

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter and D Smith. In Attendance was Mr Tom Davey.

**15. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr I Grundy, S Upton and A Wallace.

### **The Clerk opened the meeting**

#### **1.Election of Officers**

Chairman. Teresa Paoli-Burke proposed by C Quilter and seconded by D Smith.

Vice-Chairman. A Wallace proposed by T Paoli-Burke and seconded by H Blurton.

The following representatives were appointed;

Allotments – C Quilter & C Kochan

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke

Emergency Planning – H Blurton

EALC – T Paoli-Burke

Maldon Road Recreation Ground – C Quilter

Finance – P Savill & C Kochan

Planning – H Blurton & A Wallace

Press – A Wallace

Pond Management – S Upton

Rights of Way – C Quilter

Transport – T Paoli- Burke

Tree Warden – L Cameron

Village Furniture – H Blurton

VHMC – D Smith

Margaretting Relief in Need Trust –. Clerk to contact P Wreathall to find if there is still a vacancy. D Smith was willing to sit on the Trust.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **3. Democratic Time**

Mr Tom Davey from Pond Cottage attended the meeting to speak about the pond. He wanted to hear the Parish Councils views on getting a working party together to clear the pond of algae which would need funding. C Quilter reported that the water was stagnant and surrounded by trees which was causing most of the problem he also explained that there were some safety issues mostly the dipping platform which was rotting and needed removing. Mr Davey would rather the platform be replaced or repaired and was more concerned with the algae looking like a field of grass which could be deceiving. The Chairman suggested he met with S Upton and write a piece for the Newsletter to try and form a volunteer group.

#### **4. Minutes**

The Audit meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **5. Community Matters**

a. Maldon Road Playing Field Inspection Report. C Quilter outlined the points that's had been raised following the playing ground inspection. Clerk to find a contact within the City Council that could advise

the Parish Council, particularly the shrinkage of safety surfacing and the patch under the climbing frame. Clerk to ask Cllr I Grundy for a suggestion name. C Quilter to ask the builder who painted the play area if he could quote for any of the work that flagged during the inspection. Clerk to order a new liner for the bin. C Quilter reported the quote for the gate post at the allotment of £732.00 from Wenlock's was out of date so he was to get a re-quote. D Smith was also to submit a quote and the clerk was to ask A Wallace to update his quotation.

#### **6. Queens Platinum Jubilee** (June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2022)

T Paoli-Burke reported that Lorna Cannon & Lynn Turner were still willing to form a Jubilee committee along with A Wallace and T Paoli-Burke subject to government guidelines. The 4<sup>th</sup> was the preferred date. T Paoli-Burke to contact BSW Marquees to find out what was available as the deposit for the postponed Jubilee event in 2020 was still with them.

#### **7. Village Hall Matters**

H Blurton reported that some decorating had taken place at The Village Hall, Pat Testing had been carried out and a few electrical jobs had been completed. Some outside electrical work and some earthing had also been done. The next test will be in five years' time then it will be an annual test.

#### **8. Village Sites**

- a. The missing quiet lane sign at Swan Lane had been reported.
- b. Clerk to request the grass verge either side of the road on route to the school be cut.
- c. Unknown solid silhouette. Clerk to find out costing.

#### **9. Planning**

- a. Clerk to contact Planning Department about the banners on the fence at The Black Bull following several comments as they are not in keeping with the village.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

1. D Smith reported that she had a new clock for The Meeting Room.
2. D Smith reported that the bench in memory of A Smith was in the pipeline.
3. H Blurton was to re-do the schedule for Parish Meetings.
4. Clerk to contact Chelmer Housing as the conifer trees at the bottom of the gardens that back onto the playing field are killing the grass.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 in The Village Hall.