

# MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the **Ordinary meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council** which will be held at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms on **Monday 29 November 2022 at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

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## AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING**
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM** – There will be 15 minutes available for the Public to speak on issues relating to this agenda or any issue of local concern. None
- 4. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 26 September 2022 for approval and signature.
- 5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**
- 6. CLERK’S PROGRESS UPDATE/CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED FOR CONSIDERATION**
  - 6.1. Uttlesford has sent notification of their intention to confirm their resolution dated 31st January 1989 to adopt Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1976, at their cabinet meeting in December. The legislation requires Uttlesford to notify Town and Parish Councils and for them to record receipt in their meeting minutes. Part II of the Act allows Uttlesford, among other things, to prosecute minicab drivers and operators for a number of offences.
  - 6.2. Uttlesford has issued various correspondence which has been circulated to the parish council on the Local Plan including a revised timetable which would see a Regulation 18 consultation on proposed sites and policies in the summer of 2023.
  - 6.3. Essex libraries are open year-round for residents, Warm Welcomes will offer further opportunities for residents to visit libraries in order to keep warm, get advice and information and stay connected with others this winter. Please see Essex website or contact the Clerk for further information.
- 7. COUNCILLOR’S UPDATES** to include Cllrs responsibilities.
  - 7.1. Environment and Health
    - 7.1.1. A successful village defibrillator training took place on Monday 17 October at the Reid Rooms. The parish council records its thanks to Cllr Player for organizing and to the Reid Rooms for allowing the use of their venue.
    - 7.1.2. There is a recall for software upgrades on certain iPad SP1 defibrillators, this may affect the one recently purchased for Margaret Roding. The Clerk and Cllr Phillips are investigating.
  - 7.2. Transport
    - 7.2.1. Transport East (covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex) have launched their first Rural Mobility Survey. Clerk has completed subject to agreement by the Parish Council, most of the information is factual. Clerk to circulate response ahead of meeting, deadline is 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### 7.3. Communication

7.3.1. Digital Essex is Essex County Council's new central body for countywide digital initiatives, working in collaboration with their partners to help boost digital connectivity and tackle digital exclusion. See this link for further information, [www.superfastessex.org/digitalessex](http://www.superfastessex.org/digitalessex) In response to the cost-of-living crisis, households may be eligible for social broadband tariffs (possible yearly saving of £144).

### 7.4. Local Government

7.4.1. The boundary commission for England is consulting on final proposals for parliamentary boundary changes. No change is proposed for Margaret Roding which would remain in the Saffron Walden Constituency. The consultation is open to responses until 5 December.

## 8. PLANNING

### 8.1. Applications

The following application is made under permitted development for the conversion of redundant farm buildings to dwellings and is subject to a decision in law.

Application	UTT/22/2950/PAQ3
Development	Prior Notification of change of use of agricultural building to 5 no. dwellings
Location	Buildings at Marks Hall

The following application is a certificate of lawfulness, it seeks to legalise the conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling which occurred in 2016 and has been let since this date.

Application	UTT/22/2981/CLE
Development	Conversion of existing agricultural building to a residential dwelling
Location	Silo 1, Marks Hall

### 8.2. Decisions

The following application was received between meetings, the parish council had no comments.

Application	UTT/22/2268/HHF
Development	Single storey side and rear extension with internal alterations
Location	Hornes, Peppers Green
Decision	Conditional Approval

## 9. HIGHWAYS

- 9.1. In response to requests, Essex Highways have confirmed vegetation cut-backs for low footfall rural paths are out of scope for repair. Budgetary constraints mean they will only repair category 1 issues and insurance related matters. The clerk has sent further correspondence to Cllr Barker and Cllr Lee Scott the lead at Essex Highways. Further correspondence has been sent by Cllr Barker on behalf of several of her ward councils who have similar issues, a response to this latest correspondence is pending.
- 9.2. The clerk continues in correspondence with Essex Highways over lack of maintenance of the ditches in front of Oxford College Cottages, this is currently with their enforcement team.
- 9.3. The worst of the potholes along Ongar Road between A1060 and Waples Mill have been repaired.
- 9.4. The landowner has cut back the hedges either side of the bus stop and alongside Margaret Roding woods.
- 9.5. The clerk has escalated the lack of response from Essex Highways to the log for the pedestrian sign along Marks Hall Lane which has been lying on the verge for most of 2022. A response is pending.

- 9.6. Essex Highways via the Local Highways Panel has sent the proposal for the scheme to install bend warning sign with a max speed subplate on the A1060 in Margaret Roding. The parish council replied via email with a query on position and this has been responded to. Further details of the installation are pending.
- 9.7. The parish council has chased for drain maintenance along the A1060 and been advised this should take place in November/December 2022.

**10. UPDATE ON PARISH PROEJCTS**

10.1.VAS sign – The Clerk and Cllr Cooper carried out the survey to submit to Essex Highways.

**11. FINANCE**

11.1.To consider a grant to Essex Air Ambulance.

11.2.To receive the financial statements as at end of October 2022, including a provisional budget for 2023/24 ahead of precept discussions at the next meeting.

11.3.Cheques for approval at this meeting

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward (Parish Clerk for October and November 2022)	£ 124.62

**12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** – Agreement of precept for 2023/24

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms.

**TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING**

*Allison Ward*

Allison Ward, Parish Clerk  
24 November 2022