A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 8th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, C Quilter, P Savill, M Scott, A Smith and K Young

Also present were twenty two members of the public, Cllr Ian Grundy, Cllr Roy Whitehead, The Environment Agency’s Consultant Manager and officers from Chelmsford Borough Council.

**131. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from T Boem and W Cant

**132. Declarations of Interest**

H Blurton declared an interest in a planning application as a neighbour of Frizling Hall. There were no other Declarations of Interest.

**133. Chelmsford Flood Alleviation Plan**

Chris Fosbeary, The Environment Agency’s Consultant Manager, outlined the scheme and explained why it was needed and why Margaretting had been chosen for the scheme. He outlined many factors including the impact of flooding, different options for flood defence, why Hylands Park could not be used. At present they were developing the planning application documentation before a public exhibition was to be held in May. Plans were due to be submitted in June and work commence in Summer 2013.

It was highlighted that 20 heavy goods vehicles would be using Swan Lane a day. Many of the residents that had attended had felt that communication between the Environment Agency and the Borough Council had been very poor. It was therefore agreed to set up a forum between parishioners, Chelmsford Borough Council and The Environment Agency.

**134. Democratic Time**

a. **P Savill** to enquire who cut the hedge under the railway bridge in Maldon Road

b. Nuns Crossing/Network Rail. P Savill reported that she had written to Network Rail and was waiting for a response to confirm that they would repair the damaged verge.

**135. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2012 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**136. Matters Arising**

a. Water Lagoon/Swan lane – P Savill reported that she was waiting to hear from Environmental Services, I Grundy to chase up if she doesn’t hear by the next meeting.

b. Speed Review – Cllr Grundy explained that it was a slow process, but the PC should be hearing something soon.

c. Elm Cottage – **Clerk** to notify Highways about the rubble that has encroached onto the footpath.

d. Cycle Path / Hylands Park – Cllr I Grundy reported that he would put the extension of the footpath to the relevant committee when the new financial year commences in April.

**137. PC Vacancy**

There had been no response to the notice or from the piece in the newsletter. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the April meeting.

**138. The Queens Diamond Jubilee**

P Savill outlined the donations that had been made so far, this amounted to £1,700. A mug to commemorate the event was passed round and a decision was made to include a formal design on the reverse. **M Scott** to ask Jennie if she would sketch the Margaretting design.

**139. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following:

 Mrs C Kochan Clerks Salary £473.75

**140. Village Sites – Repairs and Maintenance**

a. Bus Shelter. H Blurton reported that he was to get quotes for the repair of the bus shelter opposite The Black Bull. **K Young** to ask his neighbour for a quote.

b. Grass Verges – Nothing to report.

c. Pond – M Scott reported that he thought T Boem had cut back the vegetation surrounding the pond.

**141. Maldon Road Recreation Ground**

Allotments – K Young reported that he was to speak to the allotment holders concerning the water. He also reported that the pipe had been lagged.

Play Area – It was reported that there were no problems. Keith Young reported the skate ramp quote as being £27,339. He was to get another quote.

**142. Village Projects**

(i) Village Gateways – Nothing to report

(ii) Parish Council Office – H Blurton reported that he had spoken to Andrew Shepherd who was working on the project.

(iii) Whitesbridge Walkboards – P Savill reported that the Lottery Heritage Fund would not be able to help. She was to pursue and investigate different funds.

**143. Planning**

Decisions:

12/00033/FUL Whites Place Farm Refused

11/01999/ADV The Black Bull Refused

Applications:

12/00273/FUL & 12/00210/CLOPUD Westridge, Pennys Lane No Objections

Great Tressells, Margaretting Tye

H Blurton reported that this site has been served with an enforcement notice which has gone to appeal

**144. Correspondence**

a. Making the Links – T Boem to read

b. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition – M Scott to complete

c. Bus Passenger News – To be passed to W Cant

d. Tree Damage Alert – T Boem

e. Councils and Clerks Direct – Clerk to read

 Police Report: 13th February Stolen JCB found in Parsonage Lane

 20th February Theft of metal oil tank from field

 29th February Jewellery stolen from a dwelling

 1st March Motor Bike stolen from The Red Lion

**145. Any Other Business**

a. P Savill reported that Tandridge had been served with an Enforcement Order.

b. A Smith reported that the Ash Tree by the bridge needed cutting back.

c. Clerk to request that the Highway Rangers or Neat Team clear Kingswood.

d. H Blurton reported that the road signs had been cleaned.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.47 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 12th April at 7.30 p.m.