A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: T Boem, N Marshall, C Quilter, M Scott, A Smith and K Young. Also present was Cllr I Grundy and two members of the public.

**70.** Apologies were received from H Blurton, W Cant and P Savill. In P Savills and W Cants absence M Scott was elected chairman for the meeting.

**71.** Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

**72.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2011 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**73.** Matters Arising

(a) Grass Verge at The Tye – The verge was to be reinstated by M D Landscapes with the costs being borne by Transportation Company, White & Co.

(b) Swan Lane/Speed Control - carried forward to December meeting.

(c) Bridleway 22 – it was reported that the gates had been reinstated and the problem seemed to be resolved.

(d) County Update/Publication – it was agreed that the clerk would pass this onto A Smith directly.

(e) Fly tipping – It was reported that H Blurton and A Smith had cleared the fly tipping as it had not been left on the highway.

**74.** Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following:-

Bakers of Danbury £6346.80

M D Landscapes £ 439.20

Monster Play Systems £ 36.00

Mr G Ling £ 50.00

J Perthen £ 85.00

The Clerk outlined the response from the auditor.

**75.** Village Sites

(i) War Memorial

Work had been completed by Bakers of Danbury. B Stone to carry out work and re decoration to stone and chains in the spring. **T Boem** to trim back trees as soon as time allowed him to do so. It was reported that the local school children would be holding their memorial service at the War memorial on 11/11/11.

(ii) Bus Shelter

It was reported that the seat was to be lowered.

**76.** Pond and Trees

(a) Pond

Date yet to be arranged for the working party. T Boem reported that he had a request to put a duck house on the island. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the December meeting.

(b) Trees

T Boem reported that the tree at the pond was in hand. The ash tree by the railway in Maldon Road would be cut down before the winter sets in.

**77.**  **Maldon Road Recreation Ground**

It was reported that there had been no problems with the play area or the allotments.

**78. Village Gateways**

M Scott reported that the parish council were still waiting for a response from Essex County Council.

**79. Parish Council Office**

H Blurton had the details of the professional fees, £6500.00 plus vat. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the December meeting.

**80. Whitesbridge**

M Scott reported that the parish council were still waiting for estimates From Bakers of Danbury and W Henderson.

**81. Village Website**

M Scott reported that together with P Savill a list of all the village organisations had been drawn up. H Blurton had suggested he do a piece about planning every month. M Scott also explained that he was trying to come up with a design for a logo.

**82. Queens Jubilee**

It was reported that the Chelmer Room had been booked and a poster had been put on the notice board for parishioners to attend on 17th November. A Smith brought a copy of the schedule from the silver jubilee to show councillors.

**83 Planning**

Keepers Cottage 11/01540/FUL No Objections

Demolition of an existing flat roofed tractor store and workshop and its replacement with a new pitched roof building to accommodate a new tractor store and workshop with two stable boxes and tack store

Ivy Hill Hotel 11/01625/ETL already passed

Extension of time limit to permission 08/01516/FUL for change of use of redundant stables and barns to office use with existing car parking.

Fristling Hall 11/0158/FUL No Objections

Erect two sheep rearing barns with shepherds hut and resurface and extend access track

The following decisions were reported:

Westridge 11/01432/FUL Granted

Whites Place Farm 11/01356/FUL Granted

**84. Correspondence**

1. The Playing Field magazine - N Marshall to read.

2. Notification that BT was updating the broadband service in the area.

**85. Any Other Business**

a. Tim Boem reported that following the recent dog attack the police have pressed charges and the dog’s owner had been instructed that the dog must be muzzled and kept on a lead when taken for a walk.

b. T Boem reported that the Olympic Torch should be coming through the village on 7th July.

c. I Grundy reported that the Borough Council were to launch a new award scheme of £1000 a month; he was to report further at the December meeting.

d. I Grundy reported on the proposed Parliamentary Changes that were in a consultation period now.

It would run from Billericay to Great Dunmow and would been a new constituency that Margaretting would come under. He was to pass some information onto P Savill for inclusion in the newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.41.p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8th December 2011 at 7.30 p.m