

Margaret Roding Parish Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council

held on Tuesday 24th January 2017, at 7.30pm at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

Present

Cllr Peter Briggs
 Cllr Lee Cooper (Chairman)
 Cllr Ian Crisp
 Cllr Simon Phillips
 Cllr Chris Turner
 Clerk Allison Ward

Residents and Visitors 0

1	Apologies for absence	
	None	
2	Declaration of Interest for this meeting	
	None	
3	Public Forum	
	Nothing to report	
4	Minutes	
	After amending item 13.1 to read, ' <i>Cllr Turner and Cllrs Phillips would each take responsibility for a sign...</i> ' Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 29 th November 2016 were proposed by Cllr Briggs as a true record, seconded by Cllr Turner with all in agreement; the Chairman signed the minutes.	
5	County and District Cllr Report	
	County and District Cllr Susan Barker sent her apologies to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Barker for assistance on getting feedback on outstanding Highways issues; clearing vegetation from pavements, VAS sign, 40mph speed limits. In addition, the Parish Council noted the state of the bus shelter which was installed on the A1060 in the pariah of Good Easter which continues to lean.	Clerk
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 18 th November 2018 as part of the national celebrations. Cllr Crisp agreed to be the contact. Response forms to be submitted.	Clerk
6.2	Considering the cost, it was agreed there is insufficient demand for the Green Waste service in Margaret Roding; no request for the service will be made.	

Signed
 Lee Cooper
 Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council

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6.3	Cllr Briggs confirmed a quote for the village map of c.£580 which the Parish Council agreed in principle. The Clerk was asked to provide contact numbers and contact individuals who may have historical information that could be considered for inclusion and to include a request in Parish News. A discussion took place on the front cover and it was suggested that the WW1 memorial window in the church, 'The Sacrifice' may be appropriate, Clerk to progress. Cllr Briggs will bring together information and prepare a draft of the history for agreement.	Clerk & Cllr Briggs
7	Cllrs Reports	
7.1	Cllr Crisp commented on the increase in rats particular along the A1060. The Parish Council sympathised with this issue and suggested residents contact Uttlesford Environment team direct for advice.	
8	Planning	
8.1	Applications – None	
8.2	Decisions – None	
9	Litter Pick 2017 The date is confirmed as Saturday 4 th March, meeting at 11am in The Gossetts car park. Cllr Phillips to produce flyers, for all Cllrs to circulate; coffee and cake will be served after the event. The Clerk will arrange for litter bags to be collected.	Cllr Phillips & Clerk
10	Budget 2017/18 The Parish Council considered various options and agreed to set a precept equivalent to the budgeted running costs for the year. Cllr Crisp proposed that the precept for 2017/18 be set at £2,118, (28% down on last year), this was seconded by Cllr Briggs with all in favour; Clerk to submit.	Clerk
11	Future of Margaret Roding Parish Council At the request of the Parish Council, a discussion took place on the long term viability of a separate Parish Council for Margaret Roding. It conclusion it was agreed that no changes would be proposed whilst Cllrs are still willing to stand and administration could be managed.	
12 12.1	Highways, Footpaths and Transport The Parish Council are very grateful to local landowners for cutting back the hedges along the A1060. This did reveal significant volumes of rubbish and the Parish Council passes on its thanks to residents who helped to clear this and to those who wrote and pushed the District Cllr for action	

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12.2	<p>Outstanding Highway requests</p> <p>Log 2452798 reported 12.03.16, damage to Margaret Roding village sign pole following car collision. Identified as non urgent repair, no timescales available.</p> <p>Marks Hall Lane request for 40mph signs identified by Highways following requests for speed limit reductions, Clerk continues to chase.</p> <p>Request for Uttlesford Highway Rangers to clear the vegetation on the footpaths in the 60mph zone. Awaiting a decision on whether the Rangers can work in the 60mph zone; Clerk continues to chase.</p> <p>VAS sign is shared on rotation with High Easter on a three-month basis. The scheme has ceased to operate as the VAS should have been transferred in November 2015; Clerk continues to chase for information on what is happening to the scheme.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.3	Speed Gun – Training is outstanding for volunteers and until this is completed the speed checks along the A1060 cannot be reinstated.	Clerk
13	Finance	
13.1	<p>Cheques approved</p> <p>Allison Ward (Parish Clerk salary and office expenses) £ 110.32</p>	Clerk
14	Items for next Agenda	
	To include, a. Broadband	
15	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm in The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 8.55pm</p>	

ALLISON WARD
Clerk to Margaret Roding Parish Council

Signed
Lee Cooper
Chairman Margaret Roding Parish Council