

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Present: H Blurton (Chairman), T Paoli-Burke, D Smith, C Quilter, S Upton and A Wallace. In attendance were two members of the public and Cllr I Grundy.

35. Apologies for absence were received from C Elsom.

36. Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.

37. Democratic Time

H Blurton outlined the possible two new links that might be put into place if the crossing in Parsonage Lane closes.

38. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting dated 11th July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following two amendments.

39. Matters Arising.

- a. A Smith (Bench) In hand. D Smith reported that the Smith family had looked at a metal bench which they liked and were looking into having some ears of corn incorporated onto it to keep a farming theme.
- b. WhatsApp – A Wallace reported that it was working well following a few hiccups, he had posted another copy of the rules.
- c. Dog Fouling – dispenser yet to be made.
- d. Village Map – H Blurton reported that there was a map in the welcome pack.
- e. Eastern Angles were booked in for 12th May 2020. T Paoli-Burke to follow up the jungle book show.

40. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

M D Landscapes	£219.60
Chelmsford City Council	£ 77.00
B.T.	£237.70
PWLB	£733.68
M D Landscapes	£549.00
C Kochan	£500.00
Rent/Over 60's	£ 45.00

Clerk to contact B.T and find out when the contract ends and request an itemised bill.

41. Community Matters

- a. Trees behind Broadoaks – After a discussion it was agreed that the trees were not dangerous or causing any damage and therefore, they would be left as they were. Clerk to contact CHP and David Ford regarding the trees at the rear of 10 Bank End Cottages as the trees were outside the playing field boundary.
- b. Mrs Lawrence was concerned about the verges and footpaths in Main Road. Clerk to find out where in particular her concerns were and report to Highways.

42. Village Hall Matters

H Blurton reported that an order had been placed with Chelmsford Plumbing & Heating Ltd, who replaced the tanks previously to install the heating at a cost of £11,645.00. The village hall is applying

for a grant towards the cost. The estimated time for work is one and a half weeks, work will be carried out during the half term holidays.

43. Housing Needs Survey

Following an e mail from Laura Atkinson (RCCE) regarding a housing needs survey, the survey that was carried out before was discussed when it was found that there was no need for affordable housing. The only brown field site in Parsonage Lane was on the left-hand side behind the cottages. There was no guarantee to say that villagers would be prioritised to get a house, it was therefore agreed not to proceed.

44. Village Sites

- a. Repairs and Maintenance -H Blurton had sent out specification to three local builders/handyman and only one was able to give a quote at present. A Wallace suggested putting something in Newsletter and on WhatsApp.
- b. Pond – To be carried forward in C Elsoms absence.
- c. Roads/Pavements/Grass Verges/Rights of Way – H Blurton outlined the cost of re-routing bridleway 11 and 44/54. Cllr I Grundy to find out about it and report back at the next meeting.

45. Planning

H Blurton outlined the problems with downloading plans.

Applications Dealt with

Eweland House. 19/01271/FUL Proposed ancillary outbuilding

PC Comments; The PC objects to this application on the grounds that back in 2006 permission was granted for the erection of a double garage and it is felt that with this application it would be an over development of the site within the conservation area.

Telephone Exchange 19/01282/FUL Change of use from sui generis unused telephone exchange to Class B2 (restoration of classic cars) with ancillary parking and outdoor storage.

P C Comments; The PC object to this application on the grounds that:- The proposed change of use would increase the use of the vehicular access turning in and out of the site off and onto a section of dual carriageway where the speed limit is 70mph and the restoration of classic cars would be noisy and involve spraying the vehicles using cellulose paints which give out an unpleasant smell. Not what you want within the green belt or any rural area.

Whitewebbs Cottage 19/01351/FUL Change of Use from residential (C3) to a house of multiple occupation.

P C Comments; The PC object to this application on the grounds of inadequate vehicle parking. With eight separate occupants there could be at least eight vehicles needing spaces and since parking at the front of the property is limited it would only add to the problems that already exist with the parking of vehicles in Main Road and being so close to the crossroads.

Decisions

19/01100/FUL, 19/01110/FUL & 19/01111/FUL	- Fristling Hall -	Granted
19/00974/CLEUD	Hawthorns	Application Withdrawn
19/00846/FUL	Canford House	Refused
19/00845/FUL	Canford House	Approved
19/01282/FUL	Telephone Exchange	Refused

46. Any Other Business

- a. Wantz Road Parking –Councillors discussed parking in Wantz Road which would be difficult to enforce if there were yellow lines.

- b. Kerb in Orton Close – H Blurton reported that the missing kerb stones had been replaced with tarmac.
- c. Parish Council surgery – dates were discussed and Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec were decided on.
- d. There had been a complaint from walkers and cyclists where dog waste had been thrown onto Swan Lane, clerk to contact nearest resident.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08p.m.
Next meeting Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.