

The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance were four members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

116. Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.

117. End of Year Accounts 2019/2020 The Parish Council agreed the end of year accounts which had been previously circulated. Total gross income was recorded as £15,789 and total gross expenditure was recorded as £12,415. Total amount owing to PWLB was recorded as £15,154 and total assets were £20,930. Mrs P Savill had carried out the internal audit and signed as a correct record. The Chairman, H Blurton signed the accounts. Clerk to send copy to the Auditor.

The clerk opened the meeting

1. Election of Officers

Chairman. Teresa Paoli-Burke – proposed by A Wallace seconded by D Smith

Vice-Chairman. A Wallace – proposed by T Paoli-Burke seconded by C Quilter

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 Field – C Quilter

Finance – P Savill & C Kochan

Planning – H Blurton / A Wallace (A Wallace was keen to work alongside H Blurton and learn about the guidelines and policies that are in force)

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 Representative – D Smith

2. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Democratic Time

a. Flood Alleviation – Cllr I Grundy reported that data for the alleviation scheme was being reviewed.

b. Site at Larmer Engineering – It was reported that the Parish Council haven't heard anything about the site.

c. W Henderson introduced his neighbour from 3 Whitebridge Cottages who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor after February 2021 when he would be eligible to do so.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th March 2020 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

5. Matters Arising

- a. War Memorial – Nothing to report.
- b. Black Bull - H Blurton reported that the Parish Council were successful in gaining the 'Asset to the village status' for The Black Bull, there were no objections, however, Julie Bennett was to retire in January.
- c. Bollards at The Tye – A Wallace reported that work was due to commence mid-September.
- d. Litter Pick – It was reported that the date had to be changed for this item because of Covid. Eight volunteers turned up and another three in the afternoon.
- e. Website – The new website was up and running. Margaretting.com.
- f. Bench & Clock – D Smith reported that there was nothing new to report. The Smith family were still waiting for the blacksmith to create a sheath of corn on the bench, T Paoli-Burke suggested asking her neighbour Lewis Young to contact her.

6. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£219.60
C Kochan	£500.00
PWLB	£733.68

7. Community Matters

Defibrillator - H Blurton reported that the battery for the defibrillator would need replacing next year.

V E Day -T Paoli-Burke reported that the Marquee Company and the band were holding onto the deposit paid, she was to contact them as this item was to be reviewed next year.

Maldon Road Playing Field - Clerk to report the conifer trees to Chelmer Housing which need trimming back as they were becoming a danger to the children. The parish council were happy to obtain quotes for this if required.

8. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that the village hall had reopened and sanitiser and hand towels were being supplied for the use of hirers. There were no private parties being booked in. Chelmer Room – S Upton suggested that the VHMC contact Margaretting Relief in Need for some funding towards the re-decoration and re- carpeting. D Smith was to talk to M Scott and report back at the October meeting.

9. Village Sites

a. Pond and Trees – S Upton to contact Paul Van Damn to discuss putting a fence across the front of the pond.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways

C Quilter reported that there had been a few bridleway problems which had sorted themselves out. Grass Verges – T Paoli-Burke reported there had been a complaint which would be dealt with in correspondence. However, it was reported that the verges on the Roman Road had been cut during the Spring. It was also reported that M Scott had trimmed many on the brambles back along the stretch of footpath towards the school. It was reported that £5000 of the £12000 precept is already spent on grass cutting different areas around the village. Clerk to report the verge/slip road by Ivy Barn Lane which is proving difficult to see if there is an oncoming vehicle because of the overgrown vegetation.

Maldon Road - T Paoli-Burke expressed her concern at the speeding vehicles in Maldon Road. Cllr I Grundy suggested that she contact the Highways Panel and request a speed restriction be put in, although it was unclear who would police a new speed limit.

10. Planning

The following decisions were reported

20/02058/FUL	1 Bank End	<u>Application Refused</u>
20/00970/FUL	Pilgrims, Roman Road	<u>Application Granted</u>
20/00829/FUL	Brooklands, Pennys Lane	<u>Application Approved</u>
20/00680/FUL	Margaretting C of E Primary School	<u>Application Granted</u>
20/00676/FUL	Killigrews, Main Road	<u>Application Refused</u>

Applications

20/01373/FUL Ivy Barn Cottage, Ivy Barn Lane

Proposed basement extension to provide games room/additional bedroom

20/01368/CLEUD Brooklands, Penny's Lane

Use of Land for garden

20/01167/FUL Ivy Cottage, Maldon Road P.C. to object to side extension

Demolish existing conservatory. Construction of front and rear single extensions with 3 No. rear roof windows

20/01355/FUL Coach House, Main Road

Detached garage and car port

20/01319/CLOPUD 1 Greens Cottage, Ivy Barn Lane

Construction of single storey garage

20/01350/CLEUD Building East of Rose Cottage, London Road

Use of existing buildings as a dwelling

20/01263/CLEUD Willow Cottage, London Road

Use of existing buildings as a dwelling

20/01235/FUL Eweland Hall Lodge P.C to refer to previous objections

Construction of a detached garage/cart lodge

20/01204/FUL The Parsonage, Parsonage Lane

Proposed Greenhouse

11. Correspondence

a. Highway Rangers - Clerk to contact the Highway Rangers following Mrs Lawrence's complaints about the overgrown areas in the village. Clerk to respond to Mrs Lawrence.

b. Clerk reported that there was a new Trustee for Margaretting Relief in Need, Georgina Saddington who had agreed to serve until 2025.

12. Any Other Business

a. Authority was given to H Blurton to purchase some ink cartridges and stationery for the office.

b. Cllr I Grundy explained about a new White Paper coming out where Essex County Council would be abolished and unitrees would be created. It was early days but this would affect the Parish Council and the way it was conducted.

c. S Upton reported that Essex Bridleways were being upgraded.

d. S Upton reported that he was hoping to attend a land sale auction next to Four Oaks in Ivy Barn Lane.

e. A Wallace was to get some up to date photographs of the Blue Shed A12 – A414.

f. It was reported that some resurfacing was to take place on the A12.

g. A Wallace suggested the next meeting be a closed one with just 6 councillors because of the new rule of 6 (Covid). T Paoli- Burke was to look into a virtual meeting, she was to find out the costings and set up information.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.31 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.