

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall on Thursday 11th September 2014.

Present: H Blurton, P Savill (Chairman), P Slade, C Quilter and A Wallace.

37. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from T Boem, L Edwards, I Grundy, M Scott and A Smith.

38. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

39. Democratic Time

a. Issues raised included: the area under the railway bridge in Maldon Road which hadn't been resurfaced whilst the rest of the road had; why some of the yellow lines hadn't been reinstated in Maldon Road and why there were no broken white lines by the entrance to the village hall.

P Savill to follow up.

40. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th July were agreed and signed following two amendments.

41. Matters Arising

a. **Environment Agency** P Savill reported that she had spoken to Mr & Mrs Albion and explained to them that members of the parish council felt there was little more the Parish Council could do with regard to any of the issues previously raised.

b. **Parking outside the Village Hall.** P Savill confirmed she had reported this item to PC Jemma Carr, but unfortunately there was nothing that could be done. It was noted that the parking was occurring because of people working in the buildings behind The Stables. P Savill to report to Jamie Stubbs or Wayne Jewell (Enforcement). H Blurton reported that the case at The Oaks had been closed.

42. Maldon Road Recreation Field

a **Youth Shelter** Nothing to report

b **Skate Board Ramps** A Wallace explained that before any progress could be made in this project more information was needed about the design and location of the ramp in the playing field. It was agreed that in order to keep noise levels low the ramp should be built of concrete. A Wallace to ask a company in Harlow to make a site visit and suggest where best to locate the ramp. It was also noted that a resident in Maldon Road had voiced concerns about having a ramp installed.

43. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£878.40
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£473.75

P Savill reported that the VAT reclaim had not yet been paid into the account but the balances still remained healthy. It was agreed to close the National Savings accounts, this would be an agenda item for October.

44. Village Projects

a. Office H Blurton reported that the Health & Safety file was to be kept in the office along with the Fire Alarm Information. T Green had donated a selection of office furniture. **A Wallace** to obtain a costing for the hanging files for the office. It was agreed that £90 could be spent to pay for an internet booster. **M Scott & H Blurton** to look into this. H Blurton reported that the Parish Council would receive the final invoice for the build in five months. **H Blurton** to man the office on its first surgery during the charity coffee morning on Saturday 20th September.

b. Village Sign It was reported that there was no longer a mould for the sign and therefore agreed that plans to re-new the sign would be placed on hold until next year.

c. Village Hall Road Sign H Blurton reported that he was awaiting permission from Highways.

d. Village Gateway H Blurton reported that although the positions of the gateways had been agreed the design of the gate was different. **H Blurton** to get back in touch with Highways to find out if the design preferred by the Parish Council could be used.

45. Village Sites

a. Repairs & Maintenance – Nothing to Report.

b. Bus Shelter – H Blurton reported that due to an increase in the price of materials there was an increase in the overall cost of £180. He was to have an onsite meeting before work was due to commence in October.

c. Dog Waste Bin – P Savill reported that several residents had commented that there was not a need for a bin in Orton Close. **Clerk** to chase up the one that had been approved for Parsonage Lane.

d. Grass Verges – P Savill reported that the verge in Roman Road was to be cut once more this year and twice next year.

e. Footpath 21 - P Slade reported that the footpath was being cut back by contractors who were not from CCC.

f. Footpath 22 – P Savill reported on M Scott's emails which outlined the problems with the footpath which had arisen since the A12 had been built. It needed a diversion and had been put on a list among hundreds of other diversions. It was agreed that this would be an Agenda item for October.

Pond & Trees

H Blurton outlined a quote for £1,100.00 received from 'Grass Roots Trees' for the dead tree over the pond, two cherry trees in the Maldon Road playing field and the willow tree at the Tye. It was agreed to accept the quotation and **H Blurton** to place an order.

47. Planning

H Blurton reported that 14/00835/CLEUD The Leys, Maldon Road had been approved

He also reported the planning meeting comments held on 18th August:

14/00975/FUL Whites Place Farm (Ingatestone Saddlery) and

14/01136/MAT Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye

P Savill reported that the new houses on the Spread Eagle site were being built in yellow brick although the surrounding neighbourhood properties were built in red brick. She had questioned this with CCC and it had been confirmed that the colour of brick being used was in accordance with the plans submitted and the planning officer's report had stated the use of yellow brick would be in keeping with the surrounding properties.

48. Correspondence

- a. Margaretting Relief in Need Accounts – File
- b. Parish Cleansing Day – Clerk to fill in and return.
- c. The Lions Club - Poster for the notice board.

49. Any Other Business

- a. **P Savill** to report yellow lines on the corner of Maldon Road opposite Parsonage Lane which hadn't been re-painted following re surfacing.
- b. **P Savill** to follow up a photograph sent to highways showing flooding at Nunns Crossing.
- c. **Clerk** to report litter left behind following the V Festival along Three Mile Hill and hedges in Private Road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03p.m

Next meeting Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.