

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

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace. In attendance was one member of the public.

**55. Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr I Grundy and S Upton.

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

#### **57. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **58. Matters Arising**

- a. Highway Defects (Swan Lane) Clerk reported that all defects had been re-reported as suggested by Highways.
- b. Hylands Park Parking – Nothing new to report. A Wallace confirmed that more vehicles were using the lay-bys outside the park.

#### **59. Accounts**

##### **Authority was given for payment of the following;**

H Blurton (Office Supplies & Batteries for telephone) £13.96.

It was agreed unanimously that the reserve for the pond would be moved back into the general repair fund.

#### **60. Community Matters**

- a. Clerk to contact Craig Brewster regarding the quote for repairs to the play area.
- b. Allotments. It was reported that once the allotments had dried out the diggers would be able to get on site to clear the overgrown allotments.
- c. Queens Jubilee – T Paoli-Burke to write a piece for the Newsletter with a save the date memo on.

#### **61. Village Hall Matters.**

D Smith reported another broken rail on the village hall driveway which she was to repair. She was also going to organise the 'no dog fouling' sign.

#### **62. Operation London Bridge**

Several different sites were discussed where the Book of Remembrance could be placed for parishioners to record their condolences. The Church, School and the Parish Council Office. Clerk to contact the School and Church and also to find out what Ingatestones' plans were. Clerk to find out the cost of a Remembrance Book.

#### **63. Village Sites**

Pond and Trees. It was agreed that H Blurton request a TPO for the tree behind the disused garage. H Blurton reported that the Willow Tree at Margaretting Tye and the Weeping Pears at The War Memorial would need attention later on in the year, he agreed to obtain three quotes for the work. Clerk to check whether the diseased Copper Beech tree by the pond has been inspected yet.

#### **64. Roads, Pavements and Grass Verges**

- a. H Blurton reported that the bollards between The Saddlery and Larmers have all gone except one hence the verge has been churned up where vehicles have mounted the verge. Clerk to get in touch

with Highways and explain that the Parish Council wish to replace them with more substantial ones. A Wallace suggested using concrete ones like the ones at the War Memorial.

b. Clerk reported that the fenced off footpath between Canterbury's and Church Lane had been reported. Clerk to contact G Sharpe and ask if the closed passing places in Church Lane were to remain closed off.

c. Clerk to report the dangerous and broken posts at Whitebridge. H Blurton reported that if the Flood Alleviation goes ahead the Environment Agency had already budgeted to replace the walk boards at the bridge.

## **65. Planning**

Clerk to contact The Enforcement Team with regards to Taylors Farm, Ivy Barn Lane for an update following an enquiry from a resident.

The following applications were discussed

Glencar, Maldon Road 21/02383/FUL

Demolition of existing workshop and construction of single storey detached annex/outbuilding to the rear of the property.

Paddocks, Main Road 21/02518/FUL

(Land formally part of Eweland Hall Cottage)

Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over single storey to side

### Decisions

Guesting, Maldon Road. 21/02180/FUL

Granted

1, 2 & 3 Coptfold Cottages 21/02047/FUL

Approved

## **66. Any Other Business**

a. Clerk to write to Chelmsford City Council and request that the footpath from Indian Nights (Widford) and the cycle path at Hylands golf course be extended and joined together to encourage people to walk or cycle to Hylands Park. Clerk to forward paperwork to Cllr I Grundy.

b. Spring Litter Pick – Agenda Item February.

c. D Smith reported that Maldon Road had been litter picked recently.

d. H Blurton reported that he had obtained the office key back from L Edwards.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.42p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room.