Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 26th November 2019, at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

Present

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

Residents and Visitors   0 residents

	The meeting was opened by the Chairman. The Parish Council acknowledged the death of Jane Parsons and offered sincere condolences to the Parsons family. As well as living in Margaret Roding, Jane was an active member of the community, organising, supporting and taking part in events and village life; she will be sorely missed.	
1	**Apologies for absence** Received from Cllr Lorraine Player 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 1st October 2019 were proposed by Cllr Cooper as a true record, seconded by Cllr Crisp with all in agreement. The Chairman signed the minutes.	
5	**County and District Cllr Report** County and District Cllr Susan Barker sent her apologies to the meeting.	
6 **6.1**	**Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence** A response from the property owner re the proposal for electricity costs in relation to the defibrillator are pending.	Clerk

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6.2	As a result of the forthcoming election, Uttlesford has advised that the Planning Inspectors report on the soundness and legality of the Local Plan will be delayed until early 2020.	
7	**Cllrs Reports**	
7.1	Environment and Health – A village litter pick is planned for the morning of Saturday 14th March 2020.	Cllr Philips
7.2	Transport – Arriva have acknowledged receipt of the Parish Councils enquiry as to whether there are plans to extend the 59 service later into the evening. The request has been passed to the commercial and planning teams for their consideration at the next service review.	-
7.3	Communication – Nothing to report	
7.4	Local Government – The Parish Council noted the General Election that will take place on 12th December; the Reid Rooms will provide the polling station for the parish.	
8	**Planning**	
8.1	**Applications** - None	-
8.2	**Decisions** Application UTT/19/2024/PAQ3 Location Farm Building at Marks Hall, Marks Hall Lane Development Prior Notification of change of use of agricultural building to 5 no. dwellings Decision Approved	
8.3	Following the public consultation in early October, the Parish Council sent a response setting out its objections to the proposed minerals extraction site at Roxwell. Information was shared between the three Parish Councils which border the site and there is consensus to work collectively as the formal application progresses, as yet no formal application has been validated. The Parish Council considered the request from a resident asking if it would consider engaging a planning consultant to assist in responding to the formal application. The Parish Council acknowledged that this is not something they could achieve on their own and that previously Roxwell Parish Council has worked with consultants in objecting to the site. The Clerk was asked to contact Roxwell Parish Council in the first instance to establish their position and any advice on its experience from using consultants.	Clerk
9	**Margaret Roding Parish Council Website** Following the announcement that 'essexinfo' the host and web-builder service used by the Parish Council is due to close at the end of March 2020, Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) issued a list of potential replacement providers; all these solutions	Clerk

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	would incur costs for development and hosting a site. In addition, EALC has sent notification that 'voice' have secured some funding to keep e-voice.org.uk running into the future as a non-profit company. 'Voice' uses the same platform as 'essexinfo' and provides free websites for community, not-for-profit and voluntary groups. It is possible to transfer most of the existing data to the new provider and the 'look and feel' would continue, although the same limitations would exist including in terms of support. The Parish Council discussed how it uses its current website and was in agreement that the requirement is for a basic information site only. As a result, Cllr Briggs proposed that the Parish Council moves its current website from 'essexinfo' to 'voice', this was seconded by Cllr Crisp with all in agreement.	
10	**Parish Council Meetings 2020** Subject to venue availability, the following dates were agreed for Parish Council meetings in 2020; Clerk to book the Reid Rooms. Tuesday 21st January Tuesday 17th March Tuesday 12th May Tuesday 7th July Tuesday 6th October Tuesday 24th November	Clerk
11	**Christmas Village Tea** Further to a request from the parish church, the Parish Council agreed to take responsibility for the post carol service village tea at the Reid Rooms. The Parish Council agreed to produce and distribute flyers, post on facebook and generally encourage residents to attend. The Parish Council are very grateful to the Reid Rooms for offering the venue and 'nibbles' and to Sue Crisp for the offer of music for the event. The Clerk and Cllr Turner to meet with the Reid Rooms to confirm arrangements.	Clerk & Cllr Turner
12	**WW2 – 75th anniversary event** C/Fwd to January meeting.	Clerk
13	**Highways, Footpaths and Transport**	
13.1	Outstanding is the issue with the overgrown laurel bush at the junction of Marks Hall Lane and The Gossetts.	Cllr Philips
13.2	The Clerk continues to seek help from County Cllr Barker to improve the access along the A1060 footpath, with the removal of the grass and cutting back the vegetation.	Clerk

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14	**Finance**	
14.1	Cllr Crisp proposed the following cheque be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Philips with all in agreement. Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary October and November plus expenses) £ 119.56	Clerk
15	**Items for next Agenda** Budget and precept for 2020/21 WW2 – 75th anniversary event In advance of the 2020 season, use of gas guns close to residential properties	
16	**Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms. The meeting finished at 8.30pm.	

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