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TO ALL MEMBERS OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the meeting of Marden Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.30pm at The Allens, Albion Road, Marden, Kent.

Alison Hooker

Alison Hooker (Mrs)
Clerk to Marden Parish Council

AGENDA

018/24 PRESENT

Cllrs to inform the Clerk by 5.00pm on the day of the meeting if they will be taking part in the meeting.

019/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs to inform the Clerk by 5.00pm on the day of the meeting if they will not be taking part in the meeting.

020/24 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Changes to Register of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

021/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th May 2024.

[Full Council Minutes & Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge \(mardenkent-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk/Full-Council-Minutes-&Agendas-Marden-Parish-Council-Marden-Parish-Council-Marden-Tonbridge)

022/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public to make themselves known to the meeting as to whether they wish to raise any issue under this item.

The meeting to be adjourned for the following items:

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to raise any issue under this item.

EXTERNAL REPORTS

County Councillor Report

Borough Councillors Report

Police Report

Community Warden

The meeting to be reconvened to discuss item 023/24 onwards.

023/24 CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the Clerk's report.

024/24 PARISH MATTERS**Reports from MBC and KCC****Police Update/Report from Police Forum**Crime Figures

Crime Figures can be found at: [Marden and Yalding | Your area | Kent Police | Kent Police](#)

Other Police Issues**Communication**Newsletter**Marden Flooding****Cemetery**Exclusive Right of Burial Certificates**Allotments**

Update to be provided to Cllrs following the Teams meeting held on 6th June 2024.

Carbon Literacy Training

All Cllrs to be encouraged to undertake Carbon Literacy Training. Cllr Boswell to update the meeting.

Marden Railway Station

Access for All Funding

[Railway stations awarded Access for All accessibility funding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

025/24 COMMITTEE REPORTS**Amenities Committee**

To note the draft Minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held on 28th May had been previously circulated and available on the Parish Council website.

[Amenities Minutes and Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge \(mardenkent-pc.gov.uk\)](#)

Planning Committee

To note the draft Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 14th May 2024 had been previously circulated and available on the Parish Council website.

[Planning Committee Minutes & Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge \(mardenkent-pc.gov.uk\)](#)

Finance Committee

There was no Finance Committee meeting held in May.

Finance Committee to meet to review the changes in the Financial Regulations following update received from NALC.

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars attended

Those in attendance to update the meeting on the following:

Emergency Planning Training – 21st May 2024 (*Notes in meeting pack*)

Allotment Meeting – 6th June 2024 via Teams (*discussed at item 024/24*)

80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon Lighting – 6th June 2024

Highways Meeting – 10th June 2024 via Teams (*discussed at item 028/24*)

SLCC Clerks' Conference (Clerks Week) – 11th June 2024

Golding Homes event at The Cockpit – 12th June 2024

NALC Climate Change webinar – 26th June 2024

Community Forum – 27th June 2024

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Events forthcoming

Play Scheme – 22nd July to 2nd August

026/24 CORRESPONDENCE**The Clerk**

May edition for information

Clerks & Councils Direct

May edition for information

Volitalia Community Grants

Email received from Volitalia (owners of Collier Street solar farm)

Correspondence Log

To receive a report from the Clerk regarding monitoring office correspondence.

027/24 FINANCE**(A) Bank Statements:**

The Clerk to provide details at the meeting.

(B) Direct Debits

Cllrs to receive notification of direct debits from the Nat West account for the forthcoming year.

(C) Transfer of Capital Funds

Agreement of Transfer of Capital Funds from Santander.

Opening of a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund Account

Cllrs to resolve that agreement is given for the opening of a Public Sector Deposit Fund Account with CCLA and to add Cllrs to the mandate.

CCLA Email Authorisation

Cllrs to resolve that authority instructions be given via email to CCLA.

Closure of Santander Account

Cllrs to agree, once CCLA account is opened, that the transfer of capital funds from Santander to CCLA is undertaken in accordance with agreements.

(D) Bank Mandates

Bank Mandates to be updated following the elections for Nat West and Unity Bank accounts.

Unity Trust Bank

Cllrs to receive notification of the application to add Cllrs Rabot and Summersgill onto the Unity Trust bank mandate and the removal of all signatories who are no longer Cllrs.

Nat West Bank

Cllrs to resolve to give authorisation to the Clerk to add Cllrs Rabot and Summersgill on the bank mandate and remove all signatories who are no longer Cllrs.

(E) Payments for Approval**Electronic Payments**

Invoices due to payment to be submitted to the meeting.

028/24 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**Highways****Highways Improvement Plan**

Cllrs to be updated following meeting held on 10th June 2024.

New version of KCC Highways – HIP Information Pack

Other Highways Issues**Public Transport**

Tuesday 4th June 2024

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Clerk's Report – Full Council 9th July 2024

Due to June's meeting being inquorate all items have been carried over to the July meeting.

Update from previous Full Council meetings:

Letter to Southern Water

This has been sent but no response received.

British Transport Police

I have been unable to obtain contact details so have reported the continued vandalism of the ticket machine via their online reporting tool.

Other

Co-option

One interested person has been in contact and is considering completing an application form. If received this will be added to the August agenda.

Meetings

Meetings to be arranged for:

Emergency Planning

Play Scheme

Registration opened on Monday 3rd June and within 2 days we are virtually fully booked.

Unfortunately, we are having to restrict numbers due to moving to the Scout HQ for 2024 as building works are taking place at the school. We did offer an online registration but have had to close this due to being full on majority of the days – currently have a waiting list.

Local Council Award Scheme – Quality Gold Status

This has now been re-submitted and we should hear in August if we have been successful.

Annual Return

This has now been submitted to Mazars with the details placed on notice boards and website: [2023-2024 Audit Papers - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge \(mardenkent-pc.gov.uk\)](https://2023-2024.Audit.Papers-Marden.Parish.Council-Marden.Parish.Council.Marden.Tonbridge.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk) A response is not due until end of August/September. An email was received on 5/6/24 for additional information as MPC is now classed as an intermediate council and this has now been returned.

Fingerpost

Cllr Turner was speaking to a contractor to remove the post ready for repair.

Action Log

In line with Amenities Committee I have started to keep a log of actions from Council meetings which will be updated monthly and circulated to Cllrs.

ITEM 021/24 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7TH MAY 2024



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024 AT THE ALLENS, ALBION ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Prior to the meeting all Cllrs signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following the uncontested elections.

Cllr Turner, as Vice-Chairman, took the chair for the first item on the agenda.

001/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Due to no nominations being received Cllrs unanimously agreed for an additional year to be added to the Chairmanship in accordance with page 3 (3) of the Terms of Reference.

Following this Cllr Besant proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded that Cllr Tippen be elected Chairman for the forthcoming Council year. Cllr Tippen accepted the role of Chairman but stated that it would be for one more year only. All Cllrs were in favour.

Cllr Tippen signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

Cllr Tippen then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

002/24 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Adam proposed, Cllr Turner seconded that Cllr Gibson be elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming Council year. Cllr Gibson accepted the role and all Cllrs in attendance were in favour.

003/24 PRESENT

Cllrs Adam, Besant, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Summersgill, Tippen and Turner were in attendance. The Clerk was also present.

004/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boswell gave her apologies for this meeting.

005/24 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Registers of Interest

Cllrs were asked to complete new register of interest forms and return to the Clerk to send to Maidstone Borough Council before the end of the month.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Summersgill was in attendance as a Parish Councillor but was also now a Borough Councillor.

Cllrs Gibson and Rabot declared an interest in item allotments. Cllr Gibson declared an interest in item 13/24 – Allotments as a resident of Highwood Green and Cllr Rabot for the same item as partner was on the waiting list for an allotment.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

006/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllrs received and accepted as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2024. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

007/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned for the following items:

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

EXTERNAL REPORTS**County Councillor Report**

Not in attendance.

Borough Councillors Report

Borough Cllr Summersgill reported that there have been two judicial reviews sent in on the Local Plan which had been validated.

Police Report

Not in attendance.

Community Warden

Not in attendance.

The meeting was reconvened to discuss item 008/24 onwards.

008/24 CLERK'S REPORT

Cllrs received and noted the Clerk's report which included staff leave, update on The Allens storage - a key had been provided for the key safe following further information received from Golding Homes and the paperwork not held in the fire safe was removed to the Parish Office; contact had been made with British Transport Police via the online chat but no response received; a response from Southern Water had not yet been received; an additional volunteer had come forward for Speed Watch and was undertaking the training; office staff are undertaking Sharepoint training; and following the elections the two vacancies have been advertised for co-option.

009/24 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

Cllrs to be appointed to the following Committees and Sub-Committees (Chairman and Vice-Chairman – ex-officio on Committees / Chairman ex-officio on Sub-Committees)

Committees

Amenities: Cllrs Besant, Boswell, Newton, Rabot, Summersgill and Turner

Finance: Cllrs Adam, Besant, Boswell and Turner

Planning: Cllrs Adam, Besant, Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Turner

Sub-Committees

Cemetery: Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Summersgill

Human Resources: Boswell, Gibson, Newton and Rabot

Open Spaces: Besant, Boswell, Rabot and Turner

010/24 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs to be appointed to the following Sub-Groups and Outside Bodies

Sub-Groups

Allotments: Cllrs Boswell, Rabot and Turner

Assets of Community Value: Cllrs Adam, Boswell and Turner

Byelaws: Cllrs Adam and Newton (and Clerk)

Communications: Cllrs Besant, Boswell and Tippen

Emergency Planning: Cllrs Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Tippen and Turner

Environment: Cllrs Besant, Boswell, Rabot, Summersgill and Turner

Play Scheme: Cllrs Boswell, Rabot and Tippen
 Village Events: Besant, Boswell, Newton, Rabot and Tippen
 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Cllrs Adam, Besant, Boswell, Gibson, Rabot, Tippen and Turner

Outside Bodies

Community Engagement Forum: Cllrs Boswell and Tippen
 KALC Area Committee (Maidstone): Cllr Summersgill (Cllr Tippen – Substitute)
 Maidstone Borough Council Cluster Group: Cllr Rabot
 Marden Dementia Group: Cllr Boswell
 Memorial Hall: Cllr Turner
 Patient Participation Group: Cllrs Boswell and Tippen
 Public Transport & Highways: Cllrs Adam and Boswell

011/24 PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Terms of Reference

Cllrs received and noted the final document which was discussed at previous Full Council meeting.

Parish Assets

Cllrs received and agreed the list of parish assets at 31st March 2024.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2024/2025

Cllrs received and noted the proposed dates for Parish Council meetings in 2024/2025.

012/24 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Cllrs resolved that Marden Parish Council continues to meet the criteria of the General Power of Competence.

013/24 PARISH MATTERS

Reports from MBC and KCC

Cllr Tippen had been advised that the Children's Centre was due to close at the end of May which has been taken up with the County Councillor.

Police Update/Report from Police Forum

Crime Figures

Crime figures were available to be viewed on the Kent Police website.

Other Police Issues

No other police issues reported.

Communication

Newsletter

The Communication Sub-Group to meet to discuss the drafting of the newsletter.

Marden Flooding

No issues to report.

Cemetery

Exclusive Right of Burial Certificates

One certificate was signed.

Allotments

An email had been received from Redrow regarding converting the parking areas into allotments as Golding Homes were not interested to taking over the parking spaces. Cllrs requested that meeting be arranged to discuss this in more detail; for Redrow to provide a plan and landscaping plan and to inform the Council what would happen for visitor parking.

Marden Parish Council – Co-option

Cllrs noted that MPC can co-opt for the two vacancies left following the uncontested election. Notification of co-option had been advertised from 2nd May with the closing date being 31st May 2024. If applications are received this would be added to the June agenda.

014/24 COMMITTEE REPORTS**Amenities Committee**

Cllrs noted the draft Minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held on 23rd April.

Planning Committee

Cllrs noted the Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 16th April and the draft minutes from 30th April.

Finance Committee

Cllrs noted the draft Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 30th April 2024.

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars attended

Those in attendance updated the meeting on the following:

Parking/Traffic Meeting – 15th April 2024 – Cllr Tippen gave an update on this meeting along with the meeting held with Marden Academy Principal on 2nd May. A proposal was made of changing the restrictions outside the school from 8am to 9am and 2pm to 4pm which Cllrs were in agreement to take forward to a meeting with Kent Highways.

Dementia Group AGM – 18th April 2024

Marden Primary Academy Community Consultation – 25th April 2024

NALC Climate Webinar – 26th April 2024

Marden Primary Academy – 2nd May 2024

Community Forum Meeting – 2nd May 2024

Elections – 2nd May 2024

Changing Rooms meeting – 7th May 2024. The consultation responses were reviewed and it was proposed that a draft planning application be submitted to the June Full Council meeting for decision.

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Events forthcoming

Emergency Planning Training – 21st May 2024: The Clerk attending

80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon Lighting – 6th June 2024: All invited to attend

NALC Climate Change webinar – 26th June 2024: Cllr Boswell attending.

MPC Meetings to be arranged:

Meeting with Kent Highways following meeting held on 15th April and 2nd May

Byelaws Sub-Group

Assets of Community Value Sub-Group

Cemetery Sub-Group

015/24 CORRESPONDENCE

Marden Parish Church Magazine - noted

KALC Newsletter – April edition – noted. The May edition was also available at the meeting for Cllrs to view.

