

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace (Vice-Chair acting Chairman).

**96. Apologies for absence** were received from T Paoli-Burke and Cllr I Grundy.

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

**98. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**99. Matters Arising.**

**a. Defibrillator.** H Blurton reported that although the defibrillator was working the bulb wasn't, so a new one has been purchased.

**b. Perspex for Notice Board – Maldon Road – Awaiting delivery.**

**100. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Wave	£45.08	Water at the Allotments.
EALC	£265.15	Subscriptions
Sads UK	£35.88	Light for Defibrillator cabinet

The balance sheet was discussed. Clerk reported that she was to claim the vat back and to start work for the Audit.

It was reported that one allotment holder had already paid their fee of £20 for the 2023/24 season.

**102. Parish Assembly.** It was agreed that the Parish Assembly would be held before the AGM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. Clerk to contact the Chairman and inform her and to remind her to write a Chairmans Report.

**103. Community Matters**

**a. Maldon Road Playing Field.** Nothing to Report.

**b. Allotments.** Clerk reported that only one allotment holder had negatively responded to having the unused allotments sprayed. Clerk to give S Upton a map of the unused allotments.

**c. Parking at Hylands.** A Wallace explained that the Conservative Party would alter the parking arrangements if they get elected. D Smith reported that the café in the park has been taken over by Abigail's of Ingatestone.

**d. Village Hall Report.** D Smith reported;

\*Mr Hammond has given his keys back.

\*They have started to remove equipment from Bar Area.

\*The broken rail has been taped up.

\*The Broken Benches have been removed.

**e. Bollards opposite Bishops Court.** Clerk to contact Highways in response to their email and request they come and quote for the bollards to be replaced.

**f. Roadworks on A12.** Clerk to contact Simon Griffiths from Morgan Sindell and request that signs be put at the crossroads at Galleywood so that lorry drivers see the signs before turning into Margaretting Road. Also, signs needed to be ready for when the road is closed Northbound and there might be congestion turning into Maldon Road (Low Bridge and Weak Bridge signs).

S Upton reported that the compound at Webb's Farm has planning permission and Morgan Sindell will not have an interest to stay any longer than required.

**g. Benches.** The clerk reported that the benches had been ordered.

h. Pylons. S Upton reported that there was nothing new to report. A survey had been carried out on his land. It had been passed in parliament that National Grid must publish their costings for any planned routes.

**104. Plaques at War Memorial.** A Wallace reported that he had spoken to someone from Norfolk that was able to carry out the work.

**105. Village Sites.**

a. Trees. Nothing new to report.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. Potholes had been repaired. The ones in Maldon Road were due to be repaired. S Upton had spoken to the builder from the new development at Larmer Engineering who didn't think that damage to the verge had been caused by his workers but would however sweep the road.

**106. Planning.**

**Applications**

23/00373/FUL Little Cedars, Maldon Road  
Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with new outbuilding

**Decisions**

22/02130/FUL	Ynamit, Maldon Road	Approved
23/00080/FUL	Kennets, Maldon Road	Approved
14/00047/HHPA	Webb's Farm	Refused
23/00156/FUL	Winifred, Maldon Road	Approved
23/00118/FUL	Hawthorns, Wantz Road	Granted
22/02283/FUL	Willow Pond View, Maldon Road	Refused
22/01965/CLEUD	Land West of El-Rita, Maldon Road	Approved

**Appeals**

22/00505/FUL	Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road	Dismissed
21/01787/FUL	Land at Whitewebbs Cottage	Dismissed

**107. Correspondence**

Clerk reminded councillors of the up-and-coming event at the church.

**108. Any Other Business.**

a. It was noted that P & P Motors was now empty.

b. S Upton reported that Lynn Cameron had taken a step back from Margaretting Friends so just the coffee mornings were to continue once a month.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.