A Meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 9th June 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H Blurton, W Cant, N Marshall, C Quilter, P Savill (Chairman), M Scott, A Smith and K Young

In attendance; one member of the public and Gerry Richardson (CBC Emergency Planning Officer)

Gerry Richardson spoke about risks to Margaretting and how different services would pull together to help in an emergency situation.

14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from T Boem and Cllr I Grundy

15 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

16 Democratic Time

Clerk read the police report for May. There were three incidents around the village.

17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th May 2011 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

18 Matters Arising

a. Telephone Kiosk – P Savill reported that she had re-reported this item; although there had been no response the e mail had been received.

b. Centre Pole at Crossing – P Savill reported that it had been repaired and shortened.

c. Flytipping/Pennys Lane – The fly tipping had been cleared.

19. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

M D Landscapes £540.00

CBC (election) £ 68.00

Clerks Salary £473.75

National Signs Ltd £559.20

20 Village Sites

(i) Repairs and Maintenance – H Blurton reported that Lisnick were due to start work later this month.

(ii) War Memorial – H Blurton reported that he had heard nothing from FJ French and was wondering whether the PC should use the second contractor (Bakers of Danbury). M Scott suggested the War Memorial grant allocaters be contacted to make sure there would be no penalty if the PC change contractors, if this is agreeable then the PC should move forward and contact Bakers of Danbury.

(iii) Bus Shelter – There was no news on the new Bus Shelter. P Savill reported another incident where the bus drove past the bus shelter without stopping, M Scott had reported this to the bus company who had apologised and the driver at that time had been interviewed.

(iv) Grass Verges M Scott reported that the newly seeded verge in Maldon Road hadn’t really grown; it had been driven over by residents.

(v) Pond and Trees – Nothing to report.

21 Maldon Road Recreation Field

a. Allotments. K Young reported that there were no problems. The water was working and the stop cock had been repaired.

b. Play Area – There were no problems to report. However, the seating on the youth shelter was going rusty and needed some attention. It was agreed that H Blurton to obtain a quote to have the seating power coated or galvanized.

22 Village Projects

a. Village Gateways H Blurton reported that had spoken to Highways who had requested that the PC submit an ordinance survey map showing where the gateways are going to be situated, photographs of what is there now and drawings of what they will look like. Once they have the information they will give their views. It was agreed to leave the one in Maldon Road as a suitable site cannot be found. **H Blurton & M Scott** to action.

b. Parish Council Office. H Blurton reported the plans had been submitted and registered. P Savill thanked H Blurton for spending so much time on this project.

c. Whitesbridge Walk Boards. P Savill reported that there had been an on site meeting with Angela Smith, Tony Smith, a specialist contractor and the bridge engineer. They had discussed the posts and walkboards and were willing to help put a bid together. There was quite a lot of research work to do. **P Savill** was to make a courtesy call to Galleywood PC explaining what the PC hoped to achieve. Highways were also looking at traffic calming by changing the lines in the road or putting stones down to keep vehicles central. This project was only in its first stage but was looking positive.

23 Village Website

M Scott explained that the website Margaretting used to have has disappeared. After looking around he found a site which is produced by volunteers that you can upload stuff onto, the government recommend this site called Wordpress. It was agreed that we should have a village website. **P Savill and W Cant** offered to help with ideas. **P Savill** to include something in the newsletter. Councillors were asked to look at the website before next meeting. **Agenda Item**

24 Planning

Applications

Elm Cottage, Roman Road 11/00768/FUL No Objections

Single storey garage extension to side and conservatory to rear

Decisions

41 Orton Close 11/00089/FUL Granted

Installation of air source heat pump to provide heat supply to new system of radiators emitters

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River Mead, Private Road 11/00605/CLUED Granted

Residential caravan/mobile home

Tollgate Farm, Roman Road 11/00428/FUL Granted

Construction of Manege

Wells Farm, Ivy Barn Lane 11/00586/CLUED Granted

Residential garden – considered within the cartilage of the dwelling house

Whites Place Farm, Roman Road 11/00548/FUL Granted

Retrospective application for the replacement of an existing brick frontage boundary wall with a new brick wall

25 Correspondence

a. Farleigh Hospice ‘Cycle for Life’ Sunday 11th September – Poster for Notice Board.

b Essex County Council – Notification of speed limit on three mile hill on 6th June due to an event in Hylands Park (30 mph)

c. Essex County Council Mobile Library - notification of the changing timetable as of the 1st July

d. The Playing Field/Spring Newsletter Spring 2011 – N. Marshall to read

e. EALC County Update No 89 – A Smith to read

f. RCCE Oyster magazine Spring 2011 – N Marshall to read

g. Making the links June 2011 – T Boem to read

26 Any Other Business

Bridleway No 44 or 43 **M Scott** to report dangerous piece of metal sticking up and missing bollard. Bridleway 22 the landowner has put some gates in **M Scott** to report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14th July at 7.30 p.m.