016/24 FINANCE**(A) Bank Statements:**

The funds held in MPC accounts on 7th May 2024 are:

Revenue Accounts

Nat West: £10,402.69

Unity: £183,237.08

Capital Account:

Santander: 72,396.36

(B) Accounts 2023/2024:(B)(i) Statement of Internal Control

Cllrs received and agreed statement previously circulated to Cllrs. The document was signed by the Chairman and RFO.

(B)(ii) Internal Auditor Report

Cllrs received and noted the end of year Final Report received from the Internal Auditor.

There were no recommendations raised. The RFO was thanked for the work regarding the accounts.

(B)(iii) Bank Reconciliation/Balance Sheet 31st March 2024

Cllrs received and accepted the end of year bank reconciliation at 31st March 2024 signed at the Finance Committee on 30th April 2024.

Cllrs received and agreed the end of year Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024 which was signed at the meeting.

(B)(iv) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023/2024(B)(iv)(a) Section 1 – Annual Government Statement 2023/2024

The Chairman read out the following statements to Cllrs:

- (1) We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements;
- (2) We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness;
- (3) We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances;
- (4) We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations;
- (5) We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required;
- (6) We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems;
- (7) We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audits;
- (8) We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements;
- (9) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole management trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. *Not appropriate to Marden PC as not a sole managing trustee of a local trust(s).*

Cllrs agreed to all the above statements and the Chairman and Clerk (RFO) signed and recorded the minute number.

(B)(iv)(b) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/2024

The Clerk had completed and signed Section 2 with figures from 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 accounts and circulated to Cllrs (also discussed at Finance Committee meeting). Cllrs confirmed the financial statements and the Chairman signed and recorded the minute number.

(C) Other Papers for External AuditorAGAR documentation:

Cllrs received and noted the additional documents to be sent to the External Auditor which included the list of significant variances and contact details for Clerk and Chairman. The Clerk also provided details of the information required to be placed on notice boards and MPC's website.

Internal Auditor certificate

Cllrs received and noted the Internal Auditor's year-end AGAR certificate which would be included in the documents to be sent to the External Auditor.

(D) Donation Request

Cllrs considered a request received from Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre. Cllr Tippen proposed that MPC support this request and Cllr Besant proposed £250 donation. This was agreed.

(E) Payments for ApprovalElectronic Payments

The following invoices were due for payment:

G Carey – Grounds maintenance - £402.00

Stanleys Garage – vehicle fuel £76.77

Marden Memorial Hall – office rent, refuse, cleaning and hall hire - £415.57

Business Stream – waste water public conv. - £166.64

Employees/HMRC – May salaries, PAYE and NIC - £8,780.07

TOTAL: 9,841.05

Cllrs agreed payments and Cllrs Adam and Turner would authorise on Unity.

017/24 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**Highways**Highways Improvement Plan

Discussed previously in regard to the issues raised in the meetings held on 15th April and 2nd May.

Other Highways Issues

No other highways issues to report.

Public Transport

New train timetable had been received which will take effect from 2nd June 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.52pm

Cllr Kate Tippen, Chairman

Date: 11th June 2024

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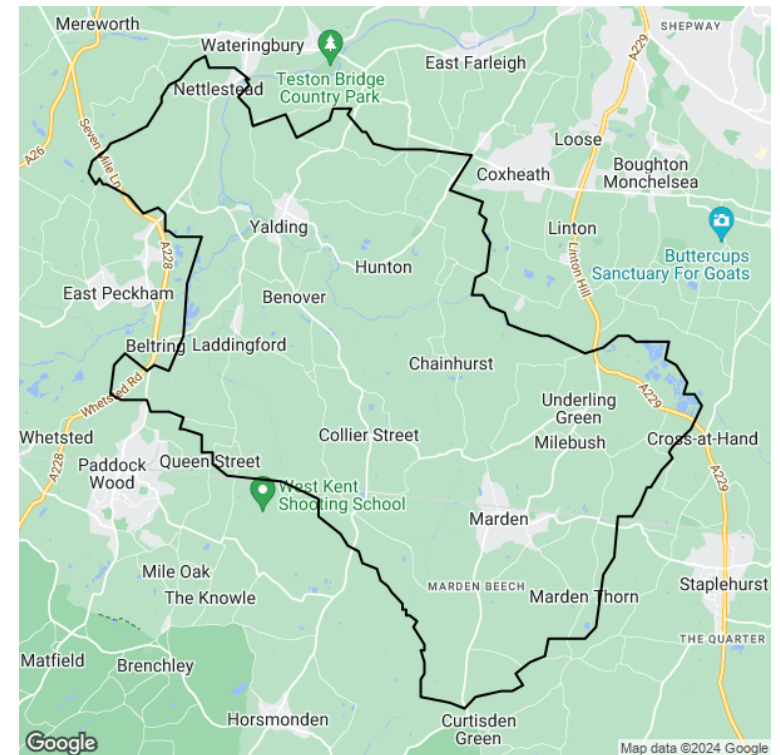


Local Insight England Summary Report

Marden & Yalding

Maidstone

26 April 2024



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How we have identified the area of Marden & Yalding

This report is based on the “Marden & Yalding” area created by Maidstone. There is a map image of the area at the start of this report.

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We use sophisticated aggregation and apportioning methods to calculate the data values used in the charts and tables in this report. Alongside data for the “Marden & Yalding” area, we also display data for the selected comparator areas: Maidstone and Kent.

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Appendix: Data sources

Population

The following data is a summary of key population demographics.

The table below provides an overview of people living in Marden & Yalding. These population figures provide detail of the structure of the population by broad age bands and by sex. Finally, it also includes a measure of population density by hectare.

The total population of Marden & Yalding was 10,163 people in 2021.

Of the total population in Marden & Yalding in 2021, 19.04% are children aged under 16, 60.87% are adults aged 16-64, and 20.17% are over 65 years old.

Population overview						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
All people (Census 2021) (2021)	10,163	-	175,782	-	1,576,069	-
All Females (Census 2021) (2021)	5,142	50.56%	88,818	50.53%	807,683	51.25%
All Males (Census 2021) (2021)	5,021	49.37%	86,964	49.47%	768,386	48.75%
Population aged under 16 (Census 2021) (2021)	1,935	19.04%	33,646	19.14%	299,501	19.00%
Population aged 16 to 64 (Census 2021) (2021)	6,186	60.87%	108,611	61.79%	957,238	60.74%
Population aged 65+ (Census 2021) (2021)	2,050	20.17%	33,525	19.07%	319,327	20.26%

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Population overview

Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Population Density (Persons per sq km) (Census 2021) (2021)	10,163	146.31	175,782	446.91	1,576,069	444.65

Source: UK Census

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The following visualisations draw upon data from the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) to give insight into vulnerable populations in Marden & Yalding, Maidstone, Kent. The Indices of Deprivation 2019 are a relative measure of deprivation for small areas (Lower-layer Super Output Areas) across England. The overall Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 combines together indicators under seven different domains of deprivation: Income Deprivation; Employment Deprivation; Education Skills and Training Deprivation; Health Deprivation and Disability; Crime; Barriers to Housing and Services and Living Environment Deprivation. A higher score indicates that an area is experiencing high levels of deprivation.

The table below shows the IMD score and rank (average LSOA Rank, where a lower rank indicates that an area is experiencing high levels of deprivation) for Marden & Yalding, Maidstone and Kent.

Marden & Yalding has an IMD score of 19.06. This means that Marden & Yalding has higher levels of deprivation to Maidstone (16.50) and similar levels of deprivation to Kent (19.54).

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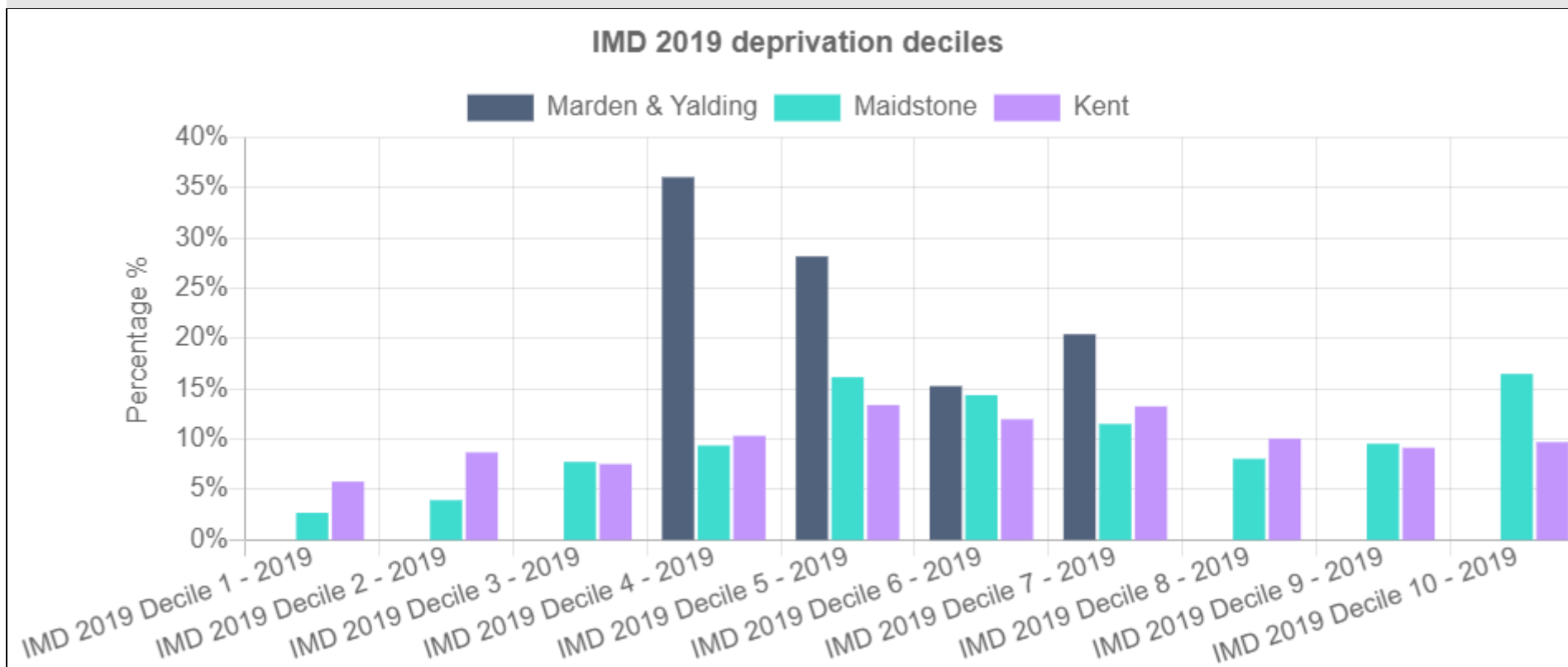
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Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)			
Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 (IMD) Score (2019)	19.06	16.50	19.54
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 Rank (2019)	15,385	19,299	17,412

Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2019

The bar chart below explores this further, showing the proportion of people living in neighbourhoods grouped into deciles according to level of deprivation derived from the IMD. A higher score on the IMD indicates that an area is experiencing greater levels of deprivation. To clarify, all neighbourhoods in England are grouped into ten equal sized groups “deciles”; neighbourhoods in decile 1 fall within the most deprived 10% of neighbourhoods nationally, whilst neighbourhoods in decile 10 fall within the least deprived 10% of neighbourhoods nationally.

Proportion of people in each deprivation decile



Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2019

Unemployment

The following data shows the key unemployment indicators.

The table below shows the total number and proportion of people receiving Universal Credit (UC) or Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) by age and sex. The proportion of working age people receiving benefits for unemployment in Marden & Yalding was 2.56% in Mar-2024. This is lower than the average across Maidstone (3.20%) and lower than the average across Kent (3.49%).

