

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace. In attendance; Cllr I Grundy & Mr K Hendry from El-Rita (Maldon Road).

9. Apologies for absence were received from T Paoli-Burke and S Upton.

10. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

H Blurton resigned as Chairman. H Blurton proposed A Wallace as Chairman this was seconded by D Smith. A Wallace proposed C Quilter become Vice-Chairman this was seconded by H Blurton.

11. There were no Declarations of Interest.

12. Democratic Time.

Mr K Hendry attended the meeting as the new owner of El-Rita. He outlined his proposals for building work at the barn on the adjoining piece of land which he intended to convert into office space for his construction company.

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

14. Matters Arising

a. Eastfield Farm. Clerk had reported concerns to The Planning Enforcement Team and the case was to be taken up by Ella Tooley.

b. Bus Shelter opposite The Red Lion – H Blurton to get a specification drawn up and contact the original builder for the roof repair.

15. Accounts

Members of the Parish Council approved Section 1 The Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 The Accounting Statements for the Audit. The Audit return had been internally audited by P Savill and the clerk was to submit before the end of June.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Clerks Salary and Expenses (April, May, June)	£500.00
M D Landscapes	£535.20
Glasdon (Benches)	£1881.26
M Scott (Wi-Fi Range Extender)	£ 30.00

16. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field – C Quilter reported a problem with the safety surface under the climbing frame where two sections had been cut out. Clerk to contact Craig Brewster at the City Council for repair.

b. Allotments. Nothing to report.

c. Parking at Hylands Park – Nothing new to report. Cllr I Grundy reported that he was now on the Audit Committee so he might be able to report some figures at a later date.

d. Bollards opposite Bishops Court – nothing new to report. Clerk was waiting to hear from Highways.

e. Benches – D Smith reported that the benches had arrived. H Blurton agreed to organise with Darren Cannon for a quotation to bolt the bench down at the village hall and to increase the width of hardstanding opposite the school and to bolt the other bench there.

f. A 12 Roadworks. It was reported that vehicles were coming off of the slip road of the A12 and cutting down Penny's Lane, but upon inspection this wasn't so. A Wallace explained that there was quite a lot of waste from lorries coming off site by the golf course, he had called in and spoken to someone. Clerk to give A Wallace her contact details for Morgan Sindall.

g. Bridge – Maldon Road. It had been reported that a vehicle had hit the bridge and a traffic light system was in place.

h. Pylons – Nothing new to report.

#### 17. Village Hall Report

D Smith reported that the knee rails had been repaired, Gutters had been cleared, the car park had been sprayed and the Wilson memory bench had been mounted onto concrete.

#### 18. Plaques at The War Memorial

H Blurton reported that he was waiting to hear back from Robert Fletcher.

#### 19. Village Sites

a. Trees – Clerk to contact L Cameron about the tree in Orton Close and who she should report it to.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. H Blurton to forward photographs of the section of Swan Lane which hadn't been finished and where a lorry had gone over. It was reported that the grass verge towards the school had been cut back by the council.

#### 20. Planning.

23/00373/FUL	Little Cedars, Maldon Road	Planning Permission Granted
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Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with new outbuildings.

#### 21. Any Other Business

a. Cllr Grundy reported that he had received some complaints about Creamfields. A Wallace confirmed that it finished at 11.00 p.m. sharp. Clerk to report litter along three-mile hill.

b. Clerk to report the blue sign that had been knocked over on the corner of Private Road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.