

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30.

Present; H Blurton, C Quilter and D Smith. In attendance Cllr I Grundy and M Downie.

1. Apologies for absence were received from T Paoli-Burke, A Wallace and S Upton.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
D Smith proposed H Blurton temporarily stand in as chairman to conduct the May meeting only and the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman would take place at the June meeting. This was seconded by C Quilter.
3. To appoint Lead Councillors and Representatives
Allotments. C Quilter.
Community Health. T Paoli-Burke.
Emergency Planning. H Blurton.
EALC. S Upton.
Maldon Road Recreation Field. C Quilter.
Finance. P Savill & Clerk.
Planning. H Blurton.
Press. A Wallace.
Rights of Way. C Quilter & S Upton.
Transport. T Paoli-Burke.
Tree Warden. L Cameron (To be confirmed).
Village Furniture. H Blurton.
VHMC. D Smith.
4. Democratic Time. M Downie attended the meeting to raise some concerns, it was agreed that
 - a. The Clerk would notify The Enforcement Officer of changes at Eastfield Farm.
 - b. The Clerk was to request that something goes into the monthly newsletter regarding dog excrement in Orton Close.
 - c. H Blurton to look at the bus stop roof opposite The Red Lion.
 - d. M Downie reported that there had been an inspection for Great Crested Newts in the brook next to the garage by the school.
 - e. The Clerk informed M Downie that the school crossing sign was in hand on the LHP list for 2023/24.
5. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th April were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.
6. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

BHIB	Annual Insurance Premium	£1502.42
M D Landscapes		£ 535.20

Village Hall (Contribution to electricity) £ 196.28

7. Community Matters.

Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that the children had made a den at the rear of the old people's bungalows between the conifers, the den had been there for a while.

Allotments. Nothing to report.

Parking at Hylands. Nothing to report.

Village Hall Matters. D Smith reported that she had been elected Chairman. The bar equipment had been removed and the little bar area was to be deep cleaned and painted. If the work is done by the summer, it should be able to be hired for £20-£25. £150 had been received through a grant for alternative fuel. The knee-high fence was in hand to be repaired following a contribution from Margaretting Friends. A post at the rear of the village hall is to be fixed and the scaffolding post at the rear was to be removed. There were two broken tables which needed replacing and the bench installation for the Wilson family hadn't been done by following the guidelines so needed looking at.

8. Planning

Decisions.

23/00234/FUL	Land South East of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane	Refused
23/00278/FUL	Tanners, Penny's Lane	Refused

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Parish Council had received an email from a resident suggesting a secure dog area be set up. As the parish council had no areas where this be done it was agreed that the clerk write to some local farmers to see if they might be interested in setting one up which would need planning permission.
- b. Cllr I Grundy reported that several potholes had been filled.
- c. Clerk to report a problem in Swan Lane where part of the road had come away.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room