

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Chelmer Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith and S Upton.

**88. Apologies for absence** were received from A Wallace and Cllr I Grundy.

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

**90. Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**91. Matters Arising**

**a. Spring Litter Clean.** H Blurton reported that it was a very poor turn out for the litter pick. Parish Councillors cleared their own areas and one resident cleared Parsonage Lane. S Upton reported that the village looked quite tidy anyway.

**92. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

EALC/NALC	Subscriptions	£265.92	
M D Landscapes	Grass cutting	£219.60	
Wave	Water/Allotments	£ 35.21	
Chelmsford Council	Repair to play area	£319.80	
Balances in the bank were reported as	Business a/c	£19,539.10	
	Current a/c	£ 773.90	

**93. Community Matters**

a. Maldon Road Play Area. C Quilter reported that the repairs had been carried out to a good standard, he showed the Parish Council some photographs of the repairs.

b. Allotments. H Blurton reported that he had researched 6 x 4 garden sheds the cheapest being £330 which was self-assembly and required a base. The sheds had a ten-year guarantee and it was agreed that the allotment holders would have to insure their own shed. S Upton suggested allowing the allotment holders to put their own shed on to the specific 6 x 4 size and the Parish Council pay for the change on the lease. T Paoli-Burke suggested advertising the idea at the Horticultural Show. Clerk to send a copy of the Allotment Agreement to Councillors. Clerk to contact the Legal Department to find out costings for altering the present lease.

c. Queens Jubilee. T Paoli-Burke explained that The Black Bull would be applying for a License for the event, they had volunteered to supply everything needed and personally pay their own staff. Banners were situated at the crossroads advertising the event and a flyer had been designed to go into the newsletter. D Smith explained that anyone using the hall can either apply for a licence themselves or let Mr Hammond (who has a licence) run the bar and supply the food.

d. Parking at Hylands Park. Nothing to report.

e. Village Hall Matters/Blue Plaque to Maude & Mildred Petre. S Upton outlined his findings on Maude and Mildred, Mildred was a pioneer with Bentley and held/holds lots of records in the Guinness Book of Records. It was agreed that The Clerk should respond to the email to find out if The Petre family had been approached in the first instance. It was also thought that the village hall was not a suitable place for the plaque as it couldn't be seen from the road.

**94. Date for the Parish Assembly**

It was agreed that the Parish Assembly would be held in The Chelmer Room on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. followed by the AGM.

### **95. Village Sites**

- a. Trees. H Blurton reported that he had approval to carry out work on the willow tree at Margaretting Tye; he has requested three quotes from tree surgeons and whoever wins the quote will be asked for a quotation to look at the weeping pear at the crossroads. S Upton reported on the conifer trees at the Maldon Road playing field, CHP had confirmed that the trees belonged to them, but they were not going to do anything as the cost would be too much for their budget and they were not detrimental to their properties. S Upton to telephone the lady he spoke to ask if they could be trimmed back with a pole saw.
- b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways – Nothing to report.

### **96. Planning**

The following applications were discussed

Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road 22/00505/FUL

Retrospective planning application for a cart lodge

The Leys, Maldon Road 22/00678/CUPAQ

Determination as to whether prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the proposed change of use from agricultural building to 1 dwelling house. (Class C3)

Mole Cottage, London Road, Widford. 22/00365/FUL

Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of three new dwellings. Proposed single access lane with formation of new access.

### Decisions

1 Bank End, Maldon Road

Granted

Retrospective application for hip to gable roof extension, addition of flat roof dormer to the rear and roof lights to the front.

### **97. Any Other Business**

- a. Clerk to ask The Hit Squad to empty the bin at The White Hart, Margaretting Tye.
- b. S Upton reported on the upcoming repairs on the A12 which are to take place in the Autumn and the meeting he attended which Cllr I Grundy also attended. The road is to be rebuilt between junction 13 and 15 by removing the concrete road surface and some foundations before rebuilding the road and resurfacing with asphalt. This may cause problems within the village but in the long run the road will be quieter. There will be a contraflow to cause the least disturbance possible. S Upton had contact details and was willing to put any community suggestions forward (maybe resurface of the village hall car park).
- c. C Quilter suggested planting a tree for the Platinum Jubilee in the Autumn. H Blurton to find out the distance a tree needed to be planted from the road.

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

Next meeting the Parish Assembly at The Chelmer Room on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00p.m. followed by the AGM.