotments – K Young

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke

Emergency Planning – H Blurton

EALC – L Kerry

Maldon Road Recreation Field – C Quilter

Finance – P Savill

Planning – H Blurton

Press – A Wallace

Pond Management – G Banks

Rights of Way – C Quilter

Transport – A Wallace

Tree Warden – L Cameron/T Boem

Village Furniture – G Banks/A Wallace

VHMC – H Blurton

## **3. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **4. Democratic Time.**

a. W Henderson spoke about improvements at 'Tandridge' Maldon Road; H Blurton reported that the house was to be rented out when finished.

b. Surface Water in Maldon Road – H Blurton reported that a scheme was in hand to replace all the pipework.

## **5. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

## **6. Matters Arising**

a. Eastern Angles H Blurton reported that the ticket sales were going slow but that this was always the case and there was usually a last minute rush for them.

b. Weeping Pear H Blurton reported that work was to be carried out later in the year.

c. Enforcement Officer Clerk to contact Jamie Stubbs and enquire about the redundant petrol service station.

d. Tree Warden L Cameron has agreed to be Tree Warden.

e. Wantz Road H Blurton reported that he had taken some photographs of the entrance to the Village Hall.

## 7. Accounts

In P Savills absence H Blurton outlined the balances in the bank.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£ 490.80	Grass cutting
BHIB Limited	£1235.63	Annual Insurance

## 8. Community Matters

### Maldon Road Playing Field

C Quilter outlined the quotations for tree works at the rear of Broad Oaks

Essex Arboriculture £720.00 (£600 + £120 vat)

Stephen Mayhew £720.00

It was agreed to run the figures past L Cameron. Both quotations were the same although the vat could be reclaimed if Essex Arboriculture is used. After L Cameron has looked at the quotes C Quilter will be able to place the order.

C Quilter reported that the area where the safety surface had shrunk away is to be filled with sharp sand as when the area was filled with earth it didn't work.

L Kerry to take a photo of the sign she had seen and send to councillors as it may be suitable for the gate at the entrance to the play area.

It was reported that East Hanningfield have a map showing where all dog poo bins are located, it was agreed to discuss this at the June meeting after an update from T Paoli-Burke. To date there had no response from the dog warden.

## 9. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported things that needed financing in the village hall; the carpet in the Chelmer Room needed replacing; the double doors needed replacing; Water Tanks needed to be done. The Chelmer Room had a problem with its electrics and H Blurton was to suggest the electrician who tests the electrics sends a report as it may be a case of changing the fuse box and cables.

## 10. Pond Project

C Quilter suggested that this item be discussed at the June meeting after G Banks has been asked if he will take the lead on the item. Any works would have to be cleared by Lord Petre and expert advice will be needed for this long term project.

## 11. Village Sites

a. Repairs & Maintenance After the village sign is completed the board on the bus shelter opposite the Red Lion will be replaced.

b. Fencing in Parsonage Lane H Blurton explained that the fencing in Parsonage Lane had encroached onto Highways Land, Highways wanted to hear the Parish Councils view on having the fence moved two metres back.

c. Fence opposite The Black Bull H Blurton outlined the enforcement; he was to check how long it had been lodged for.

d. Road in Parsonage Lane under bridge H Blurton explained that The Environment Agency owned the road in Parsonage Lane between the Railway Bridge and Tyelands. The owners of Tyelands brought the road years ago and since then The Environment Agency have brought Tyelands. Although this is low priority.

e. Bridleway 44. C Quilter reported the fence was up and the fallen tree had been removed.

f. Village Gateways H Blurton reported that the gateways were in place.

## **12. Any Other Business**

A Wallace explained that Broomfield Parish Council had taken on a free offer from the English Table Tennis Society of using some table tennis equipment. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item in June.

A Wallace suggested that if other things were going on in the Maldon Road playing field and more people went over there perhaps the area would be respected a bit more.

A Wallace thought the Parish Council could become a bit more involved in things such as clearing footpaths and cycle paths.

C Quilter suggested highlighting the Councillor vacancy in the newsletter in a colour so it stood out then if anyone was interested they could read the information packs before attending a meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.