Unemployment Benefit Claimants						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Unemployment benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance and out of work Universal Credit claimants) (Mar-2024)	162	2.56%	3,545	3.20%	33,615	3.49%
Youth unemployment (18-24 receiving JSA or Universal Credit) (Mar-2024)	25	4.12%	640	5.48%	6,305	5.62%
Older person unemployment (50+ receiving JSA or Universal Credit) (Mar-2024)	42	0.92%	765	1.10%	7,685	1.19%
Unemployment benefit (JSA and Universal Credit), female (Mar-2024)	76	2.36%	1,600	2.87%	14,825	3.02%

Unemployment Benefit Claimants

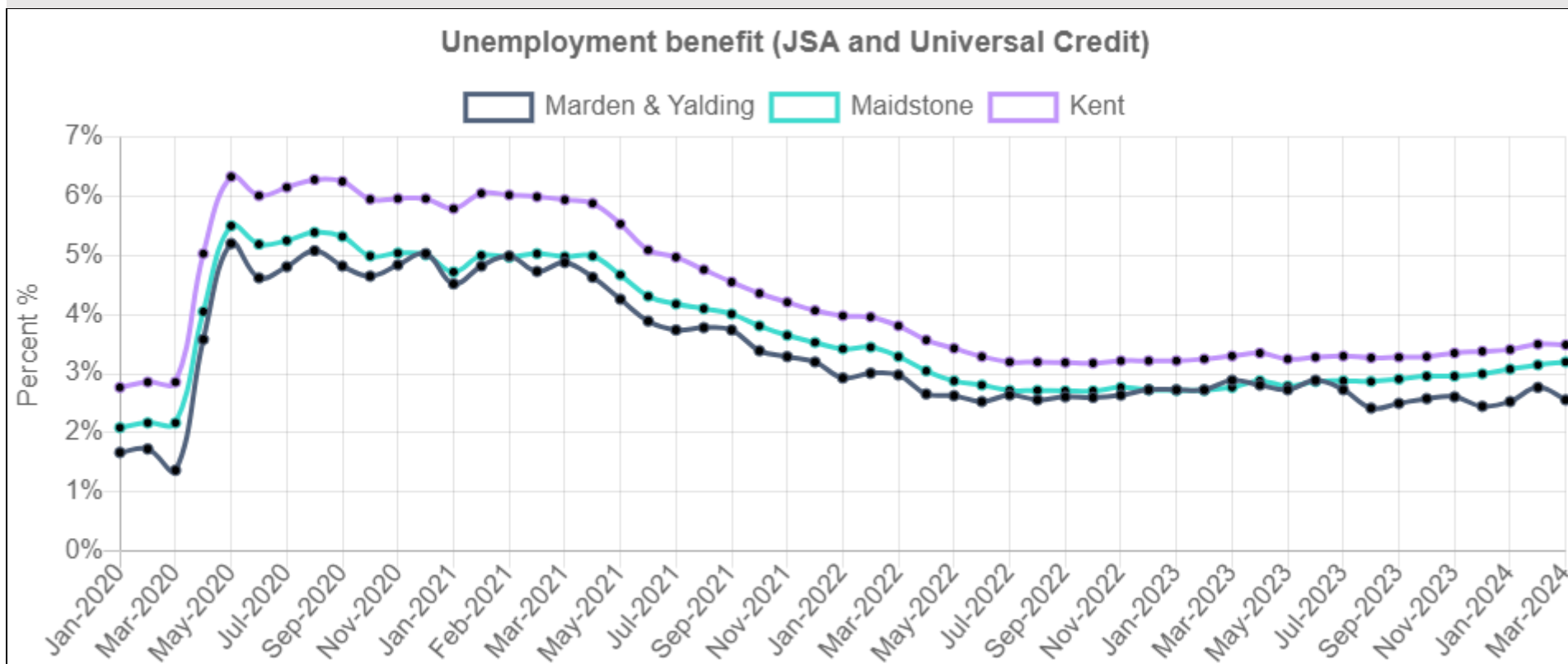
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Unemployment benefit (JSA and Universal Credit), male (Mar-2024)	96	3.10%	1,945	3.53%	18,790	3.99%

Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

The chart below shows the total proportion of people receiving unemployment benefit (JSA or Universal Credit) between Jan-2020 and Mar-2024.

The total unemployment rate in Marden & Yalding has increased from 1.67% in Jan-2020 to 2.56% in Mar-2024.

Unemployment Benefit Claimants (time series)



Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Housing

The following data is a summary of key housing related indicators.

The table below shows the mean house prices by accommodation type across Marden & Yalding and the comparator areas for four key dwelling types (flats, semi-detached houses, terraced houses and detached houses) from Mar-2023 to Feb-2024.

The average property price for all dwelling types in Marden & Yalding is £528,661, this is higher than the average across Maidstone (£368,825) and higher than the average across Kent (£399,072).

Data on house prices is from the [Land Registry open data price-paid dataset](#). Please note some small areas may not have had a transaction recorded within the twelve month period leading to gaps in the table below.

Average house prices			
Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
Average house price (12 months) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	£528,661	£368,825	£399,072
Average house price for detached houses (12 months) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	£863,665	£600,681	£651,857
Average house price for flats (12 months) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	£194,926	£196,564	£221,038
Average house price for semi-detached houses (12 months) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	£402,419	£374,911	£396,599
Average house price for terraced houses (12 months) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	£351,200	£296,534	£318,536

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Average house prices

Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
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Source: UK Land Registry

The chart below shows the tenure of housing in Marden & Yalding, Maidstone, and Kent.

Tenure types include;

- 'Owner occupied' housing includes accommodation that is either owned outright, owned with a mortgage or loan, or shared ownership (paying part rent and part mortgage).
- 'Social rented' housing includes accommodation that is rented from a council (Local Authority) or a Housing Association, Housing Co-operative, Charitable Trust, Non-profit housing company or Registered Social Landlord.
- 'Rented from the Council includes accommodation rented from the Local Authority.
- 'Housing Association or Social Landlord' includes rented from Registered Social Landlord, Housing Association, Housing Co-operative, Charitable Trust and non-profit housing Company.
- 'Private rented or letting agency' includes accommodation that is rented from a private landlord or letting agency.
- 'Other Rented' includes employer of a household member and relative or friend of a household member and living rent free.
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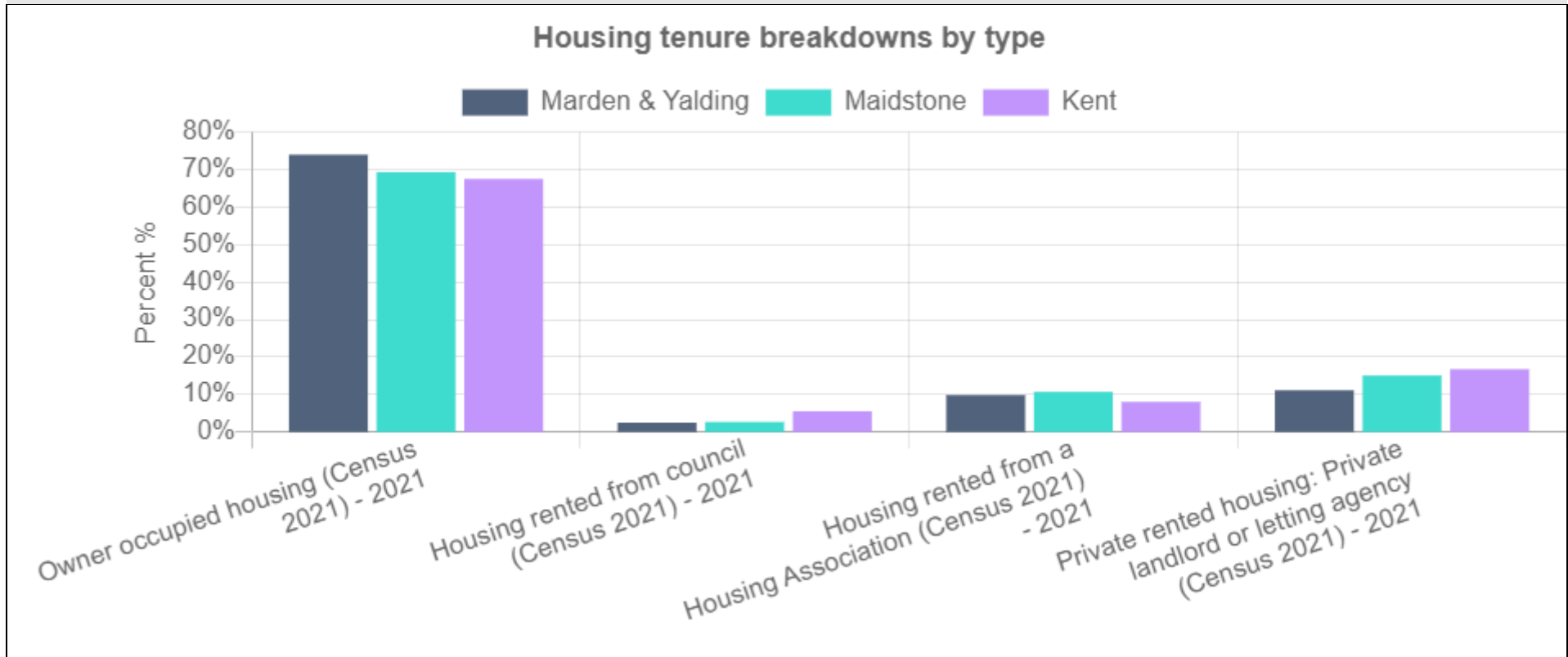
In Marden & Yalding 73.96% of households are owner-occupied, which is higher than the proportion of households in Maidstone (69.29%), and a higher proportion than Kent (67.48%).

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Overall, 2.48% of households in Marden & Yalding are rented from the local authority, 9.82% are rented from a housing association and 11.12% are privately rented.

Housing tenure



Source: UK Census

Crime

The information below shows the level of recorded crime in Marden & Yalding and comparator areas. This is based on data for individual crime incidents published via the [Police UK open data portal](#), which has been linked by Local Insight to selected neighbourhoods.

The table below shows counts and rates for the main crime types and anti-social behaviour incidents between Mar-2023 to Feb-2024.

There were 1,018 total crime offences in Marden & Yalding between Mar-2023 to Feb-2024, with the overall crime rate being 97.2 per 1,000 population. This is lower than the average across Maidstone (128.2) and lower than the average across Kent (138.9).

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Total crime offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	1,018	97.2	23,136	128.2	221,317	138.9
Anti-social behaviour (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	116	11.1	3,110	17.2	29,877	18.8
Bicycle theft offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	5	0.5	122	0.7	1,466	0.9
Burglary (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	57	13.8	751	10.5	7,494	11.6
Criminal damage (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	141	13.5	2,382	13.2	22,400	14.1
Drug crime offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	28	2.7	646	3.6	6,367	4.0

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Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents

Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Other crime offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	35	3.4	714	4.0	6,173	3.9
Other theft offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	98	9.3	1,763	9.8	15,991	10.0
Shoplifting offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	2	0.2	1,476	8.2	16,942	10.6
Possession of weapons offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	7	0.7	219	1.2	1,867	1.2
Public order offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	48	4.6	1,344	7.4	12,209	7.7
Robbery recorded offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	2	0.2	86	0.5	1,231	0.8
Theft from the person offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	1	0.1	106	0.6	1,135	0.7
Vehicle crime (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	67	6.4	1,209	6.7	11,335	7.1
Violent crime and sexual offences (12 month total) (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)	411	39.2	9,208	51.0	86,830	54.5

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents

Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate

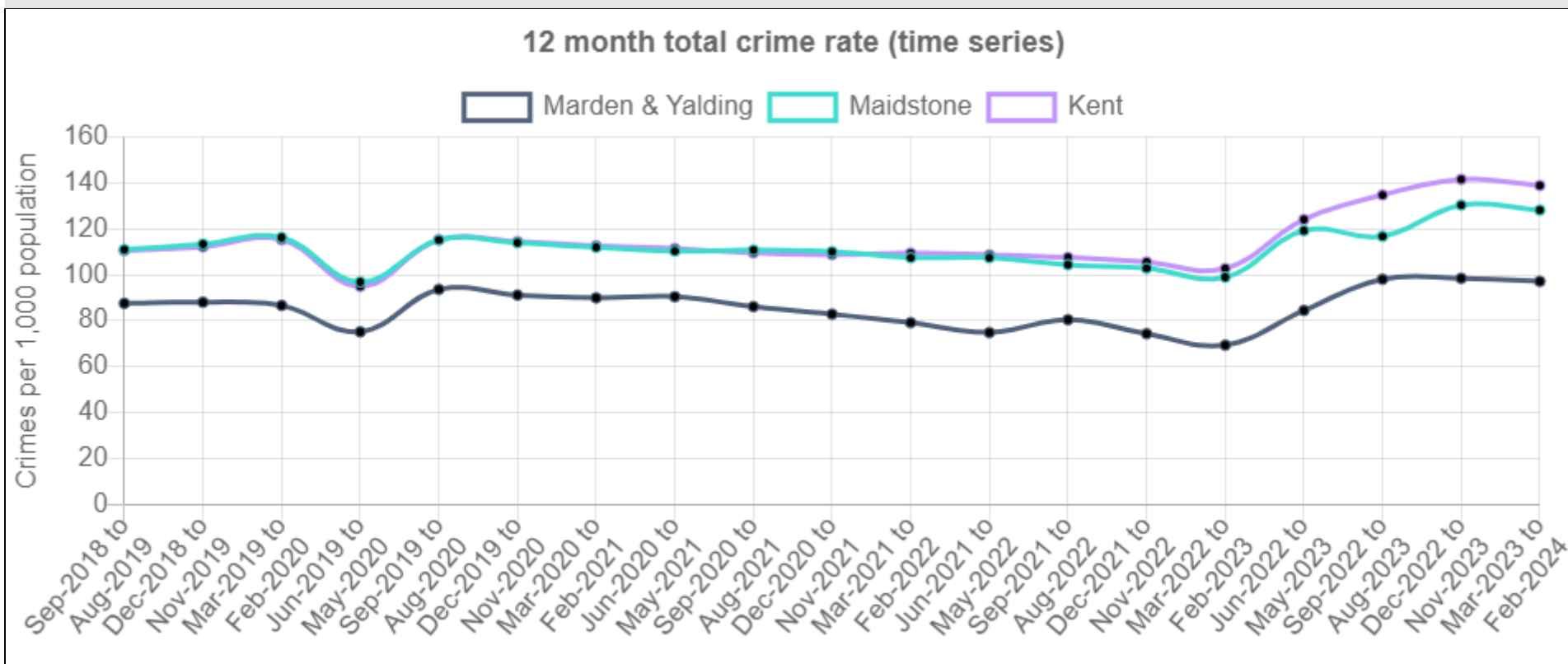
Source: Police UK (Police recorded crime figures)

The line chart below shows a time series made up of 12 month totals of neighbourhood-level incidents of criminal offences. The figure is a rate per 1,000 residents. The first data point covers Sep-2018 to Aug-2019 and the final data point covers Mar-2023 to Feb-2024.

