

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith and S Upton. In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

85. Apologies for absence were received from A Wallace.

86. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

87. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

88. Matters Arising.

a. Bus Shelter next to The Red Lion. It was reported that the shelter had been repaired.

b. Defibrillator. H Blurton reported that the light still needed attention, he was to look at again but if he couldn't get the light to work the parish council gave him permission to contact an electrician.

89. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Village Hall Contribution to Insurance	£622.30
P.W.L.B.	£733.68
B.T.	£207.32

The outstanding balance from the Queens Platinum Jubilee of £484.38 was discussed and going back into the Parish Council funds.

90. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. Nothing to report.

b. Allotments. Nothing to report regarding manure for the allotments. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk would contact all of the allotment holders and explain that under the terms of their agreements the allotments should be kept tidy, all the unused allotments would be sprayed during spring and again at the end of summer. Allotment rents were to increase to £20 a year as from 2023/2024-year half plots would be £12. Allotment holders were to be allowed to put up a 6x4 shed onto paving slabs, any equipment kept in the shed would be the responsibility of the allotment holder.

c. Parking at Hylands. Nothing to report.

d. Village Hall Report. Di Smith reported; -

* The equipment in the bar was being decommissioned as it was not up to standards because of lack of use. The Licence holder was to be informed.

*The Village Hall Committee had agreed to go halves with the wi-fi and were hoping that one of the hirers would give a donation to this. The Parish Council agreed to pay the remaining half.

*Lynne Cameron was remaining as her role as Booking Clerk for the time being.

*Lorna Cannon was taking on the Secretary Role. D Smith was taking over as Chairman.

* Trees – The Village Hall were in discussion with the Tree Warden at The City Council as some trees needed cutting back.

*Benches – Some of the benches around the perimeter of the field were in disrepair, T Paoli-Burke might have some wood to make the repairs at her house. Also, 3 pieces of wood that make the fence in driveway were falling apart. The Jubilee bench had a broken arm, as this was brought by the parish council Harry Blurton agreed to have a look at it. All benches removed would have the plaques taken off and be mounted somewhere else. A new bench for Eddie and Phyllis Wilson was soon to be put in. S Upton suggested the Parish Council could donate a new bench to the village hall.

* Di Smith reported that she was to replace the missing post at the rear of the village hall.

* The Village Hall AGM was to be held on 9th May 2023.

e. Bollards opposite Bishops Court Cllr I Grundy to put a members request in regarding the replacement of the bollards. D Smith reported that she had the bollards.

f. Bench Opposite the school. The material and colour of benches (Jubilee Bench & Coronation Bench) were agreed. Clerk to place the order.

91. The Kings Coronation

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be organising any event for this occasion. The Church might be holding a celebration tea party. Any residents organising parties would be their own responsibility.

92. Plaques at War Memorial

H Blurton reported that he had been in conversation with Robert Fletcher from Ingatestone who was researching the names. H Blurton to find out that if they are named on a grave abroad or War Memorial can they still be named on the War Memorial at Margaretting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would go with Robert's recommendations.

93. Villages Sites

a. Trees. Nothing new to report.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. A broken drain was reported opposite El-Rita. S Upton mentioned that when reporting potholes 'dangerous' should be mentioned on the initial form. Clerk to contact builders at Larcombe Mews to request confirmation that the grass verges would be restored when work is finished.

c. Grass Verge on Footpath towards school. Nothing to report.

94. Planning.

Applications

Land South East of Four Oaks, Ivy Barn Lane	23/00234/FUL
Change of Use of land to equestrian use including construction of stable block with 3 stables and feed/tack store. Formation of new access, with gate and driveway. Installation of Fencing Willow Pond View, Maldon Road	22/02283/FUL
Retrospective single storey timber framed agricultural building Hawthorns, Wantz Road	23/00118/FUL
Retrospective change of use of part of an office building (Use Class E(g) to a two-bedroom dwelling. Hawthorns, Wantz Road	19/00963/S73
Variation of Condition 2 to approved planning application 19/00963/FUL (Retrospective change of use of tack room (f) to offices (b1) part retrospective change of use of stables (a) to offices and conversion of remaining part of barn (b) to commercial storage use. With associated additional car parking. To alter the openings on the office building (building a); including the addition of a door on the south-east elevation and changes to the window/door pattern on the north-east elevation and internal layout alterations.	
Winifred, Maldon Road	23/00156/FUL
Demolish existing detached garage and construct single storey side extension with associated internal alterations. Alterations to existing rear extension and fenestration. Tanners, Penny's Lane	23/00278/FUL
Replacement detached new build dwelling	

Decisions

Marshalls Farm, Handley Green	22/02295/FUL	<u>Granted</u>
Single storey front extension and alteration to fenestration.		

95. Any Other Business

a. Cllr I Grundy reminded councillors that they would have to book to use the tip.

b. T Paoli-Burke reported on a recent email regarding the proposed Pylons. S Upton reported that he had been served notice to survey his land for wildlife.

c. Clerk gave out nomination papers for the upcoming elections.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.34 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13th April at 7.30 p.m.in The Meeting Room

