

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 21st January 2020, at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

Present Cllr Peter Briggs
Cllr Ian Crisp (Chairman for the meeting)
Cllr Simon Phillips
Cllr Lorraine Player
Cllr Chris Turner
Clerk Allison Ward

Residents and Visitors 0 residents

1	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies for absence</p> <p>Received from Cllr Lee Cooper and accepted by the Parish Council; the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman.</p>	
2	<p style="text-align: center;">Declaration of Interest for this meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	
3	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Forum</p> <p>The issue of dog fouling was raised following comments from residents. The Clerk will purchase some suitable signage which can be placed around the village. The meeting encouraged any residents with issues to contact the Animal Warden at Uttlesford who will be able to take the necessary action.</p> <p>The village quiz night will be on Friday 27th March.</p> <p>Ten Green Parishes is a local informal group across the ten villages, which has been set up to allow individuals to learn and share ideas on what we can do locally to help tackle the climate emergency. The Parish Council endorses this group and encourages residents to have a look at their Facebook page, '10 Green Parishes'.</p>	Clerk
4	<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 26th November 2019 were proposed by Cllr Briggs as a true record, seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement. The Chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.</p>	
5	<p style="text-align: center;">County and District Cllr Report</p> <p>County and District Cllr Susan Barker sent her apologies to the meeting, the two key matters being considered are the Local Plan response and the Stansted Airport planning application.</p>	

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6	Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence	
6.1	The Planning Inspector has responded 'with significant concerns on the soundness of the Uttlesford Local Plan'. A response and way forward are currently being considered by Uttlesford.	Clerk
6.2	A new website has been set up, 'e-voice.org.uk/margaretroding/' and some of the data has been automatically transferred across. The Clerk is in the process of updating and sorting the remaining data and information. The old website will cease to exist from 31 st March 2020.	Clerk
6.3	The Clerk is chasing re the installation of a defibrillator. The process to determine the most appropriate VAS sign is ongoing, Cllr Turner and the Clerk to progress.	Clerk
7	Cllrs Reports	
7.1	Environment and Health – Cllr Philips will co-ordinate the village litter pick, Saturday 14 th March 2020 meeting at 11am at The Gossetts. Cllrs are requested to assist with a leaflet drop notifying residents. The Clerk will contact Uttlesford asking for the rubbish sacks to be collected.	Cllr Philips/ All
7.2	Transport – The large potholes in Marks Hall Lane were noted and the Clerk will report.	Clerk
7.3	Communication – Nothing to report	
7.4	Local Government – Nothing to report	
7.5	Village Christmas Tea Event – The Parish Council were encouraged to see a number of residents at the Christmas Tea which followed the village carol service in the church and further consideration will be given to how this can be promoted further next year. The Parish Council wish to record their thanks to Martin Ritchie and the team at The Reid Rooms for providing the venue and food.	
8	Planning	
8.1	Applications - None	
8.2	Decisions - None	
8.3	There is nothing further to report on the mineral extraction site at Roxwell, a planning application has not been submitted. The Clerk contacted neighbouring Parish Councils to ask if there was any interest in engaging consultants collectively, however at this stage there was no commitment. The Parish Council will continue to monitor.	
8.4	For information, Uttlesford has a special planning committee meeting on 24 th January to discuss and decide the outstanding matters relating to Stansted Airport. All papers are available on the Uttlesford website.	

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9	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget 2020/21 and Quarterly Report for 2019/20</p> <p>The Clerk presented the financial report for the period April to December 2019. There is no unexpected expenditure and the full year outturn is as budgeted. The closing cash position as at December 2019 is £7,892.</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the draft budget for 2020/21, after which Cllr Turner proposed that the precept request remains level at a total value at £2,000. This will result in a 0.7% increase (average annual monetary amount of £0.16) on the Parish Council part of Council Tax invoices, this is due to a very small movement in the valuation of properties/contributors to Council Tax, within the parish. Clerk to submit the form to Uttlesford.</p>	Clerk						
10	<p style="text-align: center;">Gas Guns</p> <p>Clerk to contact landowners for information on 2020 plans and if gas guns are being used to ask if they can be positioned away from public footpaths and properties.</p>	Clerk						
11	<p style="text-align: center;">WW2 – 75th anniversary event</p> <p>Availability of The Reid Rooms is limited, and the Parish Council did not feel in a position to organise a large event as they did for the WW1 centenary. After considerable discussion Cllr Turner suggested an informal event with a WW2 themed film in his garden, weather permitting. Residents would be invited to come along with picnics and deck chairs. The logistics of this proposal will be considered further with a final decision being made at the March meeting.</p>	Cllr Philips						
12	<p style="text-align: center;">Highways, Footpaths and Transport</p> <p>12.1 The Clerk continues to chase County Cllr Susan Barker for assistance on clearing the footpaths along the A1060 of vegetation.</p> <p>12.2 There was a lengthy discussion on highway flooding following the recent high levels of rain. Water is continuing to flood onto the lower end of Marks Hall Lane and the culverts on the A1060 appear to be blocked further slowing the movement of water between Marks Hall Lane and Garnish Hall. The concerns of residents along the A1060 who experienced flooding in their gardens was also noted. The Clerk will report the blocked culverts.</p>	Cllr Philips Clerk						
13	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Crisp proposed the following cheque be issued; this was seconded by Cllr Philips with all in agreement.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary December and January 2020 plus expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 119.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Turner (Tea, coffee, sundries for the Christmas Village Tea)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 72.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reid Rooms (Farmhouse hire for meetings 2019)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 108.00</td> </tr> </table>	Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary December and January 2020 plus expenses)	£ 119.56	Chris Turner (Tea, coffee, sundries for the Christmas Village Tea)	£ 72.38	Reid Rooms (Farmhouse hire for meetings 2019)	£ 108.00	Clerk
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13.2	A grant request for £800 has been received from Margaret Roding Parochial Church Council towards the insurance cost of the parish church. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the legislation and guidance on making grants to churches, after considering Cllr Briggs proposed that given the historic pattern of assisting the church and the fact this is the oldest building in the village and the only community space remaining, that the Parish Council awards a grant of £800, this was seconded by Cllr Philips with all in agreement.	Clerk
14	Items for next Agenda Nothing in addition to the items identified as carrying forward.	
15	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17 th March 2020 at 7.30pm at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms. The meeting finished at 8.50pm.	

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