A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, L Edwards (Chairman), C Quilter, P Savill, P Slade, A Smith, T Paoli-Burke and A Wallace. Cllr I Grundy was also present along with one member of the public.

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

**110. Democratic Time** H Blurton outlined the situation with the handrail at the office. He confirmed that the office was completed and the final payment had been sent off. It was confirmed that a handrail was to be put onto the wall to aid the needy and the planters were to go onto the ramp. It was agreed that H Blurton go back to Tom Green and get a revised cost for a handrail with a plastic coating, which will be placed a metre high.

The trains were still blowing their whistles, it was explained that this was because the footpath has not officially been closed yet.

**111. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated 14th January 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**112. Matters Arising**

a. Nunns Crossing. P Savill reported that she had passed all her correspondence onto P Slade.

b. Fencing. H Blurton reported that there had been no breach of planning with the newly erected fence; A Wallace confirmed that he had spoken to the owners of The Saddlery who had erected the fence to tidy up the boundary and to stop people walking their dogs on the land. Mr Keeble had been informed.

c. Bench/Play Area H Blurton to get a cost for the new bench which it was agreed would be put in in the summer.

d.Three Mile Hill P Savill reported that she had sent councillors an email confirming that a speed survey was to be carried out.

**113. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

H Blurton - £146.40 (materials for interpretation board, keys for computer cabinet).

Tom Green Construction - £1606.67 Final payment (this cheque had been signed between meetings)

It was reported that the grant for the scanner had been applied for and therefore H Blurton was given the go ahead to purchase it.

P Savill outlined the accounts and explained that the Parish Council have yet to claim back grass cutting money from the Village Hall.

**114. Community Matters**

a. Orton Close – nothing to report. The housing association were getting quotes for the work.

b. Community Bus – nothing new to report, the community link bus had been seen around the village.

c. Maldon Road Playing Field. No problems were reported. It was agreed that the hoop would be cleaned in the summer.

**115. Village Projects**

Office H Blurton reported that a few more things were needed to complete the office. It was agreed that he get some figures for an outside notice board.

Playground Notice It was reported that the telephone number on the gate was out of date and needed changing.

**116. Village Sites**

i) Lavender Bank – H Blurton to meet with Gerard and outline work to be carried out at the lavender bank.

**117. Roads, Pavements and Verges**

a. It was reported that Maldon Road was being closed for three days whilst cables are being laid to Westmead.

b. L Edwards reported that the verge outside Glenside cottages was in a poor state, she was to contact CHP for a meeting.

c. Electric Fencing – H Blurton reported that he had walked along the fencing with M Scott and there was not a breach of planning. L Edwards had been in touch with Simon Taylor to report two cases of dogs getting electric shocks.

d. Grass/Nettles – on footpath on the hill down to the school. P Savill to get in touch with her contact in Chelmsford City Council and find out when it will next be cut back.

**118. Queens Celebration**

The next scheduled meeting was due to take place on 1st March.

**119. Planning**

There were no plans to discuss.

Details of the planning meeting held on 1st February were;

Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road. 16/00053/FUL Single Storey side & rear extension. Two bay cart lodge No objections

Little Tressells Farm, Margaretting Tye 15/01457/FUL re-use of existing barn & replacement of house and outbuildings No objections

West Mead, Maldon Road 16/00070/FUL Loft conversion with two front dormer windows, two new side windows and rear Velux windows and alterations to the roof. Proposed 4 bedrooms loft conversion to bungalow erected on land adjacent to “Broad Oaks” No objections

2 Ottley Place, Main Road 16/00067/FUL Single storey rear extension and alterations No objections

Handley Green Lodge, Handley Green 16/00062/FUL Demolition of existing house and construction of a new two storey dwelling No objections

Briars, Maldon Road 16/00084/FUL Proposed rear conservatory No objections

**120 Correspondence**

a. Parish Cleansing Day – Clerk to return form with suggested areas to clean.

b. Rosemary Smith (Writtle Parish Council) was to request the speed limit in Writtle Road be reduced to 30 mph; the parish council supported the scheme. Cllr I Grundy outlined the procedure.

**121. Any Other Business**

a. L Edwards reported that she was attending the next Transport meeting.

b. It was reported that the footpath from Larmars to Affric was overgrown with brambles and vegetation. H Blurton explained that this would be reported along with any other footpath problems when he and M Scott had finished the footpath survey.

c. Flood Alleviation Cllr I Grundy reported that the period of appeal was until 19th February.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.