

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

Present

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

Residents and Visitors 0 residents

1	None.	Apologies for absence	
2	None.	Declaration of Interest for this meeting	
3	None.	Public Forum	
4	Minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 27 th November 2018 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.		
5	None.	County and District Cllr Report	
6	Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence		
6.1	The Clerk has requested PRoW markers which Cllr Turner has agreed to put in place where existing signs are missing.		Clerk
6.2	A response is pending from The Reid Rooms on whether they will consider a village defibrillator on site.		Clerk
6.3	Some overhanging vegetation has been cut back by landowners to allow easier walking access along the A1060 footpath, however the Parish Council felt in some places this was not sufficient and that there were further areas in need trimming, in particular as the route along the A1060 is a school working route.		Clerk
7	Cllrs Reports		
7.1	Environment and Health – A village litter pick will take place on Saturday 9 th March 2019, meeting at 11am at The Gossetts car park.		Cllr Phillips

Signed
 Lee Cooper
 Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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7.2	<p>Transport – Essex County Council (ECC) are currently consulting until 22nd March, on the evening and Sunday bus services it funds. This includes the 59 Sunday service which runs along the A1060 on a Sunday. The Parish Council agreed to respond to part 2 and 3 of the consultation. In part 2 the Parish Council supports a service that meets the needs of bus users whilst at the same time being costs effective, i.e. smaller vehicles. In part 3 the Parish Council does not support the devolution of services as these generally cross numerous parish boundaries and the only body able to look across borders is ECC.</p>	Clerk
7.3	<p>Communication – County Broadband are holding a public meeting at Good Easter Village Hall on Wednesday 30th January to discuss their proposals for a fibre broadband solution in the surrounding area.</p>	Cllr Briggs
7.4	<p>Local Government - reminder that the March meeting will be the final meeting of this term for Parish Cllrs. Residents interested in standing for the next four-year term are asked to contact the Clerk for further information and an application pack.</p>	
8	Planning	
8.1	Applications - None.	
8.2	Decisions - None	
9	Budget 2019/20 and Financial Update 2018/19	
	<p>The Clerk presented the quarterly finances for the period April to December 2018 and these were accepted by the Parish Council. They confirm a cash balance at the end of December of £7,669.</p>	
	<p>The Parish Council considered the budget for 2019/20 which includes a provision for the May 2019 Parish Council elections. Cllr Cooper proposed a precept of £2,000 which is a 5% (£100) reduction when compared to 2018/19. Cllrs felt it was important that the precept covered the cost of general expenditure and the reserves estimated at c.£7k would be reduced through projects currently being considered and including a defibrillator and VAS sign. This was seconded by Cllr Crisp with all in agreement.</p>	
11	Highways, Footpaths and Transport	
	<p>Overhanging vegetation which continues to be an issue in some places was discussed until item 6.3.</p>	
12	Finance	
	<p>Cllr Crisp proposed the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in agreement.</p>	
	Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary and office expenses)	£ 116.76

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Lee Cooper
Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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13	Items for next Agenda Nothing in addition.	
14	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 19 th March 2019 at 7.30pm in The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms. The meeting finished at 8.20pm	

ALLISON WARD
Clerk to Margaret Roding Parish Council

Signed
Lee Cooper
Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council