

MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at The Reid Rooms on Wednesday, 19th November 2025 at 07:30pm

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

1 resident in attendance.

The Chair, Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.34pm.

25/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Gemma Chaplin due to work commitments.

Cllr Trundle left the meeting at 7.35pm.

25/35 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Turner registered a pecuniary interest in item 25/41.

25/36 PUBLIC FORUM (Maximum 15 minutes)

None.

25/37 MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday, 24th September 2025 the meeting **resolved and agreed** the minutes of the previous meeting.

25/38 COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

Local Highways Panel approved scheme at the start of October for Margaret Roding including speed limit reductions throughout the extents of the parish. The panel confirmed the position that the speed limit cannot be reduced to 30mph as the Speed Strategy has not been met, but Essex Highways will undertake a review of the existing signage and potentially increase the number of repeater signs, cut back vegetation, consider additional SLOW markings and maintain already present signage on-site. The cost of the project is £17,900.

Cllrs asked why the A1060 couldn't have a speed limit reduction for the whole of the road like A414 to North Weald. Ask a question to Cllr Susan Barker about this.

25/39 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Phillips asked for the meeting to agree a date for a litter pick and it was **resolved and agreed** to hold the event on Saturday 14th March 2026 (11am till 1pm) and tea and cake from the Chair afterwards.

25/40 CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

The Clerk updated on training and asked for feedback to inform the probationary meeting due to take place in December.

25/41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS [See APPENDIX A]

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

Signed

Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)

25/42 CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING

Discussion on preparations for the Christmas Party on Sunday 14th December.

25/43 DRAINAGE AND ROADS UPDATE

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

Clerk said he had made contact with Andrew Cook from Strutt and Parker Farms Ltd about ditch clearance in the run up to winter. Cllrs ask that Andrew be informed about the situation heading towards Leaden Roding by the bridge. Clerk to contact.

Cllr Parsons asked for the salt bins to be filled up with salt bags for the winter. The Clerk will collect and distribute salt from the High Easter storage.

25/44 BUDGET PLANNING

Councillors discussed comparisons and costings for the forthcoming budget setting and precept demand for Uttlesford District Council. A Vehicle Activated Sign is being considered by Councillors and funding will be required to purchase this device. A motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

25/45 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2026

21st January 2026

18th March

20th May

15th July

16th September

18th November

25/46 FINANCE [See APPENDIX B]

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

25/47 ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Christmas party de-brief

Budget precept motion

The meeting noted that the Pop-up Pub next date will be 26th February 2026.

25/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING, Wednesday 21st January 2025 at 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms.

Meeting closed by Chair at 09.21pm.

Signed
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)

APPENDIX A

REF	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
UTT/25/29 59/DOC	White Hall Chelmsford Road Margaret Roding Essex CM6 1QL	Application to discharge condition 3 (contamination) attached to UTT/23/1826/FUL	Delegated Decision Noted by the meeting.
APPROVED			
UTT/25/09 52/FUL	Chris Turner, Church Cottage Chelmsford Road Margaret Roding Essex CM6	Conversion of garage to a 1 bedroom dwelling (self/custom build)	Approved Noted by meeting.

APPENDIX B

25.31.01 The following financial payments are proposed:

PAYMENT TO:	VALUE:
Oliver Rogers, Parish Clerk [October/November]	£243.48
TOTAL:	£243.48

Signed
Cllr Simon Phillips (Chair, Parish Council)