

# Margaret Roding Parish Council

## MINUTES

### Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

**Present** Cllr Lee Cooper (chair)  
Cllr Ian Crisp  
Clerk Allison Ward

**Residents and Visitors** 0 resident

<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Briggs (illness), Cllr Simon Phillips (personal), Cllr Lorraine Player (work), Cllr Chris Turner (illness).</p> <p>As the meeting was not quorate no business could be transacted and the meeting was abandoned.</p> <p>Those present ran through the agenda items and notes are attached to these minutes.</p>

Signed  
Lee Cooper  
Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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## NOTES FROM MEETING HELD 29 NOVEMBER 2022

The notes follow the published agenda and exclude any matters where decisions are required, these are carried forward to the next meeting.

2. **Declaration of Interests** - not applicable.
3. **Public Forum** – not applicable
4. **Minutes of parish council meeting of 26 September 2022**, carried forward to January meeting.
5. **County and District Councillors Report** - County and District Cllr Susan Barker sent apologies to the meeting.
6. **Clerk's Progress Report**
  - 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.
  - 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. 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**
  - 7.1. Environment and Health
    - 7.1.1. A successful village defibrillator training event took place on Monday 17 October at the Reid Rooms. The parish council records its thanks to Cllr Player for organising, to Sam the paramedic for leading the session 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. (Post meeting confirmed the software version is 2.01 which is not one of those affected).
  - 7.2. Transport
    - 7.2.1. Transport East (covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex) have launched their first Rural Mobility Survey. It was noted a late bus service for those going out in the evenings would be beneficial.
  - 7.3. Communication
    - 7.3.1. Digital Essex is Essex County Council's new central body for countywide digital initiatives, It was noted there are still some parts of Margaret Roding that are not connected to fibre wifi.

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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 (c. yearly saving of £144).

7.3.2 It has been suggested the parish council has a Cllrs 'Whatsapp' group as an alternative to email. Cllrs present were supportive, carry forward to January meeting.

## 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. Those present were of the view no response was necessary.

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. Those present were of the view no response was necessary.

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. Essex Highways 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, 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.

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 Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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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 – Carried forward to January meeting.

11.2. The clerk circulated the financial statements as at end of October 2022, including a provisional budget for 2023/24 ahead of precept discussions at the January meeting.

11.3. Cheques for approval at this meeting – Carried forward to January meeting.

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

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 17th January 2023 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms. Meeting dates for 2023 will follow the same pattern as the previous year subject to the availability of the Reid Rooms.