

MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at The Reid Rooms on Wednesday, 24th September 2025 at 07:30pm

Present: Cllrs Simon Phillips (Chair), Richard Parsons, Chris Turner and the Clerk, Oliver Rogers.

The Chair Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

25/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting accepted reasons for the apologies from the following Cllr:

Dave Nichols due to being away, Robert Trundle due to illness and Gemma Chaplin due to work commitments.

25/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Members declared no interests.

25/20 PUBLIC FORUM (Maximum 15 minutes)

None.

25/21 MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday, 16th July 2025 for approval. Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Parsons with all in agreement.

25/22 COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

A discussion was held on Local Government Reform and the proposed models for re-organisation of Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council.

25/23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Discussion included road and vehicle matters relating to Marks Hall Lane and the Gossetts.

25/24 CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

The Clerk followed up with Uttlesford District Council and Cllr Barker about the potholes at the entrance to the Gossetts. This followed on from complaints from residents, however no further action or response from UDC. District Cllr Barker has asked for a response from UDC.

25/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS [See APPENDIX A]

The meeting resolved to make no objections to the three planning applications considered.

25/26 A1060 HIGHWAY UPDATE

A discussion around the latest works to ensure flooding on then A1060 did not happen this coming winter.

The meeting noted that UDC and Essex Highways cut the verges and ditches as part of preventing flooding.

Signed
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)

Clerk to contact Strutt and Parker Farms about ditch clearance in the run up to winter.

25/27 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

Councillors discussed costings and location for a Vehicle Activated Sign. It was agreed that contacting Essex County Council for further information would take place with a view to potentially extending the existing speed limit.

25/28 CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING

Update on promotion and tickets for the Christmas Party planned for the Reid Rooms on Sunday, 14th December 2025.

Action: Clerk to check the time of the Church service.

25/29 EMERGENCY PLAN

A discussion around venues and equipment that would be helpful to the local emergency services during a major incident. Clerk to update a plan document for consideration at a later meeting.

25/30 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2026

21st January 2026

18th March

20th May

15th July

16th September

18th November

Action: The Clerk will contact The Reid Rooms to confirm if the meeting room at the Farmhouse can be used.

25/31 FINANCE [See APPENDIX B]

25.31.01 The meeting resolved and agreed to make the payments as set out below.

25.31.02 Action: Cllrs wanted to set up a Standing Order for payment of the Clerk's wages. The motion was proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Turner with all in agreement.

25/32 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Christmas party planning

The meeting noted that the Pop-up Pub date had moved to 30 October.

25/33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING, Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms.

Meeting closed by Chair at 09.30pm.

Signed
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)

APPENDIX A

REF	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
<u>UTT/25/21 26/FUL</u>	1 Chestnut Cottages Chelmsford Road Good Easter Chelmsford Essex CM1 4PU	Conversion of existing outbuilding to residential self-build dwelling. The proposal is for an additional 1 bedroom residential building with a single car parking space.	Awaiting decision No objections
APPROVED			
<u>UTT/25/18 31/FUL</u>	Garnish Hall Farm Chelmsford Road Margaret Roding 1 Old Park Farm Ford End Chelmsford Essex CM3 1LN	Proposed agricultural access and track.	Approved No objections
<u>UTT/25/21 00/FUL</u>	2 Garnish Hall Cottages Chelmsford Road Good Easter Chelmsford Essex CM1 4QB	Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping	Approved No objections

APPENDIX B

25.31.01 The following financial payments are proposed:

PAYMENT TO:	VALUE:
Oliver Rogers, Parish Clerk	£243.48
The Reid Rooms, for Parish Council meetings across 2025	£108.00
Next Cloud Limited for .gov email and hosting	£59.98

Signed
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)