

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th July 2019, at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

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

Residents and Visitors 0 residents

	Apologies for absence	
1	Were received from Cllr Lee Cooper and Chris Turner and accepted by the Parish Council. The meeting was chaired by the vice-chairman.	
	Declaration of Interest for this meeting	
2	None.	
	Public Forum	
3	None.	
	Minutes	
4	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 7 th May 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.	
	County and District Cllr Report	
5	No report available.	
	Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence	
6.1	Information has been received re plans for the 75 th anniversary of the end of WW2, events are planned from 8 th May to 10 th May 2020. The Parish Council is keen to explore the possibility of a village event; however, the Clerk was asked to check availability of the Reid Rooms before any plans are considered.	Clerk
6.2	Quotes were obtained for the Parish Council insurance, BHIB £207.09 excluding assets, Came and Co £218 and Zurich the existing insurers £206.08 including £10k of assets. As the existing insurers Zurich, offered the lowest price and widest cover, this has been accepted and the policy renewed from 1 st June 2019.	
	Cllrs Reports	
7.1	Environment and Health – Cllr Crisp read a note from a resident concerned with the safety issues due to a lack of verge cutting on the Margaret Roding stretch of the A1060. The resident goes on to highlight how the A1060 up to the Chelmsford/Uttlesford border was cut	Clerk

Signed
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<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p>earlier in the season, but no cutting has been completed in the Uttlesford stretch. The Clerk was asked to contact County Cllr Susan Barker for assistance.</p> <p>Transport – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Communication – The Parish Council continues to monitor the plans for the Gigaclear rollout which suggest the infrastructure will be in place by late 2019.</p> <p>Local Government – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning</p> <p>8.1 Applications - None.</p> <p>8.2 Decisions</p> <p>Application No UTT/18/2953/CLE Location The Old Piggery, Marks Hall Lane Development Existing use of Block D (The Old Piggery) as 20 no. individual residential (studio) units within Class C3 (Dwelling houses). Decision Approve Certificate of Lawfulness</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bird Scarers</p> <p>Over recent months the Parish Council has been concerned with the use of bird scarers which this year appear to be louder, more frequent and closer to village homes. Of particular concern has been the use of banger ropes positioned close to public rights of way. The Parish Council spoke to the farm manager about its concerns, however little changed and the disturbance continued with scarers going off from 5.45am until late into the evening.</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the guidance issued by the National Farmers Union (NFU) and is of the view there are steps that could be taken to lessen the nuisance to local residents. The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner highlighting the concerns and options under the guidance and asking for information to be made available in the future to the Parish Council ahead of any planned use of scarers. This will enable information to be shared with residents and any concerns addressed or minimised. The Clerk was also asked to contact Uttlesford Environmental Health to understand what actions could be taken when disturbance is caused and NFU guidelines appear not to be followed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Defibrillator</p> <p>A planned meeting due to take place on 9th July was cancelled by Thames Water at the last minute, after they confirmed <i>‘the pumping station would not be an appropriate place for the defibrillator to be attached. This decision comes after recent vandalism to other pumping station boxes. These boxes are expensive to replace, that coupled with the financial challenges that Thames Water is currently facing means that we cannot currently consider this proposal’</i></p> <p>The Parish Council reconsidered the proposals offered by Martin Ritchie with Cllr Crisp proposing that the offer to place the defibrillator on the external wall of 2 Old School Cottages is accepted subject to agreement from the landowner and a suitable agreement</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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