

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 6th October 2020, via Zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions

Present

Cllr Peter Briggs
 Cllr Lee Cooper (Chairman)
 Cllr Ian Crisp
 Cllr Simon Phillips
 Cllr Lorraine Player
 Cllr Chris Turner (from item 10)
 Clerk Allison Ward

Residents and Visitors 0 residents

1	Apologies for absence	
	None	
2	Declaration of Interest for this meeting	
	None	
3	Public Forum	
	None.	
4	Minutes	
	Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 7 th July 2020 were proposed by Cllr Briggs as a true record, seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement. The minutes will be signed when the Parish Council can meet face to face.	
5	County and District Cllr Report	
	None	
6	Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence	
6.1	The clerk circulated information from the leader of Essex County Council providing information to support the proposed Government White Paper to begin to reform local councils in 'two-tier' County Council areas. The Parish Council awaits further information and the white paper before discussing.	
6.2	Uttlesford has sent notification requesting Parish Councils submit expressions of interest for tree planting on any land they own; there is no land in Parish Council ownership.	
6.3	The Clerk circulated to Cllrs a 'Vision for Easton Park' from the Stop Easton Park Group.	

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6.4	The Clerk circulated information to Cllrs on the consultation on LGA changes to Code of Conduct. Cllrs were invited to respond should they wish, the consultation closed on 17 August.	
7	Councillor's Updates	
7.1	Environment and Health – Nothing to report	
7.2	Transport – Nothing to report	
7.3	Communication – The timeframes for Gigaclear remain unclear. The Parish Council note a new box has been installed at Leaden Roding. They continue to monitor progress.	
7.4	Local Government – Nothing to report	
8	Planning	
8.1	Applications The following application was received between meetings and Cllrs had no comments. Application No UTT/20/2100/FUL Location Garnish Hall, Chelmsford Road Development Section 73A Retrospective application for the continued use of a converted outbuilding as a self-contained residential annexe	
8.2	Decisions - None	
9	Government Consultations	
9.1	Cllr Briggs outlined the key points in the government white paper, 'Planning for the Future'. The meeting was of the view it was more appropriate for the District Council to respond, however if there were any specific points raised in the Uttlesford response where local support would be welcome, the Parish Council would consider submitting a 'supportive' response.	
9.2	The meeting considered the government consultation on management of pavement parking, it concluded this is not an issue for Margaret Roding and no response will be submitted. <i>Cllr Turner arrives</i>	
10	Highways and Footpaths	
10.1	Uttlesford Highways Panel applications for 2021/22. The Parish Council agreed to submit two applications for consideration, 1. Speed limit reductions - From 60mph to 40mph; Peppers Green to existing 40mph zone and from existing 40mph zone to Leaden Roding 30mph zone. Speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph in current Margaret Roding centre. Application to be supported by pending application for sand/gravel extraction site Good Easter/Roxwell border. 2. Replacement of kerbs from Peppers Green to Ongar Road where the road surface is now level with the kerbing.	Clerk

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10.2	Cllr Crisp provided information for the Clerk to respond to a request from County Cllr Susan Barker for information on potholes for the repair scheme. Information was submitted for works along the Ongar Road between Waples Mill and the A1060.	
10.3	The clerk continues to chase Cllr Barker for help on resolving the problems with overgrown vegetation along the A1060 footpaths, particularly an issue from Marks Hall Lane to White Hall and there are some spots where pedestrians are forced into the highway in order to get passed.	Clerk
11	Stansted Airport Appeal – Reference APP/C1570/W/20/3256619	
	The meeting noted that at the end of July Manchester Airports Group lodged an appeal against Uttlesford's refusal of its 2018 Planning Application. The appeal will now be a Public Inquiry starting in January 2021 and scheduled for 40 days.	
12	Parish Clerk Salary Increase	
	The Clerk is paid in accordance with the national pay scales for Parish Clerks. Cllr Cooper proposed that the Clerk's salary is increased in accordance with the recently agreed pay scales with effect from 1 April 2020, from £9.96 to £10.24. This was seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in agreement.	
13	Finance	
13.1	Cllr Briggs proposed the following cheques be issued; this was seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement.	Clerk
	Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary August and September 2020 plus expenses) £ 128.80 Friends of Rodings Primary School (see item 13.4) £ 100.00	
13.2	The second precept instalment of £1,000 has been received from Uttlesford.	
13.3	The Clerk presented the accounts for the period April to September 2020 including an updated estimate for 2020/21; these were accepted by the Parish Council. The closing cash position as of September 2020 was £8,083.	
13.4	Cllr Phillips proposed a grant of £100 be made to Friends of Rodings Primary School in support of the work they do to provide additional resources and given they are unable to fund raise in the normal way. This was seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in agreement.	Clerk
14	Items for next Agenda	
	Future date for litter pick	
15	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 24 th November 2020 at 7.30pm. This meeting will take place via Zoom.	
	The meeting finished at 8.20pm.	

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