

rA meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th June 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith and S Upton.

11. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr I Grundy and A Wallace.

12. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

13. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

14. Matters Arising.

a. Playing Field Lease. The clerk reported that she had been in touch with William Butcher (Legal Team Manager) He had forwarded the initial email onto The Corporate Property Services Department who would respond.

b. Bollards. The clerk had contacted Highways for permission to replace the missing bollards on the Main Road opposite Bishops Court with sturdier ones. Ref: 2780501.

15. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Margaretting Village Hall (Office Electricity)	£ 53.26
M D Landscapes	£ 535.20

Jubilee

Signtec	£ 475.20
C & S Digital	£ 130.00
Max Grimwood	£ 600.00
BSW Marquees	£1432.20

P Savill was happy to continue helping with the accounts and internal audit.

16. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that there are still suspect empty plastic bags in the area. Clerk to organise the sign for the gate prohibiting motorised vehicles from the playing field.

b. Allotments. The prices for the allotments at Galleywood were reported as 12metres x 10metres £20 per year, a half plot was £10. It was agreed to wait and hear from The City Council regarding the lease before setting a new rent.

c. Pylons. T Paoli-Burke updated the Parish Council on the meeting at Writtle. Liz Reynolds had sent T Paoli-Burke some information to put in the Parish Council objection letter to The National Grid, Fisher German, Mr John Whittingdale MP, Chelmsford City Council Leader – Mr Stephen Robinson. T Paoli-Burke was to circulate the letter to Councillors before sending for any comments.

d. Parking at Hylands – Nothing to report.

17. Village Sites

a. Trees. H Blurton reported that he was waiting to hear from Bartlett Tree Experts with a date for the tree work to be carried out.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges – Nothing to report. Clerk had passed the pot hole details onto Cllr I Grundy. Swan Lane, Maldon Road and A12 Slip Road/T Junction.

18. Village Hall Matters

D Smith reported that M Scott had agreed to Chair the Committee for one more year after that he will be resigning as he will be 85 years old. Penny Doyle had also confirmed that she would only be doing another year. Lynn Cameron was happy to carry on as Booking Secretary but was keen to pass the Village Hall Secretary job on to someone else. M Scott had explained that if replacements could not be found the committee would fold and the village hall would be handed back to the Parish Council.

The cleaner had some display cabinets for the donated plates. There was also a donated picture of Wantfield Cottages. D Smith explained that the cleaner was moving away and she was trying to persuade her to continue cleaning the hall.

D Smith was sorting out a piece of guttering and fascia which needed attention and clearing some guttering out too. She also reported that electrical work was to be carried out costing approximately £11,000.

19 Planning

Applications

23 Maldon Road 22/00742/FUL No Objections

Two storey side extension and provision of front and rear dormers to existing roof space.

Decisions

22/00505/FUL Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road Refused

22/00394/FUL Broad Oaks, Maldon Road Granted

H Blurton reported that he had commented on the appeal for the Larmer Engineering site with regards to the first planning application which was refused.

H Blurton gave a brief outline on the Parish Forum proposals which were waiting for adoption, these included;

Pubs & Restaurants will be allowed to put marquees up without planning permission

Telecom Aerials – An existing aerial can be made higher without permission

Change of Use for shops & business premises made easier

Retrospective application fees will double

Pylons- The City Council can only comment, but are consulting with Suffolk & Norfolk.

D Smith reported that at the boundaries between Tandridge and Longcroft there is now an alleyway and gate. D Smith to forward the photo of gateway onto clerk.

20. Any Other Business

a. Parish Council Website – It was agreed that the pond be removed from the website.

b. Broadoaks, Maldon Road. T Paoli-Burke to obtain a copy of the Land Registry deeds for the property with regards to the new fencing which has been erected.

c. Clerk to contact the Defibrillator company regarding the battery.

d. S Upton asked councillors to think of any projects and costings that needed doing so he could approach the contractors that were to be repairing the A12.

e. C Quilter to draw up a list of costings for a 6x4 shed for the allotments.

f. Clerk to send out the Notice Board information again.

g. Taylors Farm, Ivy Barn Lane. S Upton reported that the gate had been taken off and it had been fenced off, this site was with Chelmsford City's Enforcement Team.

h. Horticultural Show – T Paoli-Burke explained that there was only one Horticultural member on the committee but the show would be held in July.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14th July at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room