The overall crime rate in Marden & Yalding has increased from 87.6 per 1,000 people between Sep-2018 to Aug-2019 to 97.2 per 1,000 people between Mar-2023 to Feb-2024.

Please note there can be missing data in Police.uk crime counts for certain areas. This is often due to issues with IT system changes at various police forces such as Devon and Cornwall, and Greater Manchester currently, which affects their reporting of figures to Police UK. Please see the [Police UK change log](#) for details of current known issues.

12 month total crime rate (time series)



Source: Police UK

Health

The following data provides an overview of people's health with the first table below providing some key health statistics.

There are 606 people in Marden & Yalding who are disabled under the equality act and whose day to day activities are limited a lot. This is 5.96% of the working population, which is lower than Maidstone (6.26%) and lower than Kent (7.36%).

In regards to the provision of unpaid care, there are 250 people in Marden & Yalding providing 50+ hours of unpaid care a week. This is 2.63% of the working population, which is similar to Maidstone (2.57%) and lower than Kent (2.91%)

Key health statistics						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot (Census 2021) (2021)	606	5.96%	11,012	6.26%	116,043	7.36%
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little (Census 2021) (2021)	989	9.73%	17,013	9.68%	165,380	10.49%
Not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited (Census 2021) (2021)	784	7.71%	13,001	7.40%	116,477	7.39%
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long term physical or	7,787	76.60%	134,756	76.66%	1,178,169	74.75%

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Key health statistics

Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
mental health conditions (Census 2021) (2021)						
Very good health (Census 2021) (2021)	5,159	50.74%	87,494	49.77%	757,967	48.09%
Good health (Census 2021) (2021)	3,413	33.57%	59,781	34.01%	536,891	34.07%
Very bad health (Census 2021) (2021)	83	0.82%	1,657	0.94%	17,598	1.12%
Bad health (Census 2021) (2021)	362	3.56%	5,832	3.32%	61,162	3.88%
Provides no unpaid care (Census 2021) (2021)	8,658	91.14%	151,210	91.43%	1,352,888	90.87%
Provides 50+ hours unpaid care a week (Census 2021) (2021)	250	2.63%	4,245	2.57%	43,312	2.91%
Children providing unpaid care (Census 2021) (2021)	14	0.72%	362	1.08%	3,473	1.16%

Source: UK Census

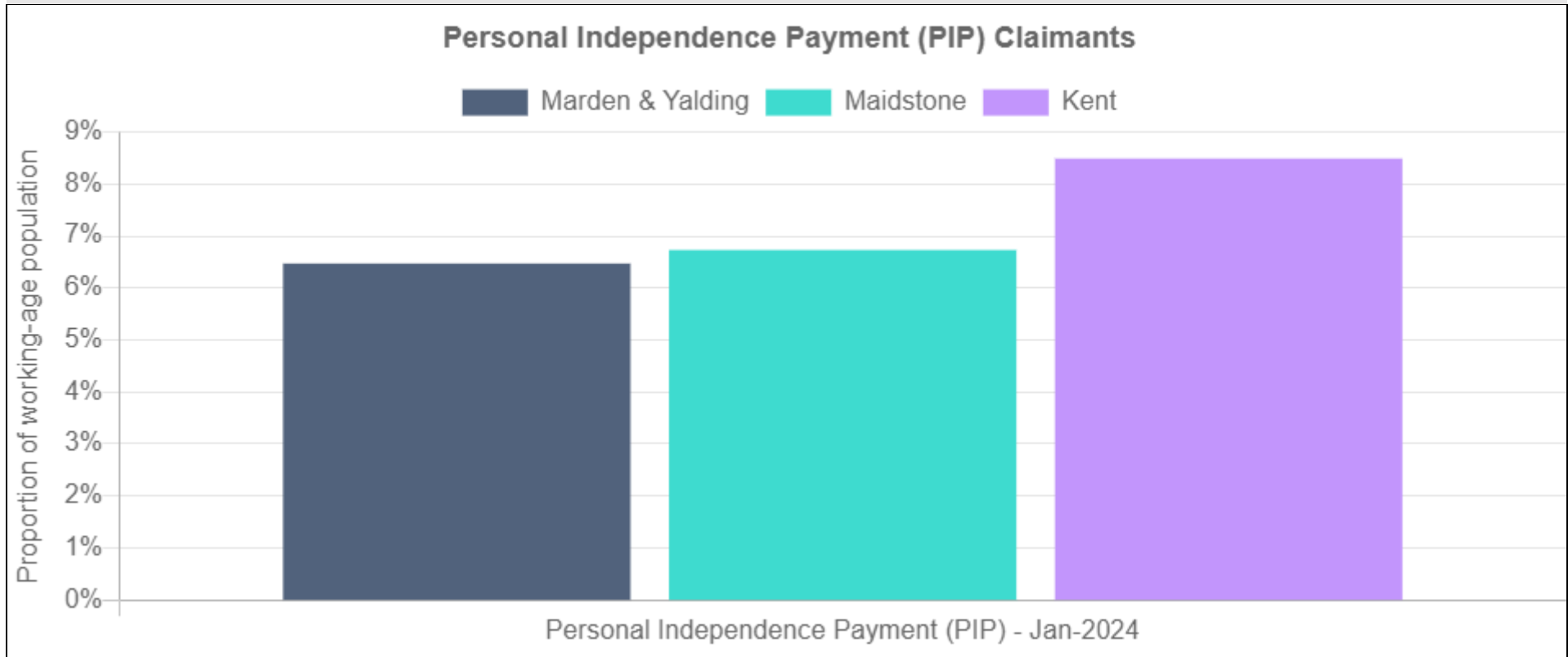
The chart below shows the most recent number of Personal Independent Payment claimants.

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A lower proportion of people in Marden & Yalding are claiming Personal Independence Payment (6.47%) than in Maidstone (6.73%) and a lower proportion than in Kent (8.49%).

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Claimants



Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Education

The following data is a summary of the key indicators related to education.

The table below shows the distribution of qualification levels and the subsequent bar chart shows a comparison of those with no qualifications besides those with degree level qualifications or higher.

There are 1,394 people in Marden & Yalding with no qualifications, which is 16.95% of all people aged over 16. This is lower than the average for Maidstone (17.44%) and lower than the average in Kent (17.96%).

There are 2,800 people with degree level qualifications in Marden & Yalding, which is 34.04% of people aged 16+. This is higher than the average in Maidstone (29.92%) and higher than the average in Kent (30.49%).

Level of qualification						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
People with no qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	1,394	16.95%	24,786	17.44%	229,214	17.96%
Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship (Census 2021) (2021)	422	5.13%	8,547	6.01%	71,615	5.61%
Highest level of qualification: Other qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	174	2.12%	4,148	2.92%	36,704	2.88%
Highest level of qualification: Level 1 qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	771	9.37%	15,510	10.91%	137,736	10.79%

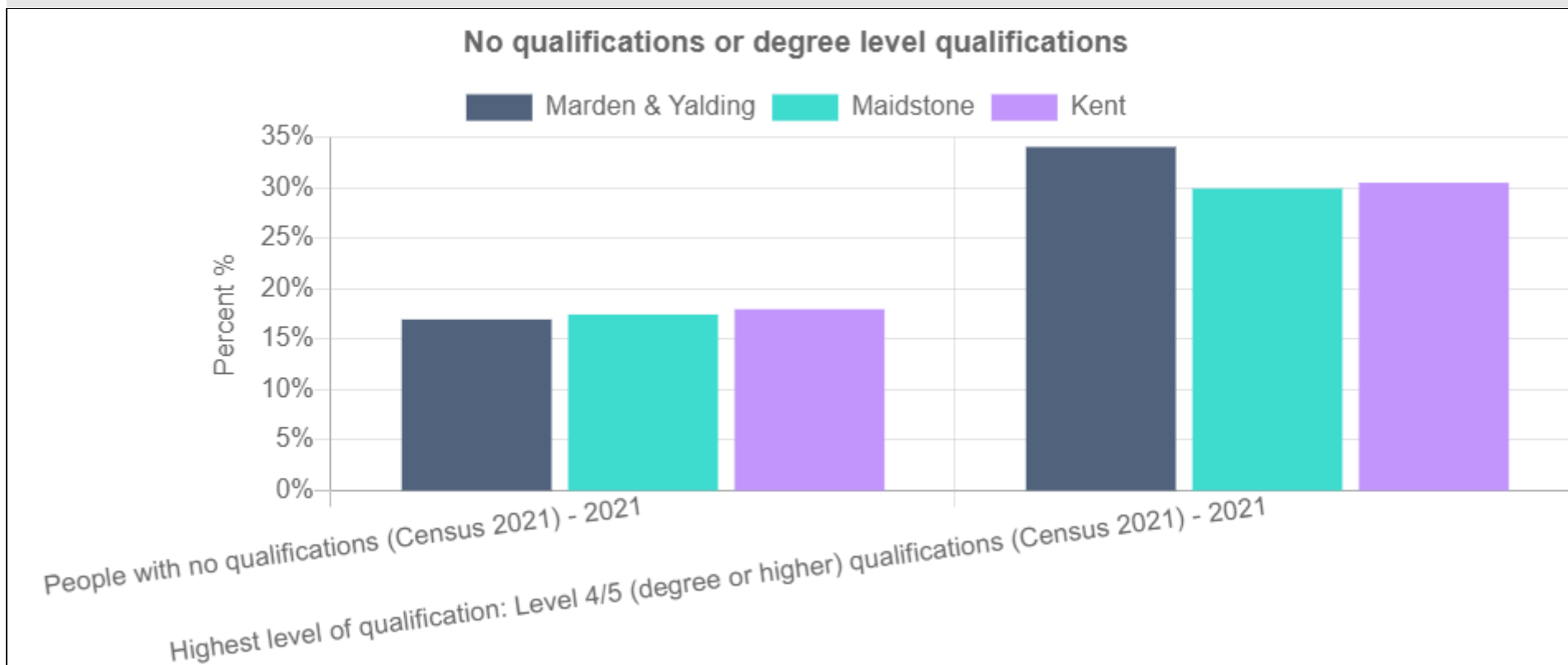
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Level of qualification						
Indicator	Marden & Yalding		Maidstone		Kent	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Highest level of qualification: Level 2 qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	1,237	15.04%	21,706	15.27%	189,679	14.86%
Highest level of qualification: Level 3 qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	1,427	17.35%	24,906	17.52%	222,389	17.42%
Highest level of qualification: Level 4/5 (degree or higher) qualifications (Census 2021) (2021)	2,800	34.04%	42,531	29.92%	389,229	30.49%

Source: UK Census

No qualifications or degree level and above



Source: UK Census

Employment

The following data is a summary of key indicators related to employment.

The table below shows figures for the number of people that hold either full or part-time roles alongside the figures for those working in either the public or private sectors.

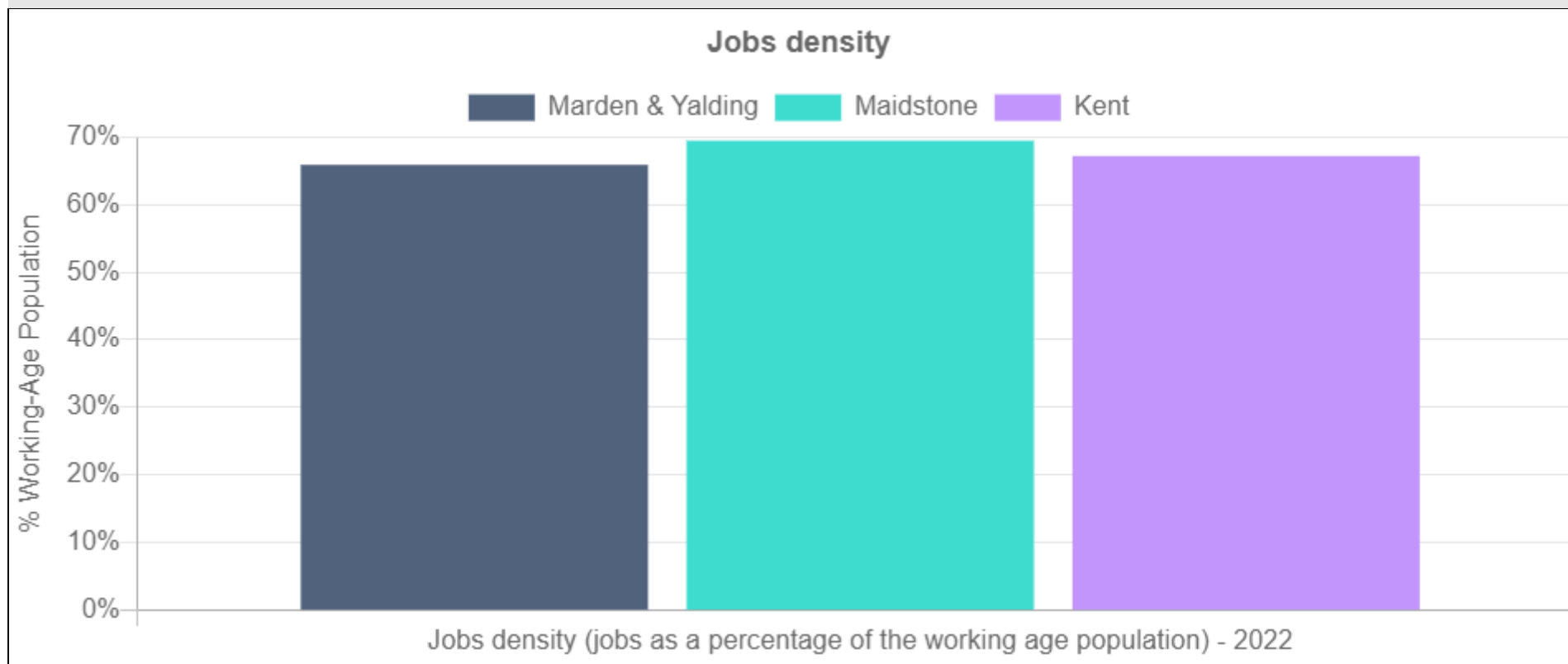
A higher proportion of people in Marden & Yalding work in the private sector (96.32%) than the public sector (3.68%). People are less likely to be part-time employed in Marden & Yalding (24.65%) than in Maidstone (30.73%) and less likely than in Kent (33.04%).

