

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30p.m.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), P Savill, P Slade, A Smith and C Quilter. In attendance were six members of the public.

**44. Apologies for absence** were received from T Boem, Cllr I Grundy and A Wallace.

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

#### **46. Democratic Time**

a. Mr & Mrs Albon attended the meeting and explained that they suspected the land opposite their home was being looked at late at night for hare coursing. It was agreed the **clerk** would contact Mr G Sharpe or the land agent.

b. Following problems with burst pipes in Maldon Road and Wantz Road the **clerk** was to write to Essex & Suffolk Water and enquire whether any new pipe work was proposed for the future.

c. L Edwards introduced Teresa Paoli-Burke who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor; she gave a brief outline of herself. L Edwards explained the roles of a Parish Councillor and different responsibilities. It was agreed to invite Mrs Paoli-Burke to the October meeting for co-option.

#### **47. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

#### **48. Queen's Birthday Celebration**

P Savill reported that she had booked the Village Hall for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Following a discussion it was agreed to organise the celebration along the same lines as the jubilee with a tea party, hog roast and barn dance. H Blurton suggested having a sub-committee. It was agreed that P Savill write something for November's Newsletter and organise a meeting for the end of November.

#### **49. Matters Arising**

a. Dog Warden – A meeting with the Dog Warden to discuss Parsonage Lane, signs and leaflets has yet to be arranged.

b. **Clerk** to notify Cllr I Grundy of footpath 20, footpath 11 which goes into footpath 44 and bridleway 22 which need attention as well as the overgrown vegetation on the A12 slip road and the broken gate at the top of Penny's Lane.

#### **50. Accounts**

P Savill outlined the balances in the bank.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes

£878.40 (2 invoices)

## 51. Maldon Road Recreation Ground

i) Allotments - It was reported that there were three vacant allotments.

ii) Play Area – L Edwards outlined the progress of the toddler swings; the area had been dug out and the earth had been put around nearby trees, the swings were being put in within the next few days. Wicksteed were also to repair the loose bits of safety surfacing. P Slade reported that he had the caps that were to go over the youth shelter seats he was willing to help put them on if needed.

## 52. Village Projects

a. Parish Council Office – L Edwards explained that the Building Control Officer had been out to the office and taken measurements and photographs of the ramp (because of the gradient it is determined to be called a ramp) to make it compliant it needs a hand rail both sides and the kerb raised. **H Blurton** suggested getting some quotes for the hand rails. H Blurton explained that the retention was due for the builder and he was to meet with them to discuss a few minor problems. It was agreed that a cheque could be signed between meetings for the retention. L Edwards confirmed that the office answer phone was being checked every Monday or Tuesday morning.

## 53. Village Sites

a. Repairs and Maintenance – **H Blurton** to get a quote for re-coating the Bus Shelter opposite the Red Lion. P Savill suggested doing a rota for cleaning the shelters by the Black Bull. It was agreed to clean them during the autumn litter clean which was arranged to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

b. Pond and Trees – P Slade explained that T Boem was keen to remove the dead cherry tree from Parsonage Lane and put an elm in its place. The area is owned by Charlotte Sanigar. It was agreed that **P Slade** speak to L Cameron and report back at October meeting. H Blurton reported that the two weeping pear trees at the war memorial needed crowning and shaping before Remembrance Sunday. He had a quote of £260.00 from Grassroots and was waiting for a quote from Barrets. It was agreed that when the quote was in he could discuss it with L Edwards and place the order. **P Slade** to contact the Conservation Volunteers regarding the pond.

c. Lavender Bank - Essex County Council had given consent for the Parish Council to maintain the lavender bank in Maldon Road. L Edwards signed the paperwork.

## 54. Orton Close Layby

L Edwards will contact CHP to establish which areas of Orton Close they are responsible for and to discuss the issues raised by the residents. Also, **L Edwards** will enquire as to whether white lines could be painted in the car parking areas at the back of Orton Close.

## 55. Planning

Little Tressells Farm, Maldon Road

15/01457/FUL Replacement dwelling house and outbuildings, demolition of redundant farm buildings. No Objections.

## Decisions

Trinity Cottage, Writtle Road	Refused
Eweland Hall Cottage, Roman Road	Granted
11 Orton Close	Granted
Jonette, Pennys Lane	Refused

H Blurton reported that a Certificate of Lawfulness had been granted for Eastfield Farm.

## 56. Correspondence

a. H Blurton was to meet with Karen Buttress (Community Safety Officer) regarding Emergency Planning he was to discuss contact numbers with her in case of flooding or severe weather problems.

## 57. Any Other Business

- a. **Clerk** to write to BT and request the red telephone box by the pond is painted.
- b. Colin Quilter informed the Parish Council that his email address had changed.
- c. H Taylor had suggested a photograph of the late George White wearing his second world war medals is placed in the village hall as a mark of respect to the memory of George. The Parish Council had no objections but the Village Hall committee needed to be approached. L Edwards suggested having a memorial bench by the allotments. H Blurton to obtain bench details and prices.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.