

# Margaret Roding Parish Council

## MINUTES

### Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

This meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and was re-arranged due to the period of national mourning following the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The parish council joins with the nation in expressing its sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and records its condolences to the Royal Family.

#### Present

Cllr Peter Briggs  
Cllr Lee Cooper (chair)  
Cllr Ian Crisp  
Cllr Simon Phillips  
Clerk Allison Ward

County and District Cllr Susan Barker (leaving after agenda item 5)

#### Residents and Visitors

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<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Apologies were sent by Cllr Lorraine Player and Cllr Chris Turner and accepted by the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest for this meeting</b>	
	None	
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 were proposed by Cllr Cooper as a true record, seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement; the Chairman signed the minutes.	
<b>5</b>	<b>County and District Cllr Report</b>	
	<p>Two items to note from the District Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further delays to the Local Plan and Regulation 18 which sets out the proposed sites and policies, this will not be publicly consulted on until 2023, a new timetable is pending. The reason for the withdrawal is the evidence supporting the plan is not felt to be strong enough, Cllr Barker commented that this is not a satisfactory position to be in.</li> <li>2. A partnership between Uttlesford and the Norse Group manages and maintain the 3,000 homes in Uttlesford's housing stock; the council is concerned with the service being received and is reviewing.</li> </ol> <p>Reporting on Essex County Council, Cllr Baker confirmed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The council is experiencing extreme pressure on spending due to cost of borrowing, fuel prices, pressures on wages and pensions.</li> </ol>	

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	<p>2. Essex has been chosen as one of 38 investment areas in last week's mini budget and whether we get more funding we will have to wait and see.</p> <p>Cllr Briggs asked if the Local Plan was ever likely to be completed, Cllr Barker commented that it remains to be seen whether the government steps in.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper expressed frustration on the state of the vegetation encroaching verges, pavements, ditches, and roads etc. The meeting was especially concerned with the footpath along the A1060 which is a deemed a school walking route. Cllr Barker agreed to raise with Uttlesford Highways Rangers to see if works could be completed under their remit, the Clerk suggested in the past the Rangers would not work in a 60mph zone,</p> <p>Essex Ride London has confirmed the event for 2023 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, one day only this year. The route will be similar to this year and include the districts of Chelmsford, Uttlesford and Epping. Feedback following this year's event will result in improvements to signage and more notice/information for residents. Cllrs added that local signage provided information that the road was closed but was not specific about where that closure was, Cllr Barker to forward this information in discussions.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p> <p><b>6.2</b></p> <p><b>6.3</b></p> <p><b>6.4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence</b></p> <p>The clerk circulated information on the renewal of external auditors. The meeting supported the clerk's suggestion that Margaret Roding parish council remains in the central procurement service and does not appoint its own external auditor.</p> <p>Uttlesford officially confirmed further delays to the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation which was due to be begin in the Autumn. Details were circulated to Cllrs and further information is available on the Uttlesford website. Uttlesford will issue a new timetable later this year.</p> <p>Uttlesford has been successful in its funding bid to produce a district-wide design code. This will be planning document used by local people, planning officers and developers in the preparation and assessment of planning applications for new development. The aim will be to improve the design quality of new developments in the district. See this link for further information and how to get involved, <a href="http://www.uttlesforddesigncode.co.uk/">www.uttlesforddesigncode.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Town and Parish Councils have been notified that Uttlesford has made a self-referral for possible breaches of the Home Standard, to the Regulator of Social Housing. This relates to the ongoing and unresolved concerns that the high standards of inspection (and where necessary, remedial works) on two key health and safety indicators cannot properly be demonstrated.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Councillor's Updates</b></p> <p>Environment and Health - Cllr Player has organised defibrillator training for the community on Monday 17 October at 7.00pm in the Reid Rooms. The Clerk will print flyers for distribution with Parish News and for general distribution by Cllrs as appropriate. A post advertising the event will be added to the village Facebook page.</p> <p>Transport - From 22 September DigiGo (the rural bus service) is extended to combine the two trial areas and extended to include Great Dunmow and some additional villages. The southern boundary remains the A1060, however residents can use the service providing they are picked up and dropped off within the boundary.</p> <p>Communication – Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllrs</p>

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7.4	Local Government – Nothing to report.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Applications</b></p> <p>To note the deadline for the following application has passed, however a decision is pending by Uttlesford.</p> <p>Application      UTT/22/2268/HHF  Development      Single storey side and rear extension with internal alterations  Location            Hornes, Peppers Green</p> <p>Cllr Briggs proposed no comment on this application, this was seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement.</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Decisions</b></p> <p>The following application was received between meetings, the parish council had no comments.</p> <p>Application      UTT/22/2065/HHF &amp; UTT/22/1983/LB  Development      Extension to existing annexe building  Location            Garnish Hall, Chelmsford Road  Decision            Refused</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Highways</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	The worst of the potholes along Ongar Road between A1060 and Waples Mill have been reported via County Cllr Susan Barker as part of the Cllrs 'pot-hole budget'. A date for repairs is pending.	
<b>9.2</b>	The clerk continues in correspondence with Essex enforcement team over lack of maintenance of the ditches in front of Oxford College Cottages.	Clerk
<b>9.3</b>	The clerk has contacted the landowner to request the hedging either side of the bus stop (Chelmsford bound) is cut due to poor visibility for those using the bus stop, and the roadside vegetation as you turn into Shorts Farm Road from A1060. They have confirmed this will be completed in the next few weeks.	Clerk
<b>9.4</b>	Cllr Cooper provided a further report to the meeting identifying overhanging vegetation from both residents' gardens and farmland that are restricting the footpath width along the A1060 from Peppers Green to Leaden Roding. Some stretches south of Marks Hall Lane are included in the issues mentioned in point 5, Cllrs also noted that whilst residents are maintaining their hedging, it is accepted that in some cases the hedging is still over the footpath. The Clerk will pull together a plan of requests and suggested actions for Cllrs to approve before further action is taken.	Clerk
<b>10</b>	<b>Parish Projects</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	Defibrillator – This has now been installed in The Gossett's car park and registered for use on The Circuit which is the national database of defibrillators and the point of reference for the ambulance service. A grant to cover the cost of the defibrillator was received from Rodings School defib fund, the Clerk has written to both the school thanking them for their support and to	

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10.2	<p>Uttlesford District Council for their help in providing the frame and allowing the equipment to be placed on their land.</p> <p>VAS sign – Cllr Cooper and the Clerk to complete a survey to confirm whether it is feasible to place a sign on the A1060 at the entrance to the parish Chelmsford bound, given the specification required by Essex Highways.</p>	Clerk/ Cllr Cooper				
11	<b>Finance</b>					
11.1	The Clerk confirmed receipts from Rodings Primary School, grant for the defibrillator £1,340.82 and from Uttlesford District Council for the second precept instalment, £1,032.50.					
11.2	<p>Cllr Cooper proposed the following cheques be issued; this was seconded by Cllr Crisp with all in agreement.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Allison Ward (Parish Clerk for August to September 2022)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 124.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allison Ward (2x Flood signs inc VAT)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 82.21</td> </tr> </table>		Allison Ward (Parish Clerk for August to September 2022)	£ 124.62	Allison Ward (2x Flood signs inc VAT)	£ 82.21
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12	<b>Items for next Agenda</b>					
	Nothing to add at this stage.					
13	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>					
	<p>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>					

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