

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council
held on Tuesday 19th March 2019, at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

Present

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

Residents and Visitors 0 residents

1	Apologies for absence	
	Were received from Cllr Chris Turner and accepted by the Parish Council.	
2	Declaration of Interest for this meeting	
	None.	
3	Public Forum	
	None.	
4	Minutes	
	Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 22 nd January 2019 were proposed by Cllr Cooper as a true record, seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in agreement. The Chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.	
5	County and District Cllr Report	
	None.	
6	Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence	
6.1	The Chelmer Cycling Club will be holding its annual cycling road race on Sunday, 7 th April 2019.	
6.2	The Reid Rooms confirmed they would be happy to house a community, public access defibrillator on site and the Clerk was asked to write thanking them for the offer. The Parish Council discussed again the location issues, it remains concerned that the Reid Rooms will not provide reasonable, timely access to the majority of Margaret Roding residents in an emergency. Cllr Cooper suggested before a final commitment to the location is made, that the decision by Thames Water to refuse permission for the equipment on the pumping station is escalated to the MP to see if there are any government incentives or interventions that may overrule or help persuade Thames Water to change their position. The Clerk was also asked to contact a local landowner to see if there was any possibility of placing the equipment on open land at the junction of Marks Hall Lane and the A1060. It was agreed to put	Clerk

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	on hold a final decision until responses have been received to the questions raised.	
6.3	The PRow markers have been received and will be passed to Cllr Turner for installing.	Cllr Turner
7	Cllrs Reports	
7.1	Environment and Health – The Parish Council is very grateful to all those who helped with the village litter pick on 9 th March, the support from residents and Cllrs on the day and outside this time slot, ensured the whole village could be covered.	
7.2	Transport – Nothing to report	
7.3	Communication – There is a re-arranged County Broadband public meeting at Good Easter Village Hall on Wednesday 3 rd April to discuss their proposals for a fibre broadband solution in the surrounding area. Parish Cllrs agreed there was little point in attending this meeting. Recent developments have confirmed the Good Easter exchange is now fibre enabled and properties closest to Good Easter in the east of the parish have access to fibre broadband, this has also resulted in improvements for a number of residents in the centre of the village. The plans for Gigaclear to fibre enable the remaining areas of the village in late 2019/early 2020 continue as planned.	
7.4	Local Government – Residents interested in standing for the next four-year term of the Parish Council are asked to contact the Clerk for further information and an application pack. The nomination process is open from 23 rd March until 4pm on Wednesday 3 rd April	
8	Planning	
8.1	Applications - None.	
8.2	Decisions - None	
9	St Margaret's, Margaret Roding	
	In line with Parish Council budgets, the Clerk had received a request from St Margaret's church for a grant of £800 towards the church insurance. Cllr Briggs proposed that the grant is paid, (in accordance with the Essex Act 1987 section 48), this was seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement.	Clerk
11	Highways, Footpaths and Transport	
	Nothing to report	
12	Finance	
	Cllr Crisp proposed the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in agreement.	Clerk
	Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary and expenses) £ 123.72	

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13	<p style="text-align: center;">Items for next Agenda</p> <p>Approval of Annual Accounts and Governance Statements for the year ending March 2019.</p>	
14	<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 7th May 2019, please note change of date due to non-availability of the Reid Rooms. This will include the Annual Village Meeting starting at 7.30pm and will be followed by the Annual General Parish Council Meeting; all residents are welcome to attend all or part of the meetings.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 8.20pm.</p>	

ALLISON WARD
Clerk to Margaret Roding Parish Council

Signed
 Lee Cooper
 Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council