

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

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

11. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Grundy and S Upton.

12. Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest.

13. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th July were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

14. Matters Arising

- a. Queens Jubilee. T Paoli-Burke reported that she was in contact with BSW regarding the marquee hire.
- b. Unknown solidier silhouette – the clerk outlined the cost for the silhouette £174.00 plus vat & carrier charge. A Wallace proposed we put in an order, this was seconded by T Paoli-Burke and there were no objections. It was agreed to have the silhouette delivered to Whitesbridge Farm. Councillors agree to discuss where it was to be positioned during the September litter pick on 18th September meeting at 10.00 am at The Village Hall.
- c. Clerk to re-report the finger post at Swan Lane where one of the finger signs has dropped down.
- d. T Paoli-Burke reported that Marion & Alan Downie had been clearing the grass verge along the Main Road from Peacocks down to the school. Clerk to send a thank you card to them.
- e. Clerk reported that she had contacted CHP regarding the overgrown conifer trees that needed cutting back.
- f. D Smith reported that the new clock was now in the meeting room.
- g. Bench – H Blurton outlined what the parish council had previously agreed with regards to the bench. In May 2019 a wooden bench was approved for £400. Payment for the base of £390 was approved and £145 for a stainless-steel sign. Lord Petre gave permission for it to be sited on the area of green between Yew Tree Cottage and Peacocks and the conservation department at the city council had approved the site too. D Smith showed a picture of the preferred metal bench chosen by the Smith family and explained they were awaiting details of the corn detail for the bench arm. H Blurton to write to the Smith family outlining the parish council's commitment of £935 as agreed towards the bench which the parish council will be invoiced for.

15. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

M D Landscapes	£439.20
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£500.00

Clerk to contact Barclays for a change of signatory's form. As the present one was out of date.

16. Community Matters

Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that the bin liner was on order. Clerk was waiting to hear back from parks regarding information on the company they use to repair safety surfacing. The 3 different quotes were discussed to repair/re-new the gate post at the allotments, it was agreed to use Barry Bell £320 plus vat, C Quilter to notify Mr Bell.

17. Village Hall Matters

It was reported that there would be no Eastern Angles production this year. Margaretting friends would be holding a Christmas Fair on 13th November. It was also reported that the deposit for hiring

the hall was increasing to £250, new hire forms were in hand and the cleaner of the hall, Lisa was willing to clean after a function and be privately paid by the hirer. The fun day next year was being organised for 9th July. Lorna Canon who was on the village hall committee had also joined the Jubilee committee. D Smith reported that a working party would be doing various jobs on 16th October – filling the hole in the hedge & repairing a couple of driveway posts. The Village Hall Committee had also agreed that The Booking Secretary could have access to the bank account.

18. Village Sites

Pond and Trees The front of the pond where it was collapsing was discussed. It was decided that the best option was to fence the front of the pond off with Estate Fencing, it was agreed to discuss this while litter picking on 18th September.

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

Work being carried out in Maldon Road was causing some problems with access to parishioners. A Wallace to update the WhatsApp group with closures.

Clerk to report potholes in Wantz Road near to the crossroads and on the slip road at the junction with Writtle Road.

20. Planning

The following applications were discussed;

Willow Cottage, London Road 21/01231/CLEUD

Use of land as residential garden land and associated parking area

Ponders, Main Road 21/01669/FUL

Construction of single storey front and side extensions with integral garage. Addition of a first floor with front and side dormers.

Margaretting Hall, Church Lane 21/01540/OUT

Outline application for the construction of a detached farm workers dwelling with parking and amenity areas. Access and Layout being sought, all other matters reserved.

Decisions

Pump Cottage, Maldon Road. 21/01117/FUL Approved

Margaretting Service Station, Main Road. 21/01108/CLEUD Refused

The Old Bakery, Main Road. 21/01085/FUL Approved

H Blurton reported on the Local Plan 2013-2036. There wasn't anything to report for Margaretting.

Clerk to contact The Enforcement team regarding work at the stables at The White Hart.

Clerk to contact The Enforcement team regarding Fairfield House where a concrete base had been laid.

The Enforcement Officers' comments regarding The Black Bull would be passed onto the resident who contacted the Parish Council.

21 Any Other Business

- a. H Blurton reported that the fire alarm in the office had been serviced.
- b. It was confirmed that D Smith was on Margaretting Relief in Need committee
- c. It was confirmed that no bee hives were allowed on the allotments
- d. Clerk to find out if the battery on the defibrillator is to be replaced by the parish council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15.

Next meeting Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall.