

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.30.p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, D Smith, S Upton and A Wallace. In attendance Cllr I Grundy and five members of the public.

**32. Apologies for Absence.** There were no Apologies for Absence.

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

**34. Democratic Time.**

a. Mr & Mrs Albon attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council had received any updates from the Environment Agency regarding The Flood Alleviation Scheme. It was agreed that the clerk contact Andy Bestwick for an update, and also the Environment Agency. Cllr I Grundy thought that the scheme had come to an end. There was uncertainty as to whom owned the track, H Blurton thought it belonged to the Environment Agency, clerk to check with the Environment Agency.

b. Jai Sharma, Tom Davey and Phillip Torr attended the meeting with an interest in the pond. The Parish Council were discussing the idea of bordering the pond with fencing for safety reasons. After a discussion it was agreed to contact Lord Petre and explain that at present this was only an idea which advice and permission would be asked for if it was agreed to go forward with the project. P Torr had noticed 'Parrots Feather' in the pond which needed removing quickly.

**35. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following some amendments.

**36. Matters Arising**

a. Unknown Solider. The Parish Council thanked H Blurton for placing the Unknown Solider at The War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday.

b. Finger Post – Swan Lane – awaiting repair

**37. Accounts and Precept**

Authority was given for payment of the following; M D Landscapes £355.20

The precept for 2022/2023 was discussed. P Savill had put together a budget sheet of expenditure and funds carried forward. It was agreed the only overspend was for the office and there were significant funds in the bank and reserves for the precept to remain the same at £12,420.

**38. Community Matters.**

a. Maldon Road Playing Field Clerk reported that the Parish Council were waiting for a quotation from Craig Brewster, Chelmsford City Council for repairs to the play area.

b. Allotments C Quilter reported on the meeting that was held at the allotments and proposed that as a one off the overgrown allotments are cleared using S Upton's digger, burning as much waste as possible and removing the leftover waste. It was also suggested that some of the allotments be rented out at half the size to make them more manageable. The clerk had contacted all the allotment holders explaining that there would be a meeting on site once everything had been confirmed.

c. Queens Jubilee T Paoli-Burke reported that the marquee had been held for the Jubilee weekend.

### **39. Village Hall Matters.**

D Smith reported that there had been a successful tidy up in the village hall grounds and perimeter. D Smith to fill holes in Car Park with tarmac. L Cameron was to contact the owner of Beech Lorne about the overhanging tree.

### **40. Village Sites.**

a. Pond and Trees. T Paoli-Burke reported that the pond waste was still by the fence at Rhymers. Residents were asked to apply for a second brown bin for the pond waste. Clerk to contact Lord Petre as discussed in Democratic Time. It was reported that the fallen tree at the top of the hill on Main Road had been cleared.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways – T Paoli-Burke reported that the footpath where work had been carried out in Maldon Road had been renewed work was completed and it was a pity that the footpath hadn't been renewed all the way along.

### **41. Planning**

The following applications were discussed

The Black Bull, Main Road.      2101818/FUL      Single storey rear Orangery and formalisation of the overflow car park.

#### Decisions

Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road 21/01787/FUL Construction of a stable building with associated tack room  
Refused Planning Permission

### **42. Any Other Business**

a. A Wallace reported that since the parking charges had been introduced at Hylands Park there hadn't been any noticeable problems. Cllr I Grundy to look at the figures when they are available.

b. It was reported that W Henderson had passed away.

c. C Quilter explained that the post box outside the Old Bakery was emptied by Chelmsford Royal Mail along with the one at The Tye Monday – Friday. Ingatestone Post Office empty all other Post Boxes including the one at The Old Bakery and at The Tye at the weekend. Cllr I Grundy explained that there had also been problems in Stock with the post.

d. Clerk to report the brook fence in Swan Lane which had been damaged and the Speed Limit sign at the bottom of Crondon Hall Road.

e. Clerk to notify Cllr I Grundy of the Reference numbers for the pot holes at the junction of the A12 slip road and Writtle Road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 p.m.