

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 Reid Rooms** on **WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2025** 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.

Signed 

Allison Ward, Clerk/RFO
10th January 2025

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. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Members to declare interests for items on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM (Maximum 15 minutes)

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

4. MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19th November 2024 for approval

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

6. CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Uttlesford confirmed the Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 18th December. The Secretary of State will now appoint a Planning Inspector to review and assess.

Footpath sign at footpath 42, opposite Greys, Ongar Road reported to Essex Highways (log reference 2956637)

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS to include.

7.1. Environment and Health – to agree a date for the Spring litter pick 2025.

7.2. Transport

7.3. Local Government – Cllr Briggs met with the local policing team on 8th December when they conducted local patrols in Margaret Roding parish.

8. PLANNING

8.1. New Applications – None

8.2. Decisions

Application No	UTT/24/2737/CLE
Location	Church Cottage, Chelmsford Road
Development	Existing use of Garage/Store building ancillary to Church Cottage
Decision	Approve Certificate of Lawfulness

9. HIGHWAYS

- 9.1. To note the meeting arranged by Kemi Badenochs office on 17th January with Essex Highways and Thames Water to discuss resolutions to issue with Marks Hall Lane and associated surface water drainage. Cllrs to confirm who is available to attend.
- 9.2. To record December flooding issues at Marks Hall Lane/A1060.
- 9.3. To note repairs by Essex Highways to Ongar Road due to take place w/c 13th January 2025.

10. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

To consider Essex police criteria for community speedwatch and if this is viable project to pursue for Margaret Roding.

11. PROJECTS

- 11.1. To receive a report on the community Christmas party organised by the parish council.
- 11.2. 80th commemoration of VE Day, communication on national plans have been received for Thursday 8th May 2025, parish council to consider if it wishes to mark the occasion.
- 11.3. Update on new parish council email addresses and any further actions for Cllrs to ensure they can be used.
- 11.4. Update on VAS sign.

12. PRECEPT 2025/26

- 12.1. To receive a report on the parish council finances for the period April to December 2024.
- 12.2. To consider a reserves policy.
- 12.3. To receive a draft budget for 2025/26 and agree the parish precept for 2025/26.

13. FINANCE

- 13.1. To retrospectively approve the following payments made between meetings and relating to the parish Christmas party and parish equipment items purchased online.

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
C Turner – Food costs	£ 428.15
P Warren – Pianist	£ 25.00
Allison Ward – Grit bins and defibrillator battery	£ 401.98

- 13.2. To confirm the following payments for authorisation.

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk December 2024/January 2025	£ 153.55

- 13.3. To record receipts in November and December.
- 13.4. To receive an update on online banking setup.

14. ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Farmhouse.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING