

MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council which will be held at Marks Hall Farmhouse on **Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.

SIGNED (CLERK):

DATE 20th January 2017

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING, Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests
3. PUBLIC FORUM – There will be 15 minutes available for the Public to speak on issues relating to this agenda or any issue of local concern.
4. MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 29^h November 2017 for approval and signature
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT
6. CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE
 - 6.1. The Reid Rooms have confirmed they are happy to host the village beacon lighting on Sunday 18th November 2018 as part of the national celebrations. Information needs to be returned to the central organisers for inclusion in the publications by end of January 2017. Margaret Roding Parish Council to agree which Cllr will be the coordinator.
 - 6.2. Uttlesford has circulated a schedule for the Green Waste Service for 2017. This service is offered to Parish Councils who used the service in previous years and current costs are Weekly Service £2442.00, Fortnightly Service £1188.00 and 4 Week Service £594.00. Parish Council to consider whether this is something it is interested in and how this could be progressed.
 - 6.3. Village map update.
7. COUNCILLOR'S UPDATES
8. PLANNING
 - 8.1. Applications – None
 - 8.2. Decisions – None
9. LITTER PICK 2017

Arrangements for Saturday 4th March, time included in Parish News is 11am.
10. BUDGET 2017/18

Uttlesford has confirmed they will pay the Local Council Tax Support scheme payments to Parish Councils, but this year it will be reduced by 50%. For Margaret Roding this falls from £307 to £163.

Based on the current property list and discounts, and expected changes, the number of band D equivalent properties in Margaret Roding increases in 2017/18 by 11.3 units to 99.6 units. If the value of precept set by the Parish Council remains the same monetary level (£2,606) and the Parish Council absorbs the reduction in Local Council Tax Support there will be a 12.0% reduction per household, i.e. more contributors to collect the same amount. Reducing the precept to a breakeven budget in 2017/18 and not adding to existing reserves, would see a 24% reduction in the Parish Council element of Council Tax bills.

Parish Council to agree precept value for 2017/18.

11. FUTURE OF MARGARET RODING PARISH COUNCIL

12. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS and TRANSPORT

To include

12.1. Outstanding highways logs

12.2. Hedge trimming

13. FINANCE

13.1. Cheques for approval at this meeting

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward (Parish Clerk for December and January)	£111.18

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21st March 2017

16. TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING