A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 13th October 2016.

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

In attendance were three members of the public and Cllr I Grundy

**44. Apologies for absence** were received from L Edwards.

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

**46. Democratic Time**

a. W Henderson thanked everyone that attended Doreen’s funeral.

b. Mr Albon outlined the proposal to officially close the railway crossing in Parsonage Lane except for registered users (which has to be applied for). Clerk to return proposal form with the response. In principle the Parish Council have no objections but hope that the parishioners’ views will be taken into consideration and the inconvenience it is going to cause them.

**47. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 8th September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct following the amendments to minute 33 and minute 41 ‘Van Dykes’ to read ‘Van Dyke’.

**48. Matters Arising**

a. Telephone Box Margaretting Tye – Clerk reported that she was waiting for a letter from Lord Petre giving permission for the Parish Council to adopt the telephone box; she had notified the city council that the Parish Council wanted to adopt it.

b. Queens Celebration - It was agreed that this would carry over to the November meeting for discussion.

c. Flooding at The Red Lion – In hand.

d. Allotments – Clerk to contact Ingatestone Parish Council and explain that there are some spare allotments if they have a list of anyone that might want them.

**49. Accounts**

Authority was given for payment of the following;

Essex & Suffolk Water £ 49.15 Water at allotments

Electricity Supply for Office £ 34.41

M D Landscapes £658.80

**50. Community Matters**

**a. Maldon Road Playing Field.**  C Quilter reported that there were no problems. The hedge was in hand with A Wallace and C Quilter.

**b. Public Transport 351 bus service.**  It was agreed to put this item onto November’s agenda.

**51. BT Contract**

P Savill outlined the different tariffs for a new two year contract - it was agreed that the PC go for the lower one of £12 +vat, rental will be £15.20 plus 100 minute free calls. P Savill to inform BT.

Clerk to respond and support EALC’s response to Council Tax Referendum principles.

**52. Village Sites**

(i) Repairs and Maintenance – nothing to report

(ii) Pond – P Slade reported that the pond was ok.

(iii) Swan Lane – It was reported that some of the pot holes have been filled in.

**53. Planning**

The Limes 16/01611/LBC Replacement of windows on first floor on house, front facing the street.

No objections.

H Blurton outlined events at Four Oaks; he was to get a list of nearby residents so that information can be passed onto them when it is received. Cllr Grundy outlined the procedure with travellers on public land.

**54. Correspondence**

H Blurton to put the poster regarding changes at recycling centres onto the notice board.

**55. Any Other Business**

a. Parking in Maldon Road – C Quilter reported the parking in Maldon Road which was causing an obstruction by parking on the verge. Cllr Grundy suggested taking a photograph and sending it to Nick Binder at South East Parking Partnership.

b. Footpath 44 – Clerk to report fence across bridleway and in brook.

c. P Slade outlined concerns by the headmistress with parking at the school. Cllr I Grundy to visit the school and push forward for a trial school parking initiative. Agenda Item November.

d. Waste Collection – Cllr Grundy reported that eventually the weekly black bin collection would be phased to a fortnightly one.

e. It was reported that new railings had been erected at the church causing concern for anyone wishing to park.

f. T Paoli-Burke outlined several burglaries that had taken place in the village.

g. It was agreed that H Blurton purchase the poppy wreath for the War Memorial.

h. H Blurton reported that the builders working at The Village Hall will install the Notice Board at The Office.

i. H Blurton outlined plans to install security cameras at the village hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.