A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: M Barnes, H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, T Paoli-Burke, C Quilter, A Smith & A Wallace

In attendance were six members of the public

**11. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr I Grundy.

**12. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**13. Democratic Time**

**a. Eastern Angles** – Mike & Jennie Scot attended the meeting to explain how they organise this annual event as they had decided not to continue anymore. After an outline of what was involved was explained M Barnes agreed to spearhead it with the help of the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for July. P Savill thanked Mike and Jenny for all their hard work in previous years with the Eastern Angles group.

**b. Railway Crossing –** H Blurton outlined the letter from Network Rail stipulating that the gates will remain in place and locked. Residents, emergency services and utility services will be provided with a key. The Parish Council have withdrawn its objection to the closure of the crossing.

**c. Petrol Spillage** There was a report of a spillage on the A12 which was quickly sorted out by The Environment Agency.

**d.** It was reported that there had been an incident with a dog from Maldon Road. Clerk to contact Chelmer Housing and the Dog Warden.

**e. Flooding** Clerk to re-report flooding problems in this area.

**14. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 2nd May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**15. Matters Arising**

a. Environment Agency meeting was to be held on Wednesday 15th June at 10am the main aim of the meeting was to get the brook cleared.

b. Tree on verge by Peacocks – H Blurton reported that work had been carried out on the tree.

c. B.T. Telephone Kiosk at Margaretting Tye – BT had confirmed that they would pay the lighting cost.

d. Bollard at Margaretting Tye had been installed.

e. Pot Hole at Maldon Road near to the crossroads to be reported.

f. Clerk to inform the city council that four members of the Parish Council were interested in attending an evening forum.

**16. Annual Governance Statement**

P Savill outlined the procedures that were in place and being conformed to by The Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman sign the annual Governance Statement for the external audit.

**17. Emergency Planning**

H Blurton outlined the procedure should a major accident happen. He reported that there would be extra security at the V festival this year and reported the key holders. Margaretting Friends would be available to help in a major incident as well as Parish Councillors.

**18. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

AON £1,403.00

C Kochan £ 474.00

M D Landscapes £ 439.00

Rospa £ 97.00

B.T £ 43.00

**18. Community Matters**

a. Maldon Road, Playing Field - C Quilter reported that Mr Deans boundary had been done. There was a problem with the safety surface, it was agreed that the clerk contact Sovereign and arrange a meeting with H Blurton.

**19. Village Sites**

a. Repairs & Maintenance – It was agreed that H Blurton obtain two quotes for quotes to rub down and re-paint the bollards around the war memorial. Work to be carried out by November.

b. It was agreed to also get quotes to refurbish the notice board in Maldon Road.

**20. Pond and Trees**

It was agreed that there would be a working party to tidy up around the pond on 5th August meeting at 10 am. Clerk to notify Tim Boem.

**21. Planning**

1 & 2 Brook View Cottages, Margaretting Tye 17/01000/FUL No Objections

Two storey front extension to both properties, a two storey side extension to No2, a single storey side extension to No 1 and rear infill extension to No 1.

Margaretting Hall, Church Lane 17/00944/FUL & 17/00945/LBC No Objections

Retrospective application to refurbish games room, demolish and rebuild porch, covered walkway and canopy.

51 Maldon Road 17/00820/FUL No Objections

Proposed ground floor rear extension

Alwyn, Maldon Road 06/02289/MAT

PC Comments; Side elevation looking into neighbours property can the council take into consideration the neighbours comments otherwise the PC have no comments.

Park Lodge Bungalow, Writtle Road 17/00921/FUL No Objections

New replacement dwelling and Cart Lodge

Yew Tree Cottage, Main Road 17/00913/FUL No Objections

Construction of garden shed.

Bearmans Farmhouse, Writtle Road 17/00766/LBC No Objections

Molehill Cottage, Margaretting Tye 17/00679/FUL No Objections

DECISIONS

The Briars 17/00592/FUL Refused

Ynamit 17/00648/FUL Granted

Whitewebbs 17/00262/FUL Granted

**22. Any Other Business**

a. Lorraine Kerry asked about her role on the Village Hall Committee.

b. H Blurton reported that K Young was unable to join the Parish Council because of work commitments.

c. Flag Raising. A Wallace agreed to take over from Maurice Wright.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.20 p.m.