

# Margaret Roding Parish Council

## MINUTES

### Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

#### Present

Cllr David Nicoll  
Cllr Richard Parsons  
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chairman)  
Cllr Robert Trundle  
Cllr Chris Turner  
Clerk Allison Ward

1 resident arriving during item 5 and leaving after item 11.1 b/fwd

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Received from Cllr Peter Briggs and accepted by the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest for this meeting</b>	
	None.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	No public present.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 were proposed by Cllr Parsons 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>County and District Cllr Susan Barker reported to the meeting.</p> <p>a. Further to clerk's correspondence, chasing for information on when gullies will be cleared along A1060. The meeting noted the large volume of straw which will block the gullies.</p> <p>b. Apologies about the delays with getting dead deer removed as reported by Cllr Briggs. Information was sent to the wrong team! Feedback has been provided on the parishes request that a system for reporting dead animals is made available in a similar way as other District Councils.</p> <p>c. The clerk has reported the overgrown vegetation on the footpath along the A1060 beyond Ongar Road towards Chelmsford, particularly issues with brambles around the bus stop. Clerk to forward information and images to Cllr Barker.</p> <p><i>Resident arrives</i></p> <p><i>County and District Cllr Barker leaves the meeting</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Phillips requests item 11.1 is brought forward, there are no objections</i></p>	Clerk
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Future Projects – Parish Christmas Event</b>	
	Cllrs have held a planning meeting for this event between parish council meetings. The event will take place on Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December from 4.30pm at the Reid Rooms, there will be no charge	

Signed Simon Phillips  
Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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	<p>for residents. Cllr Phillips asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to Martin Ritchie for providing the Reid Rooms for the event.</p> <p>The meeting was of the view that whilst it was happy to support and promote the church carol service which will be at 3pm on the same day, it was important to keep the two events separate with assigned start times so that residents can choose to attend either or both.</p> <p>Marketing, Clerk to put a 'save the date' notice in October and November Parish News. Cllr Turner to draft flyer with details of the event ready for distribution in early November.</p> <p>Target is 50 residents attending, flyer to include information on booking (clerk to co-ordinate) as whilst the event will be free of charge, numbers will be required for catering, see item 12.</p> <p>Catering, it was agreed to explore whether it was possible to provide a hot meal possibly 'sausage and mash' with Reid Rooms offering to cover drink costs. Aim to sit on long tables rather than round which will allow people to mix better.</p> <p>The event is targeting all ages including young families and it was noted some form of 'entertainment' or 'provision' may need to be provided for children. Further consideration is required. It was agreed to have a pianist to play for c.30 minutes</p> <p>Raffle for charity, further consideration whether this is necessary and manageable.</p> <p>Cllr Phillips proposed a budget of £500 is allocated for the event, this was seconded by Cllr Parsons with all in agreement.</p> <p><i>Resident leaves the meeting.</i></p>	<p>Cllr Turner &amp; Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllrs</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence</b></p> <p>Stansted Airport Watch (SAW) has confirmed the process to convert into a Foundation will be completed by the end of September. SAW will be wound up and the net assets transferred to the SAW Foundation Community Interest Company. They will no longer be a member organisation and there will be no newsletters, website or office services. Noise Complaints will no longer be via the SAW website, but via stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com, with a copy to the local MP as appropriate.</p> <p>There will be no RideLondon events in Essex or London in 2025.</p>	
7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Councillor's Updates</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Environment and Health</b></p> <p>It was noted several residents are carrying out ad-hoc litter picking, the parish council records its thanks for their efforts of this relentless task.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons reported he had cleaned the blue HGV sign on the A1060 and several others.</p> <p>Following a request from a resident regarding overgrown vegetation on footpath 9, Cllr Parsons confirmed he had strimmed the path and spoken to neighbours re obstructions.</p> <p>Cllr Nicholls reported he had strimmed the grass area behind The Gossetts and adjacent to A1060, Cllr Parsons confirmed he had cleared the outlet pipe in this location.</p> <p><b>7.2 Transport – Nothing to report.</b></p> <p><b>7.3 Local Government – Nothing to report.</b></p>	

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<b>8</b>	<b>Planning</b>		
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Applications</b>		
<b>8.2</b>	Application No	UTT/24/2329/CLE	
	Location	Silo 2 Marks Hall Farm	
<b>8.3</b>	Development	Conversion of existing agricultural building to a single residential Dwelling	
	<p>Cllrs noted the above application, and the appeal pending for the same development. As this type of application relates to a matter in law and has been submitted due to the time lapse since the development, the parish council agreed to make no comment.</p> <p><b>Decisions - None</b></p>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation</b>		
	<p>The Clerk attended the Town and Parish Council briefing for this consultation in mid-August. Notes from this meeting and further guidance in relation to the consultation have been circulated and a hard copy of the Local Plan documents are available from the clerk. The meeting noted the extension to the submission deadline, 15<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Cllr Phillips proposed the parish council makes no comments on the regulation 19 consultation, this was seconded by Cllr Turner with all in agreement.</p>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Highways</b>		
<b>10.1</b>	Update on Marks Hall Lane surface water drainage – The clerk continues to chase Kemi Badenock MP for an update.		Clerk
<b>10.2</b>	To note, Essex Highways have reinstalled the pedestrian warning sign outside the Reid Rooms. The Clerk reported obstructions footpath 9 (log reference 2939510), dead deer footpath 10 (log reference 2882887), vegetation on footpath and bus stop layby at Ongar Road (log reference 2940816).		
<b>10.3</b>	Clerk has requested information on annual gully clearance along A1060 from County Cllr Barker.		Clerk
<b>10.4</b>	Request from resident re vegetation clearance from signs and footpath, resolved by Cllrs see item 7.1.		
<b>11</b>	<b>Future Projects</b>		
<b>11.2</b>	Cllr Trundle has liaised with the Men’s Shed, Hatfield Heath who have refurbished the Village Notice board, this has now been returned and current information posted by Cllr Parsons. Cost of works £100.		
<b>11.3</b>	Cllrs discussed the VAS sign and agreed the proposed location on the post as you enter the 40mph speed limit from Chelmsford is not suitable given the high level of vegetation and the need for solar power. Cllrs were of the view there are existing posts in front of properties along this stretch that may be suitable, Clerk to progress.		Clerk
<b>11.4</b>	Clerk has received notification from The Circuit that the pads on the defibrillator are due to expire, Cllr Parsons to confirm.		Cllr Parsons
<b>12</b>	<b>Parish Council Email Account</b>		
	The meeting agreed to a temporary account ‘infomrpc@gmail.com’ which will ensure an account is in place for the Christmas party event.		Clerk