Jobs by type			
Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
Full-time employees (2022)	75.35%	69.32%	66.98%
Part-time employees (2022)	24.65%	30.73%	33.04%
Public sector employees (2022)	3.68%	21.88%	16.55%
Private sector employees (2022)	96.32%	78.12%	83.45%

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)

The jobs density (calculated as the number of jobs per 100 working-age people) in Marden & Yalding was 65.93% in 2022. This is lower than the average across Maidstone (69.51%) and lower than the average across Kent (67.24%).

Jobs density



Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)

Communities and Environment

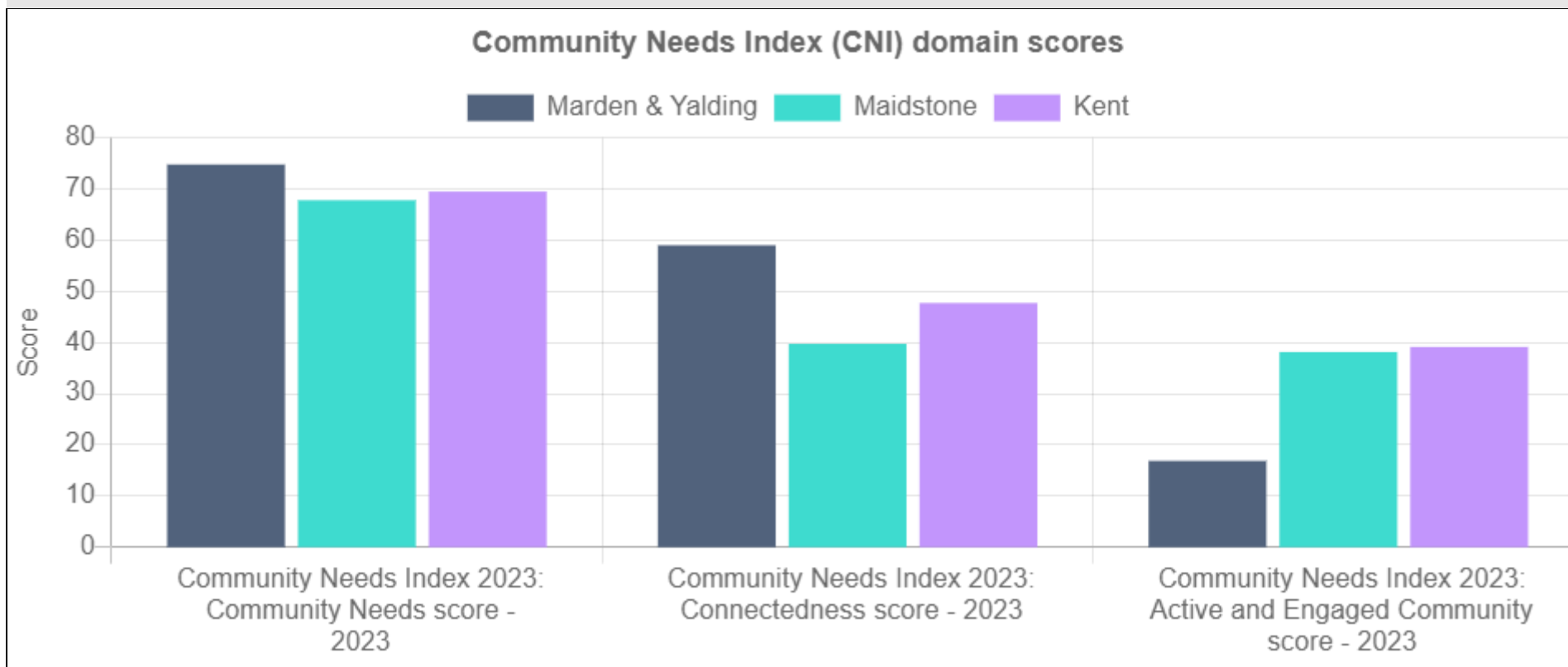
The following data is a summary of key indicators related to the community and environment.

The first chart below shows the Community Needs Index score. The Community Needs Index was developed to identify areas experiencing poor community and civic infrastructure, relative isolation and low levels of participation in community life. A higher score on this measure indicates that an area has higher levels of community need.

Marden & Yalding has higher levels of overall need on the Community Needs Index (an overall CNI score of 77.07) than Maidstone (75.27) and higher levels of need than Kent (74.85).

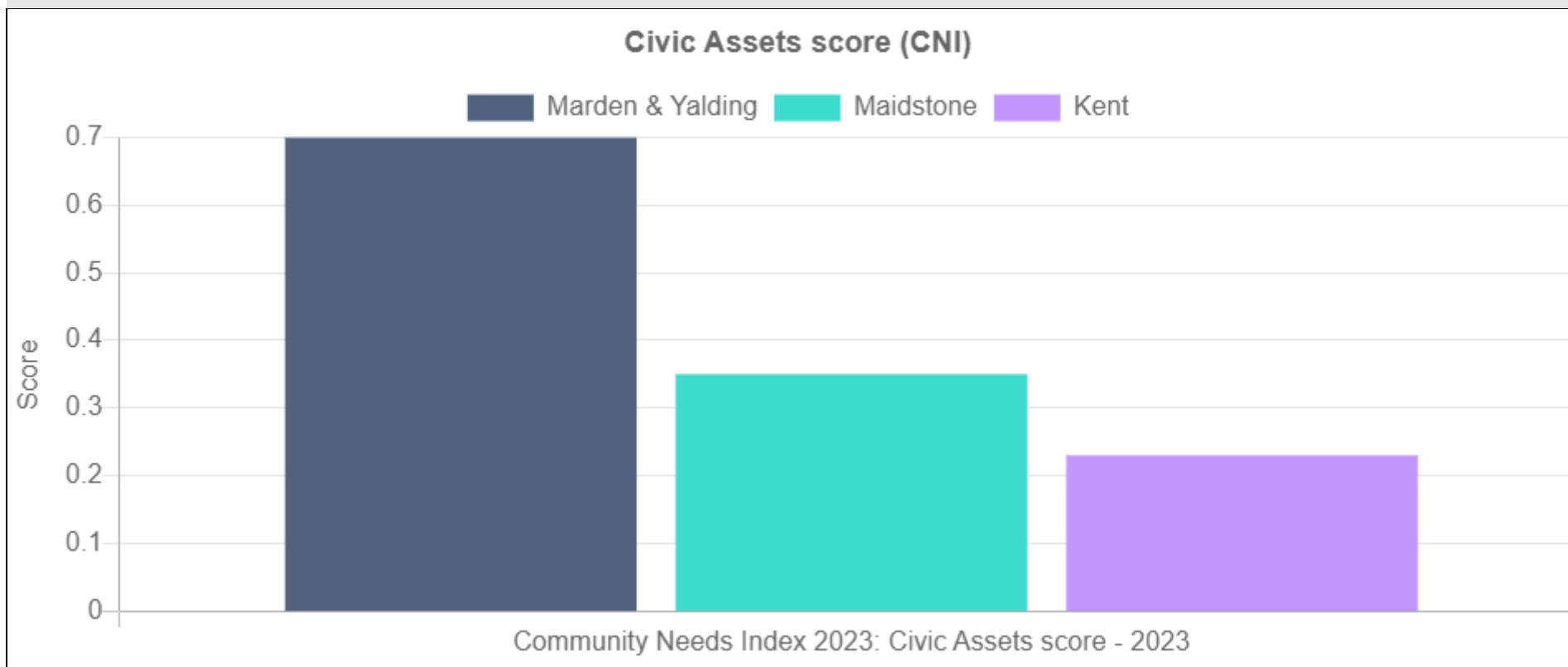
Please note that the Civic assets score is displayed in a second, separate, bar chart just below as the scores for this domain are often much lower than the other domains and therefore the indicator is best shown using its own y-axis.

CNI domain scores



Source: Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI)

Civic Assets score (CNI)



Source: Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI)

The table below shows the Indices of Deprivation Air Quality Measures. For each pollutant the atmospheric concentration was compared to a national standard value, with the concentrations in each Lower-layer Super Output Area divided by the appropriate national standard, before summing to produce a single indicator. A higher score indicates that an area is experiencing relatively higher levels of deprivation.

Based on the IoD 2019 Air quality indicator - Marden & Yalding has lower levels of air pollution (0.689 IoD score) than Maidstone (0.883 IoD score) and lower levels of air pollution than Kent (0.855 IoD score).

Indices of Deprivation Air Quality Measures			
Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
IoD 2019 Air quality indicator (2016)	0.689	0.883	0.855
IoD 2019 Benzene (component of air quality indicator) (2016)	0.058	0.095	0.088
IoD 2019 Nitrogen dioxide (component of air quality indicator) (2016)	0.225	0.334	0.327
IoD 2019 Particulates (component of air quality indicator) (2016)	0.383	0.423	0.413
IoD 2019 Sulphur dioxide (component of air quality indicator) (2016)	0.020	0.030	0.026
IoD 2019 Road traffic accidents indicator (2015 to 2016)	0.667	0.602	0.648

Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

Access and Transport

The following data is a summary of the main access and transport related indicators.

The table below shows the proportion of households according to their ownership of a car or van. This is based on responses to the car ownership question in the 2021 Census which asks information on the number of cars or vans owned, or are available for use, by one or more members of a household. This includes company cars and vans available for private use and is based on details for private households only. Cars or vans used by residents of communal establishments are not counted.

In Marden & Yalding, 9.66% of households have no access to a car or van. This is less than the proportion without access to a car or van in Maidstone (14.61%) and less than the proportion without access to a car or van in Kent (17.48%).

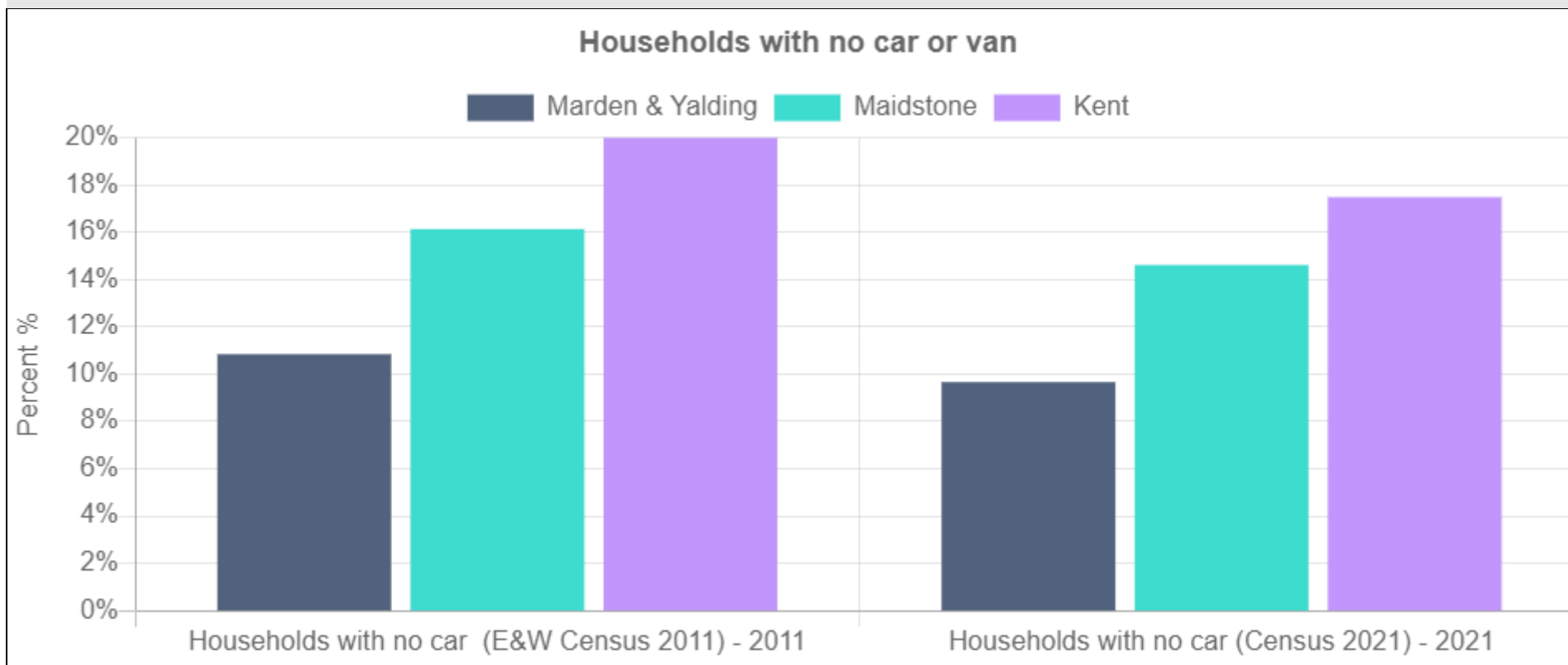
Car or van ownership			
Indicator	Marden & Yalding	Maidstone	Kent
Households with no car (Census 2021) (2021)	9.66%	14.61%	17.48%
1 car or van in household (Census 2021) (2021)	36.75%	39.33%	41.51%
2 cars or vans in household (Census 2021) (2021)	34.51%	32.65%	29.35%
Households with 3+ cars (Census 2021) (2021)	19.08%	13.42%	11.66%

Source: UK Census

The bar chart below shows the proportion of households with no car or van in the 2021 Census alongside the proportions from previous Censuses to identify changes over time.

In 2011, 10.84% of households in Marden & Yalding had no access to a car or van. This is greater than the proportion without access to a car or van in 2021 (9.66%).

Households with no car or van



Source: UK Census

Appendix: Data sources

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population	All people (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	All Females (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	All Males (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	Population aged under 16 (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	Population aged 16 to 64 (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	Population aged 65+ (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population	Population Density (Persons per sq km) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 (IMD) Score	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2019)
Population	Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 Rank	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 1	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 2	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 3	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 4	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 5	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 6	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 7	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 8	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 9	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Population	IMD 2019 Decile 10	Communities and Local Government (CLG) (2019)
Unemployment	Unemployment benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance and out of work Universal Credit claimants)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Mar-2024)
Unemployment	Youth unemployment (18-24 receiving JSA or Universal Credit)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Mar-2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Unemployment	Older person unemployment (50+ receiving JSA or Universal Credit)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Mar-2024)
Unemployment	Unemployment benefit (JSA and Universal Credit), female	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Mar-2024)
Unemployment	Unemployment benefit (JSA and Universal Credit), male	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Mar-2024)
Unemployment	Unemployment benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance and out of work Universal Credit claimants)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Jan-2020)
Housing	Average house price (12 months)	Land Registry (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Housing	Average house price for detached houses (12 months)	Land Registry (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Housing	Average house price for flats (12 months)	Land Registry (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Housing	Average house price for semi-detached houses (12 months)	Land Registry (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Housing	Average house price for terraced houses (12 months)	Land Registry (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Housing	Owner occupied housing (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Housing	Housing rented from council (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Housing	Housing rented from a Housing Association (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Housing	Private rented housing: Private landlord or letting agency (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Crime	Total crime offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Anti-social behaviour (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Bicycle theft offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Burglary (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Crime	Criminal damage (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Drug crime offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Other crime offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Other theft offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Shoplifting offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Possession of weapons offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Public order offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Robbery recorded offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Theft from the person offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Crime	Vehicle crime (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Violent crime and sexual offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Mar-2023 to Feb-2024)
Crime	Total crime offences (12 month total)	Police UK (Sep-2018 to Aug-2019)
Health	Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long term physical or mental health conditions (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Very good health (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Good health (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Health	Very bad health (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Bad health (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Provides no unpaid care (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Provides 50+ hours unpaid care a week (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Children providing unpaid care (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Health	Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Jan-2024)
Education	People with no qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Other qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Education	Highest level of qualification: Level 1 qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Level 2 qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Level 3 qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Level 4/5 (degree or higher) qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	People with no qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Education	Highest level of qualification: Level 4/5 (degree or higher) qualifications (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Employment	Full-time employees	Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (2022)
Employment	Part-time employees	Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (2022)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Employment	Public sector employees	Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (2022)
Employment	Private sector employees	Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (2022)
Employment	Jobs density (jobs as a percentage of the working age population)	Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (2022)
Communities and Environment	Community Needs Index 2023: Community Needs score	Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) and Local Trust (2023)
Communities and Environment	Community Needs Index 2023: Connectedness score	Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) and Local Trust (2023)
Communities and Environment	Community Needs Index 2023: Active and Engaged Community score	Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) and Local Trust (2023)
Communities and Environment	Community Needs Index 2023: Civic Assets score	Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) and Local Trust (2023)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Air quality indicator	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2016)
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Benzene (component of air quality indicator)	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2016)
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Nitrogen dioxide (component of air quality indicator)	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2016)
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Particulates (component of air quality indicator)	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2016)
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Sulphur dioxide (component of air quality indicator)	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2016)
Communities and Environment	IoD 2019 Road traffic accidents indicator	Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (2015 to 2016)
Access and Transport	Households with no car (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Access and Transport	1 car or van in household (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Access and Transport	2 cars or vans in household (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Access and Transport	Households with 3+ cars (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Access and Transport	Households with no car (E&W Census 2011)	Census 2011 (2011)
Access and Transport	Households with no car (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2024 HELD AT 7.30PM AT
THE ALLENS, ALBION ROAD**

Cllr Gibson took the chair for the first item of the agenda.

001/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Due to no nominations being received Cllrs unanimously agreed for an additional year to be added to the Chairmanship in accordance with page 3 (3) of the Terms of Reference.

Following this Cllr Besant proposed, and Cllr Turner seconded, that Cllr Boswell be elected Chairman for the forthcoming Council year. All Cllrs were in favour. Cllr Boswell accepted the role of Chairman but stated that it would be for one more year only and took over the remainder of the meeting.

002/24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllrs decided to defer the election of the Vice Chairman to the next Amenities Committee Meeting in June.

003/24 PRESENT

Cllrs Besant, Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Summersgill and Turner. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

004/24 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Rabot and Tippen gave their apologies for this meeting.

005/24 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boswell declared an interest in item 009/24 (Southons Field) as a resident backing onto the field; Cllr Newton declared an interest in item 016/24 (Memorial Hall) as Chairman of Trustees of Marden Memorial Hall. Cllr Turner also declared an interest in 016/24 (Memorial Hall) as the new Marden Parish Council representative as Trustee of the Marden Memorial Hall.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

006/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

007/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

008/24 DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

The report was submitted to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The memorial bench has been purchased by a resident in keeping with the other benches and we have been informed that this will be installed in the Napoleon Drive area by their building on 29th August. The Deputy Clerk met with the Community Payback Team to go through the jobs required. We have yet to hear back from MBC with their response to our noticeboard grant application for the Playing Field. The goal posts for Southons Field have been delivered and the Clerks will put together one on the field and the other will be stored. The toilet roll dispenser that had been vandalised in the Gents toilet has been replaced. The standpipe at the Cemetery has been

installed to assist with the watering of the trees. The Clerk has chased Golding Homes again with regard to the CCTV being installed at the Playing Field. Cllrs noted.

009/24 OPEN SPACE

Playing Field

Play Inspection Reports from MPC

The reports for the Playing Field Play Area, Napoleon Drive Play Area, the Sports Wall and the Outdoor Gym Equipment had been received from the Caretaker for MPC. There were no issues to report. Cllrs noted.

Football Changing Rooms

Following the meeting held on Tuesday 7th May, Cllr Boswell updated Cllrs on the results of the consultation. The majority of responses were favourable and there were some recommendations of security and lighting. The notes of the meeting were circulated previously to Cllrs. Cllr Besant is putting the plans together for the next Full Council meeting in July.

Southons Field

Play Trail Inspection Report from MPC

The reports for the Play Trail and Swings had been received from the Caretaker for MPC with no new issues to report. Cllrs noted.

Southons Field Event Dates

The dates of events to be held on Southons Field had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs noted.

Other Open Space

Site Meeting Dates

Following the Amenities Site Meetings in April, it was suggested that both meetings take place in the week. Cllrs discussed and decided that both meetings will take place on a week day. The Cemetery and Southons Field Site Meeting will take place on a Thursday morning and the Public Conveniences and Playing Field Site Meeting will take place on a Friday morning starting at 9.00am on both days.

Trees

Monthly Tree Inspections

The Caretakers had completed their monthly tree inspections and there were no issues to report. Cllrs noted.

010/24 CEMETERY

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

011/24 ALLOTMENTS

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

012/24 PUBLIC TOILETS AND CAR PARK

Public Toilets

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

Car Park

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

013/24 ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP

The Environment Sub-Group met on 30th April 2024 and the notes were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs noted.

014/24 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received for this meeting.

015/24 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

016/24 OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**Memorial Hall**

There was nothing to report with regard to Memorial Hall since the last Amenities Committee meeting.

Village Events

CLr Boswell asked Cllrs whether they could volunteer their time at the 80th Anniversary D-Day event on Southons Field on the evening of Thursday 6th June and to let the Clerk know of their availability.

Marden Summer Playscheme

Playscheme is to run from Monday 22nd July to Friday 2nd August. The Scout HQ has been confirmed for this year's venue with Jen Ward agreeing to manage again. Staffing is in place to enable us to have 48 children per day (limited due to space available in the Scout HQ if raining). The timetable is currently being planned and this year, we are looking to have bookings available via Microsoft 365 (as well as hard copies) from Monday 3rd June. Cllrs noted.

017/24 OUTSTANDING ISSUESOutstanding Issues List

The Deputy Clerk had circulated the amended Outstanding Issues List. Cllrs noted.

018/24 OTHER AMENITIES ISSUES FOR DECISION**Windsor Meadow/Parsonage Footpath**

Following contact from a resident regarding accessibility, the Caretaker had installed a temporary measure. The Clerks have contacted a contractor with regard to getting a quote for a permanent solution. Cllrs noted.

Rookery Path Gates/Fence

The maintenance company for Rookery Court had called the Parish Office and had left a message with regard to the Parish Council taking over the repairs of the gate and fence by the entrance despite the maintenance company being responsible. The Clerk has contacted the company asking for their request to be put in an email before it could be added to an agenda. An email was not received in time for Cllrs to discuss at this meeting.

019/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The following invoices were submitted for payment:

Castle Water – Water supply for Changing Rooms - £7.28

Viking – Toilet Rolls - £93.56

Alison Hooker – Travel (Staplehurst to Ashford) Emergency Planning Training - £11.59

P&F Cleaning – Public Convenience Cleaning - £725.00

Paul Waring – Contract Mowing - £192.56

A J Gallagher – Insurance - £3,012.76

Total: £4,043.15

All invoices were agreed, Cllrs Turner and Newton would authorise on Unity.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.24.

Date:

Signed:

CLr Boswell

Chairman, Amenities Committee

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024 HELD AT 7.30PM AT
THE ALLENS, ALBION ROAD**

The Election of Amenities Vice Chairman was deferred until the Amenities Committee Meeting in July.

020/24 PRESENT

Cllrs Besant, Boswell, Newton, Summersgill and Tippen. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

021/24 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Adam, Gibson and Rabot gave their apologies for this meeting. Cllr Turner was absent.

022/24 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Boswell declared an interest in item 026/24 (Southons Field) as a resident backing onto the field; Cllr Tippen as Trustee and Cllr Newton declared an interest in item 032/24 (Memorial Hall) as Chairman of Trustees of Marden Memorial Hall.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

023/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

024/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

025/24 DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

The report was submitted to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Clerk has sent off the application for the grant to purchase a noticeboard for the Playing Field. Once a response from MBC has been received, we will let Cllrs know. The Caretaker and Clerk have put up one of the goal posts at Southons Field. The Caretaker now has a Play Inspection Form for the goal post so that he can monitor its state and position weekly. Cllr Besant has now installed the Cemetery Signage on Maidstone Road for pedestrians to find their way to the Cemetery by foot. The standpipe has now been installed at the Cemetery. The tree audit for the parish has been completed on 12th June. The Clerk has received a response on the CCTV and will take this forward on her return from leave. Cllrs noted. Cllrs would like Cllr Besant for his help with installing the Cemetery Signage.

026/24 OPEN SPACE

Playing Field

Play Inspection Reports from MPC

The reports for the Playing Field Play Area, Napoleon Drive Play Area, the Sports Wall and the Outdoor Gym Equipment had been received from the Caretaker for MPC. There were no issues to report. Cllrs noted.

Request for Permanent Metal Football Goals

A request had been received from a resident by email for permanent metal football goals. This had been circulated prior to the meeting to Cllrs. The goals were discussed and Cllr Tippen suggested that Cllrs Boswell and Tippen meet with the resident at the Playing Field to discuss further requirements and for this to be put on another agenda for further discussion with Cllrs.

Southons FieldPlay Trail Inspection Report from MPC

The reports for the Play Trail, Swings and Football Goal Post had been received from the Caretaker for MPC with no new issues to report. Cllrs noted.

Southons Field Event Dates

The dates of events to be held on Southons Field had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs noted.

Southons Field Hire Request

An email had been received regarding regular hire of Southons Field. This had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the request and agreed the hire. There had also been a request for a birthday party with a bouncy castle and a portaloo. Cllrs agreed but requested the Deputy Clerk to let the hirer know that it would not be exclusive use, there is no electricity on the field and that it would need to be supervised.

The Bowls Club requested an additional date for car parking. Cllrs agreed to hire but that the Clerk will be in contact with regard to the pro rata amount on her return from leave.

Other Open Space

There were no items to discuss.

TreesMonthly Tree Inspections

The Caretakers had completed their monthly tree inspections and there were no issues to report. Cllrs noted.

Three Yearly Tree Audit

The Deputy Clerk had received the three yearly tree audit from the contractor and it was emailed out to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs requested the Deputy Clerk to get quotes for the tree work for the next Amenities Committee Meeting in July for Cllrs to discuss.

027/24 CEMETERYICCM Journal

The Deputy Clerk had shared an online copy of the Summer edition of The Journal and there was a hard copy available at the meeting. Cllrs noted.

Memorial Safety

Cllr Boswell and the Deputy Clerk updated Cllrs with the current situation with memorial safety at the Cemetery. The Cemetery Sub-Committee met on Monday 24th June and recommended that a budget of £650.00 for stakes and a strapping tool be put to Amenities Cllrs to make the memorials safe. The budget was agreed. Memorials that are an imminent danger have been laid down. Cllr Tippen requested that the Deputy Clerk amend the letter to exclusive right of burial contacts and that this be sent out shortly. Cllrs agreed.

028/24 ALLOTMENTSEmail from Redrow referring to Section 106 transfer

Cllr Tippen explained to Cllrs regarding the recent email from Redrow attaching the draft of the Section 106 Deed of Variation asking for acceptance. Cllrs reviewed the draft and unanimously agreed that this was satisfactory.

029/24 PUBLIC TOILETS AND CAR PARK**Public Toilets**

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

Car Park

There were no issues to report for this meeting.

030/24 ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP

There were no updates from Environment Sub-Group. The group is due to meet in the evening on Monday 1st July for a brain storming session at the Village Club in the evening and the Environment Sub-Group will meet at the Parish Office on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.00pm. Cllrs noted.

031/24 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received for this meeting.

032/24 OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**Memorial Hall**

Cllr Tippen reported that the solar batteries are being installed and the pot holes are being filled in August. The Caretaker is due to decorate in the Summer holidays.

Marden Summer Playscheme

The Clerk had provided an updated report for the Marden Summer Playscheme. Registration opened on 3rd June and numbers have been reduced to 48 per day due to space at the Scout Hut. The timetable is now available on the website. All staffing is in place and confirmation letters are being sent to parents/careers. All Cllrs are invited to pop along during the two weeks. Cllrs noted.

Youth

Cllr Tippen updated Cllrs on the recent meeting about the closing of the children centre with the County Councillor. The Maidstone District Hub Manager is meeting with Parish Councillors and County Councillor on 4th July to discuss how the service will operate in Marden.

033/24 OUTSTANDING ISSUESOutstanding Issues List

The Deputy Clerk had circulated the amended Outstanding Issues List. Cllrs noted.

034/24 OTHER AMENITIES ISSUES FOR DECISION

There were no issues for decision.

035/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The following invoices were submitted for payment:

Parent – Play Scheme Refund - £13.00

KCC – Photocopier copying charges (2023-2024) - £822.66

Ecosan – Sanitary Units – annual charge - £118.03

KCC – Design fee for Pattenden Lane junction - £1,068.00

Castle Water – Toilet water supply - £6.97

Q-Tec Solutions – CCTV Annual Maintenance - £147.60

Business Stream – Toilet waste water - £199.76

Total: £2,376.02

All invoices were agreed, Cllrs Tippen and Newton would authorise on Unity.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.34.

Date:

Signed:

Cllr Boswell

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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 14TH MAY 2024 IN THE PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM, MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Cllr Besant, as Vice-Chairman, took the chair for the first item of the agenda.

001/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Following this Cllr Boswell proposed, and Cllr Tippen seconded, that Cllr Besant be elected Chairman for the forthcoming Council year. All in favour.

Cllr Besant accepted the role of Chairman and took over the remainder of the meeting.

002/24 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Boswell proposed, and Cllr Tippen seconded, that Cllr Turner be elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. All in favour.

Cllr Turner accepted the role of Vice-Chairman.

003/24 PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam, Besant (as Chairman), Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Tippen and Turner were in attendance. The Deputy Clerk was also present.

004/24 APOLOGIES:

The Clerk had given her apologies.

In the Clerk's absence the Deputy Clerk was in attendance to take minutes.

005/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

006/24 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

The agent for 24/501824/LBC – John's Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden is Mr Derek Hudson who is also contracted under Marden Parish Council in regard to the changing room refurbishment but this is unrelated.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

007/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were four members of the public in attendance for 24/501/824/LBC – John's Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden.

The Chairman proposed to bring forward this planning application for discussion and Cllrs agreed.

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

24/501824/LBC – John's Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and repairs including raising floor height in dining area/lobby and toilet and relocation of bathroom.

Neighbouring residents attended the Parish Council planning meeting and raised a number of issues relating to the application. Firstly, it appears that they, as property owners of parts of

the area within the redline, were not notified correctly of the application by Notice, and as such, that Certificate B should have been designed within the Application Form. Secondly, properties neighbouring the site directly have also not been consulted directly by MBC.

Although Councillors did not object in principle to the proposals from a Listed Building Consent perspective, they felt that the application contained a lack of information to establish what, if any, substantial materials/fabric changes were being made to the building.

Councillors would therefore like to reserve the right to comment further on this application when the correct Notices have been served, the application revalidated, and when further details are made available with regards to internal changes to the Listed Building.

20.06 *Four members of the public left the meeting.*

008/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHIN MARDEN PARISH

FULL APPLICATIONS

24/501698/FULL – Chevening Cottage, 1A Campion Way, Marden

Erection of a single storey side/rear extension.

Cllrs raised no objection.

24/501723/FULL – 1 Chainhurst Cottages, Dairy Lane, Marden

Demolition of existing lean-to extension and erection of new single storey rear extension.

Cllrs raised no objection.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

24/501925/TCA - The Limes, West End, Marden

Conservation area notification: Re-pollard two Lime trees; Fell one Goat Willow, flushing stump low to ground level and Eco-Plug to prevent re-growth, chip and remove all arisings and leave a clean and tidy site.

Cllrs raised no objection.

009/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MARDEN PARISH:

24/501640/PROW – Land North of Little Cheveney Farm, Sheephurst Lane, Marden

Request for footpath KM248/2 to be diverted under s257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Details not available on MBC Planning Portal at time of meeting so item would be deferred.

24/501196/FULL – Land to the South of Sheephurst Lane, Marden (Collier Street PC)

Creation of a switching station with associated apparatus, plant room, 2 substations and access road from Sheephurst Lane.

Cllrs noted.

010/24 MBC DECISIONS & APPEALS

Decisions

The following decisions had been received from MBC:

24/500073/SUB - Blue House Farm, 3 The Lambing Shed, Battle Lane Marden

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (Site development plan) of application

23/504561/FULL

MPC: Noted

MBC: Approved

24/501480/AGRIC - Great Cheveney Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Prior notification for proposed farm track to facilitate movement of fruit from Orchards. For its prior approval to siting and means of construction of the private way.

MPC: Noted

MBC: Prior Approval is not required.

23/505505/FULL – Horlands Farm, Summerhill Road, Marden

Change of use from agricultural to secure dog walking exercise field with permeable hardstanding car park, erection of new and replacement fences and gates (Retrospective)

MPC: No objection

MBC: Approved

24/501011/LAWPRO – Plain Oast, Plain Road, Marden

Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of oak framed outbuilding comprising of home office and gym space, garden storage and games area.

MPC: Noted

MBC: Refused

24/500521/FULL - Pond Oast, Tanner Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Relocation of 2 roof lights and erection of a boundary wall.

MPC: Refused

MBC: Refused

24/500522/LBC – Pond Oast, Tanner Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Listed Building Consent for relocation of 2 roof lights and erection of a boundary wall

MPC: Refused

MBC: Refused

24/500765/FULL – The Barn, Great Cheveney Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Insertion of 4 conservation roof lights

MPC: No objection

MBC: Refused

24/500766/LBC – The Barn, Great Cheveney Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to include the reconfiguration of the ground and first floor levels, removal and erection of internal walls, creation of vaulted ceilings and insertion of 4 conservation roof lights.

MPC: No objection subject to Conservation Officer's agreement

MBC: Refused

24/501009/PNQCLA – The Nurseries, Staplehurst Road, Marden

Prior notification for the change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from agricultural to Prior notification for the change of use of existing agricultural building to one residential dwelling and associated operation development. For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development. Noise impacts of the development. - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the use of the building to change from agricultural use to C3 (dwellinghouse) - Design and external appearance impacts on the building. - Provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouse dwellinghouses and associated operation development.

MPC: Noted

MBC: Prior Approval is not required.

23/504045/FULL – The Old Post Office, High Street, Marden

Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 5 (no cooking processes/hot food preparation on site) pursuant to 17/504389/FULL - Change of use of existing redundant post and sorting office to cafe and shop, including the demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey rear extension, rooflights to rear roof slope and alterations.

Formation of self-contained flat in roof space of existing dwelling and installation of air conditioning units.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Approved

Decisions outside Marden Parish

No decisions received outside of Marden Parish.

Appeals

No new appeal information received.

011/24 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES:**MBC Planning Committee**

The next MBC Planning Committee meeting is on 23rd May 2024.

MBC Local Plan

There were no updates for Marden parish but there have been two judicial reviews applied for in other areas.

012/24 MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There were no further updates on the Marden Neighbourhood Plan for this meeting.

013/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

The following invoices for payment were submitted to the meeting:

Paddock Wood Advisory Centre – Donation (as agreed at APCM) - £250.00

Castle Water – Water Supply – Public Conveniences - £2.58

Castle Water – Water Supply – Public Conveniences - £10.72

Alison Hooker – Office Postage - £10.80

TOTAL: £274.10

Cllrs agreed invoices and Cllrs Adam and Turner would authorise on Unity.

The Chairman then read out the following statement:

I PROPOSE THAT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED:

014/24 ENFORCEMENT**New/Reported Alleged Enforcement**

There were two enforcement issues reported to Cllrs.

MBC Update on Enforcement

There were no updates on enforcement from MBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.38.

Signed:

Date:

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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 4TH JUNE 2024 IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

015/24 PRESENT:

Cllrs Besant (in the Chair), Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Tippen and Turner were present. The Clerk and 3 members of the public were also in attendance.

016/24 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Adam gave his apologies.

017/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

018/24 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

The agent for 24/501826/FULL and 24/501827/LBC – John’s Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden is Mr Derek Hudson who is also contracted under Marden Parish Council in regard to the changing room refurbishment but this is unrelated.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

019/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public in attendance wished to speak on item 020/24: applications for John’s Hairdressers and 3 Primrose Close.

The Chairman proposed to bring forward 3 Primrose Close followed by John’s Hairdressers applications.

020/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHIN MARDEN PARISH

FULL APPLICATIONS

24/502053/FULL – 3 Primrose Close, Marden

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

Resident’s comments were on the MBC planning portal and were duly noted by Cllrs.

Cllrs felt it was a modest extension but noted that it was in very close proximity to boundary wall to the neighbouring property at No. 2 Primrose Close. However, Cllrs felt that it was not detrimental to the street scene.

Cllrs noted application but did not wish to make any comment.

24/501826/FULL – John’s Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden

Part demolition of single storey rear flat roofed extension and replacement with the erection of a single storey rear pitched roof extension and a garden shed (Revised scheme 23/504895/FULL).

The Clerk was asked to reiterate the comments sent to MBC on the previous listed building application discussed on 14th May 2024 regarding the signing of Certificate B as this had still not been completed in the new application.

Cllrs acknowledged that there had been a reduction in the size of the proposed extension.

Following comments by residents, Councillors understood that although there is a right of access to the rear to provide access to the new sole residential unit entrance, it has been rarely

used over the past years, and the increased intensity of use (as a result of the access becoming the only way to access the residential unit), would have a detrimental impact on the loss of privacy to current residents.

With regards to design, Cllrs felt that the extension, whilst reduced from the previous proposals, would be harmful to the setting of the listed building, and Conservation Area.

Following discussion Cllrs recommended refusal due to proposed extension being harmful to the setting of a Conservation Area and in the setting of the listed buildings of Marden Bakery, The Green Door and Sutton Forge Oast; this is contrary to MNP Policy BE1 (Local Character) together with MBC Local Plan Review Policy LPHOU2; further, the proposal would conflict with the Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policy BE2 (Residential Amenity) with regard to the proposed access and privacy of neighbouring properties.

Cllrs urge the applicant to engage with the neighbours on the issue of the right of access, and, noted that the roof plan of the proposed shed differs on the proposed plans and elevations.

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

24/501827/LBC – John’s Hairdressers, 5 High Street, Marden

Listed Building Consent for the part demolition of single storey rear flat roofed extension and replacement with the erection of a single storey pitched roof extension and a garden shed (Revised scheme 23/504896/LBC).

Same comments as 24/501826/FULL

8.25pm Three members of the public left the meeting

FULL APPLICATIONS

24/501298/FULL – Dunbar, Thorn Road, Marden

Erection of a single storey first floor rear extension.

Cllrs raised no objection.

24/501904/FULL – Hammons Court, Plain Road, Marden

Erection of detached building to accommodate double bay garage and ancillary accommodation.

Cllrs raised no objection subject to it being ancillary to the main dwelling.

24/501913/FULL – Manor Farm Oast, Battle Lane, Marden

Replace 7 single glazed multi-paned windows of modern construction to the west elevation and 3 to the east elevation with double glazed casement windows.

Cllrs raised no objection subject to the Conservation Officer’s approval.

LISTED BUILDINGS CONSENT

24/501914/LBC – Manor Farm Oast, Battle Lane, Marden

Listed Building Consent to replace 7 single glazed multi-paned windows of modern construction to the west elevation and 3 to the east elevation with double glazed casement windows.

