

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## 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.

Following the January meeting Cllr Peter Briggs tendered his 'retirement' to the chair. The clerk informed Uttlesford Electoral Services who instigated the required notice period for a casual vacancy. This notice expired with no requests for an election. This leaves the parish council free to co-opt a replacement.

### 2. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY and CO-OPTION

Details of the vacancy were included in Parish News and Cllrs asked to share verbally with residents. As a result, one resident has expressed an interest in filling the vacancy. Parish council to consider co-opting.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for approval

### 6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRs REPORT

### 7. CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Chelmsford City Council has consulted (closed 18<sup>th</sup> March) on its Local Plan pre submission Regulation 19, prior to submission to the planning inspector. The plan was adopted in 2020, and this is a statutory five-year update. The documents can be viewed on the Chelmsford City Council website.

MAGs have launched a public consultation (pre planning application) with a proposal to increase passenger numbers from the approved 43million/annum to 51million/annum. This to be achieved by making best use of the existing 'single runway within the same boundaries and no more flights than currently allowed'. Details can be viewed at this link, <https://backstanstedplan.co.uk/> and comments can be submitted online.

Dunmow area parish meeting where Uttlesford provide updates to clerks and cllrs takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, topics for update are Local Plan. Community Infrastructure Levy and Devolution and Local Government Reform.

Essex Police requested expressions of interest from Parish Councils interested in jointly funding a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) by mid-February. The parish council's view was there was insufficient need and no budgeted parish council funding, no response was submitted.

## **8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS to include**

8.1. Environment and Health – To receive a report on the village litter pick which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

8.2. Transport

8.3. Local Government – Essex Association of Local Councils are providing monthly, and ad-hoc updates on devolution plans which have been forwarded to Cllrs.

## **9. PLANNING**

9.1. New Applications – None

9.2. Decisions

Application No	UTT/24/3224/HHF
Location	Oak Cottage, Chelmsford Road
Development	Demolition of existing previous 1970's extensions and new proposed side extension including front and rear projection including alterations to existing structure.
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/25/0251/AG
Location	Garnish Hall Farm, Chelmsford Road
Development	Proposed straw barn
Decision	Deemed approved

## **10. HIGHWAYS**

10.1. To receive the report from the meeting arranged by Kemi Badenoch's office on 17<sup>th</sup> January with Essex Highways and Thames Water to discuss resolutions to issue with Marks Hall Lane and associated surface water drainage.

To note progress on the actions from this meeting,

10.2. Any other matters.

## **11. PROJECTS**

11.1. 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of VE Day, communication on national plans have been received for Thursday 8th May 2025. The Reid Rooms is unavailable for this event, parish council to consider whether it wishes to mark the occasion.

11.2. Update on Community Speed Watch.

11.3. Update on VAS sign.

## **12. PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL RISK REVIEW**

Annual consideration and review of management and financial risks faced by the parish council.

## **13. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

To consider any grant requests received.

#### 14. FINANCE

14.1. To approve the following payments for authorisation.

<b><i>PAYMENT TO</i></b>	<b><i>VALUE</i></b>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk February 2025/March 2025	£ 153.55
Reid Rooms – Hire of venue for 2025 meeting	£ 108.00

14.2. To record receipts in January and February 2025.

14.3. To receive an update on online banking setup.

#### 15. ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Farmhouse. There will be two meetings on this evening, the first is the Annual Village Meeting, this will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

**TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING**