



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 2025  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM, GOUDHURST  
ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**153/25 PRESENT**

Cllrs Adam, Dobinson, Gibson, Goda, Newton and Rabot. The Clerk and one member of the public also in attendance.

**154/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Boswell, Summersgill and Tippen. Cllr Turner not in attendance.

**155/25 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION**

**Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Changes to Register of Interest**

There were no changes to Cllrs Registers of Interest.

**Granting of Dispensation**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**156/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the April Full Council meeting would be deferred until 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**157/25 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The member of the public was in attendance for item 158/25 as candidate for co-option.

**158/25 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

Cllrs considered the application from a resident for co-option and the candidate gave a brief details of why he wanted to stand for Cllr.

Cllrs voted unanimously for Neil Griffiths to be co-opted onto Marden Parish Council.

Cllr Griffiths signed the Declaration of Office before taking part in Council business and this was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

**159/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**25/501461/FULL – 6 Thorn Close, Marden Thorn**

Erection of a single storey rear extension including 3 roof lights.

Cllrs discussed this application and raised that a separate application had been viewed previously.

Cllrs were of the same opinion as application 25/501402/FULL in that it was contrary to Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review Policy LPRSP9

(Development in the Countryside) and Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policy BE1 (Local Character).

Cllrs were concerned that, if taken in conjunction with application 25/501402 it would result in a significant increase in the development in the open countryside.

It was also noted, as previously, that no planning statement had been submitted with this application.

Cllrs therefore recommended REFUSAL of this application and if both applications are decided at the same time, or if 25/501402 was approved by MBC, then Cllrs wished application 25/501461 to go to Committee due to the cumulative effect.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.47pm

Cllr

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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