

A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Burton, C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace (Chairman). And one member of the public.

30. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Bonnett, T Paoli-Burke and S Upton.

31. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

32. Democratic Time.

Marion Downie attended the meeting and explained that the flashing school sign wasn't in a very good position, because it flashes at school drop off and pick up times there are mostly vehicles parked in the way and the sign isn't visible. She suggested moving it up by Baskervilles or putting a new one in by Baskervilles. Clerk to contact Highways.

33. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

34. Matters Arising.

a. Flag for War Memorial Flagpole. A Wallace reported that the collection of the flags was in hand. It was agreed to purchase a new Union Jack Flag from a local company Windsock based in Ivy Barn Lane. A Wallace to collect. It was also agreed that H Burton could order the Remembrance Poppy Wreath.

b. Dog Waste Bin. C Quilter was still monitoring that the bins were being regularly emptied.

35. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

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| D Wallace | £550.00 | Grass Cutting |
| C Kochan | £545.00 | Clerks Salary & Expenses. |

Balances in the bank and reserves were reported.

Clerk confirmed that the Public Liability for the village was £10 million.

Clerk explained that the mandate for the extra signatories on the cheques had been submitted and she was waiting for confirmation that they had been accepted.

36. Planning.

Applications

25/01038/FUL The Briars, Pennys Lane

In-ground swimming pool for incidental use within curtilage of existing dwelling.

Decisions

25/00722/FUL 1 Brookside Cottage, Main Road Granted Planning Permission
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with flat roof. New roof dormer to rear.

37. Community Matters.

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that a resident was concerned that there was a lot of dog fouling in the playing field, but upon inspection it was wild animal mess. There were no problems to report regarding the grass cutting. Clerk to contact Parks Department at The City Council to arrange repair of the hole on the safety surface near the hanging equipment. Clerk to contact CHP again regarding the conifer trees.

b. Allotments. Nothing to report.

c. Bollards/ Main Road. Clerk reported that the form to apply for the licence had been submitted.

d. War Memorial. H Blurton to prepare a handover pack so that this item can be taken on by another councillor.

e. Pylons. Nothing to report.

38. Village Hall Report.

D Smith reported that as long as a football match wasn't taking place the Autumn Tidy Up at the village hall would take place on 26th October. The Race night was going ahead in November and preparations had started with various vendors being booked already. There was just the sponsorship to organise.

The Christmas Coffee Morning was to be held on Sunday 14th December.

D Smith also reported on all the work that 'Mates' a mental health group had been doing at the village hall; they had decorated the changing room, held a charity football match and put some planters in. They were also looking at having the boiler serviced.

Clerk to take over the servicing of the fire alarm, H Blurton to pass on clerks' details to Communicate UK.

39. Village Sites.

a. Trees. H Blurton reported that he thought the newly planted tree by the pond looked like it was dying and needed water. He reported that it would have to be replaced if it died as it has a TPO order on it. A Wallace to go and look at it and water it, he was also going to ask nearby residents to water it.

b. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways. Nothing to report.

40. Any Other Business.

a. Clerk reported that she couldn't attend the November meeting. It was agreed that if the meeting room was free the meeting would be brought forward to 6th November.

b. Chelmsford Association of Local Councils. A Wallace reported that he had spoken to Bob Kilvington. He proposed that Margaretting should join the association for the annual fee of £40.00 this was agreed. A Wallace would attend the meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall.