

MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the **Ordinary Parish Council meeting** which will be held in The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms immediately following the Annual Village Meeting which starts at 7.30pm, on **Tuesday 28th November 2023** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are cordially invited to attend.

Signed 

Allison Ward, Clerk/RFO
23rd November 2023

MEETING AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Elected members who are unable to attend the meeting are requested to email the Clerk with their apologies ahead of the meeting.

2. CO-OPTING PARISH COUNCILLORS

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Members to declare interests for items on the agenda.

4. PUBLIC FORUM (Maximum 15 minutes)

Public questions or comments on items on this agenda or of local concern.

5. MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19th September 2023 for approval.

6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

7. CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

7.1. RideLondon 2024 will take place on Sunday 26th May, RideLondon have written to the parish council offering to attend a meeting to outline proposals to support activities in the area, hear suggestions for overall improvements and further develop the Local Access Plans (LAPs) for residents and businesses. Parish council to consider.

7.2. Communication from Stansted Airport Watch about future of organisation, CLLrs training courses, Local Plan correspondence, Autumn transport meetings and rough sleeper count (nil return for Margaret Roding) circulated.

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS to include

8.1. Environment and Health – To record the purchase of a bleed control kit (£94.98 ex VAT) which has been placed in the defibrillator cabinet with the addition of an external cabinet sticker to confirm its existence. The clerk has registered this via the manufacturer, currently there is no central database of bleed control kits. The kit has an expiry date of 2026.

8.2. Transport

8.3. Local Government

9. PLANNING

9.1. New Applications – None

9.2. Decisions - None

10. DRAFT REGULATION 18 LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Uttlesford District Council is consulting on its Regulation 18 Local Plan. This version of the emerging Local Plan sets out Uttlesford's "preferred options" for where new housing and employment sites might be developed in the period to 2041. It also sets out planning policies to guide and support development in the district.

This Local Plan does not provide for a new town in the district during this period and instead provides for extensions to existing settlements to achieve the additional new housing targets required. The Plan sets out a 'hierarchy' which defines four tiers of settlements; Key Settlements, Local Rural Centres/Small Towns, Larger Villages and Small Villages, and each of these has a different scale of new housing and other development associated with it.

Within the hierarchy Margaret Roding is identified as a 'Small Village', this is based on a scoring system which assesses the services and facilities available in each parish. The Plan defines Smaller Villages as those 'with a low level of services and facilities, where any development should be modest and proportionate in scale and primarily to meet local needs.' The Smaller Village hierarchy is sub-divided into two classifications either Smaller Village or Open Countryside. Margaret Roding parish is identified as Open Countryside where the policy states 'Development in open countryside will not be appropriate unless specifically supported by other relevant policies as set out in the Development Plan or national policy.' In addition land identified as Green Belt remains protected, this includes all of Margaret Roding south of the A1060 and extends to Leaden Roding both south and north of the A1060.

The draft plan consists of numerous updated and new policies, it can be viewed at this link, <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/8883/The-Draft-Local-Plan> where it is broken down by chapter. All are encouraged to respond by the deadline of 15th December.

Parish Council to consider its response.

11. HIGHWAYS

11.1. To receive a report on progress with Marks Hall Lane and associated surface water drainage including recording ditch clearance by landowner on the stretch between Margaret Roding woods and the bridge (A1060).

11.2. To consider response from Essex Highways that Marks Hall Lane is de-restricted (60mph) speed limit. To note the Essex Speed Strategy sets the requirements for 30mph on rural roads as 11 or more properties including non-dwellings, along a minimum 350 metres.

11.3. To note the works by Essex Highways in October to clear the overgrown footpath along A1060 from Ongar Road to Leaden Roding.

11.4. Other matters.

12. FUTURE PROJECTS

12.1. Parish working party March 2024

12.2. 80th D-Day celebrations

12.3.VAS sign

13. MEETING DATES for 2024

Proposed dates for 2024 subject to confirmation from The Reid Rooms

Tuesday 16th January

Tuesday 19th March

Tuesday 14th May

Tuesday 16th July

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 19th November

14. FINANCE

14.1. To receive a report on the accounts to end of September 2023.

14.2. To consider the pay award negotiated by NALC and SLCC which would see an increase of 8% to the clerk's hourly rate to £12.42, total impact on budget is an additional £66 for the year 2023/24.

14.3.To consider a grant to Essex & Herts air ambulance.

14.4.To confirm the following payments for authorisation.

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk October and November 2023, plus salary increase	£ tbc
Turtle Engineering Ltd (Allison Ward paid to reimburse) – Bleed kit inc VAT	£ 113.98

15. ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 16th January 2024 (tbc) at 7.30pm in The Farmhouse

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING