A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: T Boem, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman) and M Scott.

Also present were two members of the public.

**23. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from H Blurton, L Edwards, A Smith and K Young. Apologies were also received from Cllr I Grundy.

**24. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**25. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2013 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**26. Matters Arising**

a. Parsonage Lane/flooding: M Scott reported that there was still water in the ditch; it seemed that nothing had been done to date. **P Savill** to re-report.

b. Barns House It was agreed to continue to monitor the site although no commercial activity was reported.

c. Bus Shelter/Vegetation **Clerk** to follow up and check that James Stubbs is dealing with this issue.

d. Four Oaks It was reported that H Blurton had been unable to contact Jamie Stubbs for an update.

e. Café Sign/Saddlery It was reported that the sign was still being displayed outside the main gates.

f. Margaretting Book - Agenda Item for September

g. Maztec M Scott confirmed that this item would be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting.

h. Moody Homes/Accident **P Savill** to inform them that the Parish Council will be in touch after we have obtained quotes for the repairs.

**27. Accounts**

P Savill outlined the accounts. It was agreed that the three signatories able to sign the cheques would be P Savill, L Edwards and H Blurton.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Play Safety £ 88.80

M D Landscapes £483.60

RCCE (Subs) £55.00

**28. Traffic Calming – Main Road/Crossroads**

It was reported that Margaretting had been mentioned three times on the Local Highways Panel Scheme List, the flow chart explained the requests process.

Meeting closed at 7.48 p.m.

Ray Ashdown explained that from the design manual there has to be a 30mph speed limit before a mini roundabout could be considered; also the accident rate has to be considered. Mr Ashdown was disappointed about the number of points in the design manual against having a mini roundabout. However he was in favour of having a 30 mph limit for the stretch of road which is 40 mph at present. Councillors agreed to support this. A small questionnaire was to go out with the newsletter and **P Savill** to respond to the questionnaire.

Meeting re commenced at 8.07 p.m.

**29. Planning**

Chelmsford Flood Alleviation Scheme - Nothing to report

Applications

13/05578/CAT Canford House, Wantz Road – Tree Work No Objections

13/05120/TPO Coppers, Pennys Lane - Tree Work No Objections

Decisions

1 Ivy Cottage 13/00593/FUL Granted

Canterburys Cottage 13/00698/CLOUPD Refused

Tollgate Farm 13/00480/FUL Refused

**30. Village Projects**

a. Whitesbridge – Nothing to report

b. Village Gateways – Nothing new to report, **H Blurton** to speak to Highways after the summer break.

c. Office – P Savill reported that the Parish Council had been given the go ahead from the Community Initiatives Fund (Essex County Council). She reported that she had written to Maztec outlining the project and reported that she still had another application to fill in. It was agreed that **P Savill and the Clerk** would find out about a loan from the PWLB.

**31. Village Sites**

Village Sign – H Blurton had approached three sign makers. There were two different materials used Cast Aluminium or Cast Polyurethane. It was agreed that the **Clerk** send a message out to other clerks to see if any of their signs were made of polyurethane. Agenda item for September. M Scott to do a presentation and research some different signs.

Lavender Bank It was reported that Essex Highways had acknowledged receipt of the photographs which had been passed onto the enquiries team.

M Scott reported that he had submitted the photographs from C Quilter.

**32. Pond & Trees**

Pond T Boem reported that the ducklings had gone, the pond was looking particularly murky and it was agreed to lime the pond after the summer before introducing some fish.

Trees T Boem to chase up a response concerning the oak tree and also to look at the new tree as it was looking unhealthy.He reported that he had cut around the benchandcut back thesycamore by the Black Bull.

P Savill outlined a case where conifers had been cut back.

**33. Bus Shelters**

Nothing new to report, the Parish Council request to get a larger shelter is on the Local Highways Panel List.

**34. Maldon Road/Recreation Field**

Play Area – C Quilter reported on the rospa report – painting work at the shelter was in hand.

**35. Correspondence**

County Update – Clerk to order the latest edition of The Charles Arnold Baker book.

**36. Any Other Business**

a. Cars for sale parked on the highway, **P Savill** to speak to Highways, C Quilter suggested the complainant take some photographic evidence.

b. The Double Yellow lines opposite Parsonage Lane were faded. **P Savill** to report.

c. Clerk reported that she had ordered the salt for winter and that the hedge at the allotments was to be cut at the end of July.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.