A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Vice-Chairman in Chair), C Quilter, P Savill, P Slade, A Smith, T Paoli-Burke and A Wallace.

In attendance were seven members of the public.

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

**57. Declarations of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**58. Democratic Time.**

**a.** D Oddy & H Bewers attending the meeting and explained how the flooding earlier in the year had affected them. H Bewers outlined several problems with the brook and stream which needed clearing to prevent further problems after heavy rainfall. D Oddy brought along some photographs which the clerk was to forward to The Environment Agency and request an on-site meeting.

b. W Henderson reported that his barn had been flooded again; P Slade reported that he had a contact and had some photos which he would forward on.

**c.** Mr & Mrs Sharp attended the meeting; Mr Sharp outlined the areas in Parsonage Lane which were owned by him and the hedges and trees that had been cut back. H Blurton asked about access in Church Lane and G Sharp confirmed that parking would not be a problem.

**59. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 13th October were agreed and signed as a true and correct record following amendments to

Minute 51 BT Contract – should read 100 free minutes not 100 free calls

Minute 53 – Gypsy should read Traveller

Minute 55 – Holly Wreath should read Poppy Wreath

**60. Matters Arising**

a. Queens Celebration H Blurton outlined the situation with the ladies toilets at the village hall. Margaretting Friends had suggested that half the money go towards the toilets and half towards Margaretting Trust to help towards paying for the bus that takes the pensioners on a Friday to get their shopping. It was explained that the Village hall had received a grant to enable them to start making improvements and have got some funds. The general opinion of the Parish Council was to pass the left over money from the Queens Celebration to Margaretting Trust to be used for the travel bus.

b. Allotments A Wallace to forward the clerk information about Writtles Community Web Page.

c. T Paoli-Burke to get an information pack about cold calling.

d. P Slade to cover the surgery in November, H Blurton to cover it in December.

**61. Accounts**

P Savill outlined balances in the bank.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

 M D Landscapes £439.20

 R Rees £205.00 BT Hub & Notice Board at Office

 H Blurton £ 20.00 Holly Wreath

**62. Community Matters**

**a. Maldon Road Playing Field** – no problems were reported at the playing field. The hedge cutting quotations were in hand; A Smith had the name of another contractor. H Blurton read Sovereigns’ quotation for repairs to the safety surfacing.

**b. Transport Representative** – T Paoli-Burke agreed to become Transport Representative.

**c. Parking at the School** – Agenda Item for December.

**63. Village Sites**

(a) Repairs & Maintenance – Nothing in hand.

(b) Pond & Trees – Clerk to contact Lynn Cameron concerning the red tape around the three tree stumps at Parsonage Lane and on the verge opposite.

(c) T Paoli-Burke to find out the bridleway numbers of those that have been fenced off. Clerk to chase up Bridleway 44. H Blurton reported on road markings in Swan Lane where work is to be carried out.

**64. Planning**

Applications

25 Orton Close 16/01930/FUL No objections

Side & Rear Conservatory

Church Lane 16/01839/FUL PC object to Chelmsford City Council &

Change of use of Agricultural Land to Camping Brentwood Council

And touring caravan Site, layout car park, erect two toilet blocks and shower block building. Construct passing places along existing track and implement landscape planting

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4 Whitesbridge Cottage 16/01812/FUL 16/01813/LBC PC Object

Two storey side and single storey rear extension

Eweland Hall Lodge 16/01822/FUL PC Object

Two storey rear extension Original applications was refused

Elm Cottage 16/01684/FUL PC Object

Retrospective application for a new field access from Pennys Lane

**65 Any Other Business**

H Blurton spoke of his concern following L Edwards’ resignation, he agreed to take on the role of chairman until May 2017. T Paoli-Burke to speak to K Young and H Blurton to speak to the vicar’s husband about becoming councillors. Clerk to write a letter to L Edwards thanking her on behalf of the Parish Council for her contribution to the Parish Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.