

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Want Road, Margaretting on Thursday 8th September 2016.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), C Quilter, P Slade, A Smith and A Wallace.

In attendance were two members of the public and Cllr I Grundy

33. Apologies for absence were received from T Paoli-Burke and P Savill.

34. Declarations of Interest. H Blurton declared an interest in a planning application for Van Dyke at Margaretting Tye.

35. Democratic Time

Mr and Mrs Albon explained that the letting agent for Tyelands was failing to inform tenants about the proposed flood alleviation scheme.

36. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting dated Thursday 14th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct meeting.

37. Matters Arising

a. Telephone Box at Margaretting Tye The clerk explained that she was to contact Lord Petre for written permission as landowner that the parish council were allowed to apply to adopt the kiosk.

b. Queens Celebration L Edwards reported that there had only been one suggestion of what to do with the left over revenue from the queen's celebration which was for the money to be split in half with one half going to Margaretting Friends so that it could go towards the Ladies Toilets at the village hall and the other half to go towards the transport for the bus going to Tesco on a Friday currently being paid by Margaretting Trust.

c. Railway Crossing Parsonage Lane L Edwards reported that she was waiting to speak to Andy Bestwick who was away but she explained that the railway crossing belonged to Network Rail; either side belonged to Gary Sharp and from the gate to the culvert belonged to The Environment Agency.

d. Glenside Cottages L Edwards reported that the land at the front of Glenside Cottages belonged to the city council.

e. Fibre Optic Broadband H Blurton explained that after reading information fibre optic it seemed that the nearer you live to the box the better your signal should be.

f. Sovereign L Edwards reported that she was meeting Sovereign at the playing field on 22nd September for the damaged safety surface inspection.

38. Accounts

P Savill had printed off the balance sheets. Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes	£439.20
Clerks salary & expenses	£473.75

During the summer break cheques had also been issued to;

A Gibbons (Bus Shelter repair)	£250.00
TCV (Pond Clearance)	£240.00

Clerk reported that she had received a wayleave payment of £39.91 which was to go into the account.

39. Community Matters

i) C Quilter reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner who had a problem with vegetation from the playing field growing into her garden. After a discussion it was agreed that the

perimeter of the field needed strimming and the hedge separating the allotments and playing field needed cutting. A Wallace and C Quilter to meet at the playing field and get a specification put together of what needed doing. M D Landscapes to be asked for a quote, A Smith knew someone with a hedge cutter and A Wallace to obtain a quote.

ii) It was reported that G Sharp had purchased land in Parsonage lane and agreed that the clerk invite him to the October meeting.

iii) I Grundy reminded councillors to be vigilant as there had been problems with travellers over the bank holiday.

40. Village Sites

a. Repairs and maintenance – H Blurton reported that the bus shelter opposite The Red Lion and been repaired and work paid for.

b. Pond – P Slade reported that the volunteers had cleared some of the pond the vegetation was waiting to be cleared – I Grundy to arrange clearance.

c. Trees – It was reported that three trees in Parsonage lane had been served with TPO's, with another tree waiting to have a TPO put onto it.

d. Roads, pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of way and Bridleways – clerk to report the footpath opposite 'Affric' in Maldon Road which needs repairing. Clerk to report the bridleway beside Larmar Engineering for clearance and the bridleway along Margaretting Brook.

L Edwards reported that the ramp under the culvert had been repaired.

41. Planning

Van Dykes, Margaretting Tye 16/01533/FUL

Erection of Double Garage No Objections

Land south of 4 Glenside, Parsonage Lane 16/05196/TPO

W1, W2 & W3 face back roadside vegetation to give clearance. Trim inner boundary to increase field usage. Reason: to enclose field for livestock and maintain use of road by vehicles.

Decisions

Furness Farm 16/01229/AG Permission not required

Coptfold Hall Farm 16/01146/AG Permission not required

Barn North West of Coptfold Hall Farm 16/00945/Ful Permission Granted

42. Correspondence

Oyster Magazine which included winners of the best kept village competition – clerk to file.

43. Any Other Business

a. H Blurton to pass any planning applications onto L Edwards whilst he is away.

b. Clerk and L Edwards to water the flower pots at the office.

c. V Festival; the Parish Council had received no comments or complaints during the festival.

d. Local Plan – A Wallace reported that the date and time had been changed because of low numbers attending; it was likely that he would be unable to attend the newly scheduled meeting which was to be held in the day time.

d. Clerk to pass L Edwards telephone number onto The Environment Agency regarding the flooding at Brookside Cottages and The Red Lion following the flooding.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.