A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, T Boem, L Edwards, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), M Scott, A Smith and K Young.

In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

**122. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from W Cant.

**123. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interests.

**124. Democratic Time**

There were no issues raised.

**125. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th February were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**126. Matters Arising**

**a.** Blocked Drains. **Clerk** to report that the gulley by the War Memorial is blocked with mud and needed clearing. **Clerk** also to chase up the problems with drainage at Nuns Crossing.

**b.** Barns House It was agreed that Councillors would continue monitoring the site for another month.

**c.** Vehicle Thefts It was reported that another Land Rover had been stolen from the village.

**d.** Parsonage Lane P Savill reported that the flooding had been reported.

**127. Accounts**

P Savill outlined the draft bank reconciliation and income/expenditure from 1st April 2012 until 14th March 2013. The balance being carried over stood at £18,844.32.

Authority was given for the following payment:

C Kochan £473.75 Salary and Expenses

**128. Planning**

Chelmsford Flood Alleviation Scheme

It was reported that the scheme had been passed by Chelmsford City Council’s Planning Committee on 26th February. An archaeological geophysical survey was due to start on 18th March for one week. The Environment Agency’s consultant is to keep P Savill up-to-date on the scheme’s progress so she can report information in the newsletter and H Blurton can report events on the website as and when they take place. P Savill thanked Cllr I Grundy for his excellent presentation to the Planning Committee which had included all the parish council’s objections. M Scott thought the decision as to whether the scheme should go ahead should have been made by an independent body; to him it was obvious that Chelmsford City Council would support the Environment Agency. Cllr Grundy explained that the Planning Committee had been on site visits and were briefed fully on the scheme. Should a judicial review be sought on the Planning Committee’s decision claimants have three months from the date of the decision to submit their claim. It was agreed the Chelmsford Flood Alleviation Scheme should stay on the agenda and Cllr Grundy would try to find out the time scale for the scheme.

Decisions

13/00126/FUL Ging House, Wantz Road. Construction of integral garage; single storey rear extension; oak framed car shelter with tiled roof Approved.

Applications

13/00223/FUL Durrants Farm, Maldon Road

Demolition of existing steel/timber outbuildings and replacement with new stables and associated store building. Agreed to reply as the previous application which was withdrawn.

13/01583/FUL Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road

First floor rear extension to existing residential property to form two additional bedrooms. No Objections.

13/00171/FUL Haslemere, Maldon Road

Single storey rear extension No Objections

**129 Village Projects**

a Whites Bridge and Whites Bridge Walk Boards

P Savill reported that she hadn’t heard anything.

b. Village Gateways

H Blurton reported that there wasn’t an update as he hadn’t heard anything. He also confirmed that this was a Parish Council funded project. **I Grundy** to chase up.

c. Parish Council Office

P Savill reported that Maztec had sent the annual donation to the village hall; it was £1,000 which seemed to be an error. It was agreed that P Savill write to Maztec and ask for confirmation that there had been a mistake and that half the money was meant for the Parish Council. H Blurton reported that he had been in contact with Ingelton Wood and had asked them to keep all the paperwork concerning the proposed office. **P Savill** to look back at past funding for ideas for this scheme. **H Blurton & M Scott** to ask A Radley about PWLB, **Clerk** to find any paperwork from a previous loan. **M Scott** to contact RCCE and ask for suggestions and contacts.

**130 Village Sites**

(i) Repairs and Maintenance

Lavender Bank in Maldon Road: **T Boem** to arrange for two people to meet H Blurton on site and give quotes. **A Smith** to speak to Swift about Railway sleepers.

(ii) Grass Verges, Footpaths and Bridleways

Grass Verges: The Tye - H Blurton confirmed that Highways had looked at the damage caused by Police Cars. Photographs were shown of the oak bollards that had been erected at the church in Stock.

Footpaths: Main Road - **Clerk** to re-request that the hedging behind the bus stop opposite the Black Bull be cut back.

Bridleways: C Quilter reported that there had been no progress with the bridleways; he was however waiting for some paperwork to come through. **M Scott** to report the missing post, metal stake and padlock that had been removed on Bridleway No. 43.

(iii) Pond and Trees

Pond: **T Boem** to order the lime for the pond. **Clerk** to check on the amount that the parish council had agreed to spend.

Trees: **T Boem** to ask Lynn Cameron to check that the oak tree on the green in Maldon Road is dead as he has the Jubilee oak ready to plant. **T Boem** to look at the trees around the perimeter of the playing field. **P Savill** to remind CHP that the conifers touching the cables need cutting back. H Blurton outlined three quotes for the work on the War Memorial trees; it was agreed to accept the lowest quote of £160.00 + vat with Bartlett Trees.

**131. Maldon Road Recreation Field**

Allotments K Young reported that he was to apply for two water butts from the Edible Essex Scheme. **Clerk** to speak to J Currie about cutting back the hedge adjacent to the allotments in October; H Blurton suggested that Patrick Wreathall be approached otherwise.

Skateboard Ramp Nothing to report. P Savill explained that the children needed to start fundraising maybe by having a table at the table top sale. The children could also write a piece in the newsletter. **K Young** to read the Essex Chronicle Media funding.

Play Area It was reported that the area was tidy.  **P Savill** to ask C Hasler to look at the mole hills.

**132. Community Engagement Initiative**

The Clerk reported that there had only been one response.

**133. Correspondence**

a. Essex Heritage News (Feb 2013)

b. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition - Deadline 10th April

c. County Update Number 114 EALC - L Edwards to read

d. The Essex Playing Field Winter 12/13 - C Quilter to read

e. Chelmsford City Council Parish Cleansing Days - Clerk to fill out and return

f. Chelmsford City Council Best Kept Garden Competition - P Savill to include in the newsletter

g. RCCE Statutory Planning - L Edwards to find out what is being offered.

h. AON - Clerk to inform AON of her Employers Reference Number.

**134. Any Other Business**

a. Pedestrian Refuge Islands - P Savill reported that an order had been placed for the temporary warning signs to be removed

b. Dog Fouling - L Edwards requested that a message be put in the newsletter to remind people to clear up after their dogs.

c. Black Bull Bus Shelter - **P Savill** to ask for an update.

d. Best Kept Village Competition - M Scott reported that the entry forms had changed; members of the parish council looked through the entry form. M Scott to submit the completed form.

e. Spring Litter Pick - 6th April 10am at The Black Bull.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 11th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.,