A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; H Blurton (Chairman) P Savill, A Smith, C Quilter and A Wallace. Also present were three members of the public.

**57. Apologies for Absence** were received from G Banks, M Barnes, L Kerry, T Paoli-Burke and Cllr I Grundy.

**58. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**59. Democratic Time**

a. It was reported that the public enquiry for Network Rail had been postponed.

b. W Henderson reported that flu vaccinations were available at the chemist in Ingatestone.

c. It was reported that Colin Smart had passed away.

**60. Minutes**

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

**61. Matters Arising**

a. Footpath Map – No update to report from T Paoli- Burke.

b. Flooding at El-Rita – there had been insufficient rain to take a good photograph showing the problem.

c. Bollard at Van Dyke – In hand.

d. Eastern Angles – It was reported that Eastern Angles had been booked for May 22nd 2018. H Blurton to check the financial regulations to find out whether he or M Barnes should sign the contract. Mrs Scott was to provide sandwiches for the cast and tea and coffee would be available on the night for a small donation. The cost would be £430 plus vat which was agreed.

e. Dog Warden – Clerk to request signs for Maldon Road play area.

f. Clerk to copy the ROSPA play area report to keep in the office.

g. A Wallace reported the sign at Hylands had been removed, although the posts were still there.

**62. Allotments**

A Wallace reported that most of the allotments were overgrown; he suggested people that took them on should keep them in order or keep them covered. P Savill reported that there were three vacant allotments. Clerk to contact neighbouring parishes to see if anyone might be interested in taking one on. P Savill to email a plan of the allotments to all parish councillors. **Agenda Item** for December

**63. Accounts**

P Savill outlines the accounts and balances in the account.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

H Blurton (Stationery and Wreath for War Memorial) £ 38.45

EALC (Updated version of rule book) £ 63.00

M D Landscapes (Grass cutting) £439.20

P Savill explained CIL received (planning gain) which is to be published on the parish council website by 31st December 2017. Clerk to send a copy to Laura Medhurst (CCC) and meet with P Savill to put the information on to the Parish Council website, then to forward the link to Ms Medhurst as requested.

P Savill outlined the figures in the precept and the predicted outturn.

Clerk to check that the toddler swings were included in the insurance policy.

It was agreed to increase the contribution to the PCC to £600, A Wallace suggested some volunteer parish councillors visit the churchyard with strimmer’s and have a tidy up. A Wallace was to speak to his friend for advice. It was also agreed that the clerk’s salary increase to £1500 per annum and previous expenses (telephone/postage/stationary) now become part of the office budget. National Insurance contributions to be looked into by A Wallace and the clerk.

H Blurton and the clerk to sign date and return the precept paperwork to Chelmsford City Council.

**64. Community Matters**

Maldon Road Playing Field It was reported that the safety surfaces had been repaired the work carried out was to a high standard as they had cut around the old surface and gone down to the original surface. The piece by the climbing frame had also been re- patched. All that was left to do was to collect and clear the rubbish from site. The parish council thanked A Wallace for speaking to and arranging everything with Sovereign.

**65. Village Sites**

a. Repairs and Maintenance – H Blurton reported that he had looked at repair and would get a strip of wood and repair himself. It was reported that the bus stop sign opposite Church Lane had gone missing, clerk to report and request a temporary sign go in place until it can be reinstated as buses are refusing to stop while there is not a sign in place.

b. Pond & Trees – H Blurton to replace a couple of pieces of timber at the dipping pond and forward the Conservation Volunteers email address onto A Wallace.

c. Roads, Pavements, Grass Verges, Rights of Way & Bridleways -

P Savill to look at the footpath by the Church.

**66. Planning**

Applications

17/01815/FUL Barr House, Writtle Road No Objections

Demolition of existing building and proposed replacement dwelling house with 3 bay cart lodge.

17/01825/FUL Whitewebbs Cottage, Main Road

Brick Boundary wall and wooden entrance gates

H Blurton outlined telephone conversation with Helen Baker who believed from the photographs that the new wooden fence had encroached onto Highways land. She was to contact the planning department.

Decisions

17/01396/FUL Furness Farmhouse, Coptfold Hall Drive Granted planning permission Change of use from office to residential dwelling.

P Savill spoke about the old Shell site which had been cleared and fenced. There was a metal container on site and wooden pallets. P Savill to contact P Torr.

**67. Any Other Business**

There was no Any Other Business.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m.