Cllrs raised no objection subject to the Conservation Officer’s approval.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

24/502036/SUB – Horlands Farm, Summerhill Road, Marden

Submission of details to discharge condition 3 – Site Development Scheme, subject to 23/505505/FULL

Noted.

24/502111/PNQCLA – Grene Trest, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Prior notification for the change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from agricultural to 1 dwelling house and associated operation development. For its prior approval to: Transport and Highways impacts of the development; noise impacts of the development; contamination risks on the site; flooding risks on the site; whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impracticable or undesirable for the use of the building to change from agricultural use to C3 (dwelling houses); design and external appearance impacts on the building and provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwelling house.
Noted

021/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MARDEN PARISH:24/501640/PROW – Land North of Little Cheveney Farm, Sheephurst Lane, Marden

Request for footpath KM248/2 to be diverted under s257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

An email had been received from MBC stating that the documents should be on the planning portal shortly and therefore this was deferred until the next meeting.

022/24 MBC DECISIONS & APPEALS**Decisions**24/501698/FULL – Chevening Cottage, 1A Campion Way, Marden

Erection of single storey side/rear extension

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501468/FULL – 6 Lime Close, Marden

Erection of single storey rear extension and part garage conversion.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501016/FULL – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Conversion of existing outbuilding with the erection of a single storey linked to outbuildings side extension to form a gym with a sauna and steam room for incidental use of the main dwelling house.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Refused

24/501017/LBC – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Listed Building Consent for the conversion of existing outbuilding with the erection of a single storey linked to outbuildings side extension to form a gym with a sauna and steam room for incidental use of the main dwelling house.

MPC: No objection subject to Conservation Officer's approval.

MBC: Refused

24/501018/FULL – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Erection of solar panel array

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

21/053412/FULL – Marden Sports Club, Maidstone Road, Marden

Erection of 8 full masts and 4 lower masts floodlighting to serve the sports pitches.

MPC: Refused

MBC: Granted

24/500601/FULL – Millbrook Garden Centre, Staplehurst Road, Marden

Erection of a rear and side extension to the existing open-sided canopy and extension of existing covered walkway, erection of single storey side extension to existing coffee shop to form a covered seating area, wash up room, and store, and extension of main car park, including demolition of existing service yard/external storage buildings, relocation of shed and conservatory sales and display area and relocation of existing security fence.

MPC: Refused

MBC: Granted

24/500845/FULL – Reeves Cottage, Battle Lane, Marden

Replace the existing former porch with the erection of a new timber porch.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/500846/LBC – Reeves Cottage, Battle Lane, Marden

Listed Building Consent to replace the existing former porch with the erection of a new timber porch.

MPC: No objection subject to Conservation Officer's approval.

MBC: Granted

24/501925/TCA – The Limes, West End, Marden

Conservation area notification: Re-pollard two Lime trees; Fell one Goat Willow, flushing stump low to ground level and Eco-Plug to prevent regrowth. Chip and remove all arisings and leave a clean and tidy site.

MPC: No comment.

MBC: No objection

Decisions outside Marden Parish

No decisions received outside of Marden Parish.

Appeals

No appeal information received.

023/24 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES:**MBC Planning Committee**

Cllrs noted the next MBC Planning Committee meeting is on 20th June 2024.

MBC Local Plan

Cllrs agreed to remove this item from the agenda unless any information came to light regarding the judicial review.

Assets of Community Value

A meeting would be arranged to discuss the ACV document

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk presented the outcome of the CIL consultation held in March/April to Cllrs. Cllrs Boswell and Tippen agreed to view the responses and report back.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Cllrs noted the NALC's draft response to planning applications and Cllr Turner would take to Marden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

024/24 MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk had been contacted by MBC to provide details regarding the changes to policy In2 which the Clerk sent back. The Clerk was asked to chase on the update.

025/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

The following invoices for payment were put before Cllrs:

Graham Carey – Contracted grounds maintenance: £588.00

Rams Hill Mowers – Mower repairs: £42.00

Pear Technology – Annual support: £300.00

Harvey House, Property & Gardens – standpipe at cemetery: £467.00

Stanleys Garage – fuel: £77.99

Cloudy IT – Monthly support: £225.60

Golden Hill Nursery – plants for troughs: £132.00

Kent County Supplies – Photocopier rental: £108.02

Business Stream – Public conv. Waste water: £185.54

HMRC/Employees – June Salaries and PAYE/NIC: £8,616.07

Total: £10,742.22

Cllrs agreed payments and Cllrs Tippen and Turner would authorise on Unity.

The Chairman read out the following statement:

I PROPOSE THAT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED:

No other members of the public were in attendance.

026/24 ENFORCEMENT

New/Reported Alleged Enforcement

One new item of alleged enforcement was given to Cllrs and this would be reported to MBC.

MBC Update on Enforcement

No updates received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.06pm

Signed:

Date:

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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 18TH JUNE 2024 IN THE PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM, MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

027/24 PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam, Newton, Tippen and Turner were present. The Clerk was also in attendance.

028/24 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Besant, Boswell, Gibson and Rabot.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Turner (as Planning Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.

029/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Cllrs approved the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2024. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

030/24 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Newton declared an interest in item (Toad Hall, Stanley Road) as application site was a neighbour to his parents' property but had not been lobbied.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

031/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

No members of the public were in attendance.

032/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHIN MARDEN PARISH

FULL APPLICATIONS

24/501907/FULL – The Orchard, Copper Lane, Marden

Change of use of land to retain seven family mobile homes for gypsy/traveller accommodation with associated parking and cycle spaces (Retrospective)

In the supporting statement Cllrs noted that the agent stated that the previous application (18/504616/FULL) was for 5 mobile homes and 5 touring caravans whilst condition (3) of said application limits the number to 5 mobile homes and 1 touring caravan at any one time. Cllrs also noted that conditions (5) and (6) of 18/504616/FULL had not been discharged. Cllrs would expect conditions rigorously enforced but felt that this application meets the requirements of Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policy In7 provided conditions are attached - being a duplication of conditions (2), (4), (5) and (6) of 18/504616/FULL and that the previous conditions (5) and (6) are discharged.

In addition, in line with MNP Policy In7, Cllrs wish the site to maintain conformity throughout the occupancy of the site so as not to be detrimental to the amenity of the neighbours, character of the countryside or the biodiversity of the wider area.

The total number of touring caravans should remain at 1 and not as in the agent's statement and Cllrs raised no objection provided the above conditions are applied.

24/502306/FULL – Toad Hall, Stanley Road, Marden

Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension with flat roof.

No objection.

OTHER APPLICATIONS24/502174/LAWPRO – Chambers Farmhouse, Underlyn Lane, Marden

Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of gates and fencing.
Noted.

24/502223/TCA – Marden Stores, Church Green, Marden

Conservation Area Notification: Remove one Horse-Chestnut tree.

Cllrs strongly object to the removal of a healthy tree and refer to the previous application 21/506089 where tree work was specifically mentioned in order to retain the Horse Chestnut. The applicant should be encouraged to seek a specialist arboriculturist's advice for further works to be undertaken to protect both the tree and the property. Cllrs do not wish this to go to Committee.

24/502271/SUB – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Discharge of Condition 5 – Landscaping Scheme of Application 24/501018/FULL.
Noted

24/502292/PNQCLA – Cannon Farm, Thorn Road, Marden

Prior notification for change of use of a building and land within its curtilage from agricultural to 1no. dwellinghouse and associated operational development. For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development. - Noise impacts of the development. - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - Whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the use of the building to change from agricultural use to C3 (dwellinghouses). - Design and external appearance impacts on the building. - Provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses.

Noted

033/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MARDEN PARISH:24/501640/PROW – Land North of Little Cheveney Farm, Sheephurst Lane, Marden

Request for footpath KM248/2 to be diverted under s257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. *(Details not available on MBC Planning Portal at time of issuing agenda).*

034/24 MBC DECISIONS & APPEALS**Decisions**

The following decisions were received from MBC:

24/501229/FULL – Old Church Cottage, Church Green, Marden

Replacement of windows, rear and side external doors, and installation of wood burning stove with AGA flue.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501230/LBC – Old Church Cottage, Church Green, Marden

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of windows, rear and side external doors, and installation of wood burning stove with AGA flue.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501295/FULL – Mount Pleasant Farm, Maidstone Road, Marden

Erection of 3 glamping units, comprising of 2 cabins and 1 Shepherd Hut, with associated parking and landscaping

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501526/FULL – 1 Foundation Farm Cottages, Tilden Lane, Marden

Erection of a single-storey rear and side extension

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501532/FULL – Little Cornwells, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Section 73 - Application for variation of condition 5 (to allow change of tile hanging to grey horizontal composite cladding) pursuant to 22/504812/FULL for - Erection of two storey side/front extension and alterations to existing garage roof. Relocation of existing vehicular access. (Re-submission of 21/506420/FULL).

MPC: Noted

MBC: Granted

24/501925/TCA – The Limes, West End, Marden

Conservation area notification: Re-pollard two Lime trees, Fell one Goat Willow, flushing stump low to ground level and Eco-Plug to prevent regrowth.

MPC: Noted

MBC: No objection

Decisions outside Marden Parish

There were no decisions on applications outside of Marden Parish.

Appeals

No further appeal information had been received.

035/24 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES:**MBC Planning Committee**

Cllrs noted the next MBC Planning Committee meeting is on 20th June 2024 and had received notification of the following being on the agenda for this meeting and the adjourned meeting on the 27th June:

23/503752/FULL – Linton Growing Land at Burford Farm, Redwall Lane, Linton – attendance not required as outside of Marden Parish

24/500504/FULL – Lodge Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden – attendance not required as not called in by Marden Parish Council.

24/501069/FULL – 62 Sovereigns Way, Marden – this application had been called in by Marden Parish Council. However, on reviewing the Officer's Committee report Cllrs wished to retain its objection but withdraw their request to call it to Committee. The Clerk would contact the Committee Clerk to inform them of this decision.

036/24 MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs received the further response received from MBC and agreed to add to the next Planning Agenda to discuss in more detail.

037/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

The following invoices were submitted for payment:

M&M Developers – Installation of flymobile at play area - £1,440.00

Paul Waring – Contract mowing - £711.12

Rams Hill – Mower Repairs - £126.60

Cllr Matt Besant – materials to install cemetery sign £32.39

Castle Water – changing rooms water supply - £7.51

Cloudy IT – monthly IT support - £225.60

Castle Water – public conv. Water supply - £6.67

Total: £2,549.89

Cllrs agreed payments and Cllrs Tippen and Turner would authorise on Unity.

The Chairman then read out the following statement:

I PROPOSE THAT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED:

No members of the public were in attendance.

038/24 ENFORCEMENT

New/Reported Alleged Enforcement

One new item of alleged enforcement was given to Cllrs and this would be reported to MBC.

MBC Update on Enforcement

No updates received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date:

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 2ND JULY 2024 IN THE PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOM, MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

039/24 PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam, Beasant (in the Chair), Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Tippen and Turner were present. The Clerk was also in attendance.

040/24 APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

041/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Cllrs agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2024 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

042/24 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

043/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

044/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHIN MARDEN PARISH

FULL APPLICATIONS

24/502096/FULL – Chain Dene, Tilden Lane, Marden

Erection of single storey orangery side extension, two storey side and rear extensions, front and rear porches, and conversion of loft into habitable space, including increase in roof ridge height and 12 dormers. (Previous application 23/503569/FULL withdrawn by applicant)
Cllrs reviewed the revised plans and whilst Cllrs noted the differences wished to reiterate their previous comments given on 23/503569/FULL:

Cllrs felt the proposal overwhelms the existing form and character of the existing building and would have a detrimental landscape impact in the open countryside alongside incongruous arrangements of the dormers on all four sides of the building.

Therefore, Cllrs recommended refusal as was contrary to Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review Policies LPRSP15: Principles of Good Design; LPRQD4: Design Principles in the Countryside; LPRHOU11 Rebuilding, Extending and Sub-Division of Dwellings in the Countryside paragraphs (2(i)) and (2(ii)); and LPRSP9: Development in the Countryside and Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policies NE3: Landscape Integration; and BE1: Local Character.

Cllrs did not wish this to go to Committee.

24/502375/FULL – Plain Oast, Plain Road, Marden

Erection of an oak framed outbuilding to comprise of home office and gym following removal of existing dilapidated garage building.

Cllrs viewed the documents and felt it was too large a structure to be subservient to the existing dwelling and from the lack of detail on the floor plan there is no justification to have a building of this size.

Therefore, Cllrs wished to refuse this application as felt it was contrary to Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review Policies LPRSP9: Development in the Countryside; and LPRQD4: Design Principles in the Countryside and Marden Neighbourhood Plan Policy NE3: Landscape Integration. However, Cllrs did not wish this to go to Committee.

24/502398/FULL – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Conversion of existing outbuilding into habitable space to be used as a gym with shower room for incidental use of the main dwelling house. (Resubmission of 24/501016/FULL - Refused)

Cllrs raised no objection.

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

24/502399/LBC – Manor Farm House, Battle Lane, Marden

Listed Building Consent for the conversion of existing outbuilding into habitable space to be used as a Gym and shower room for incidental use of the main dwelling house. (Resubmission of 24/501017/LBC - Refused)

Cllrs raised no objection subject to the Conservation Officer's agreement.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

24/502417/SUB – Chevening Cottage, 1A Campion Way, Marden

Submission of details pursuant to condition 2 (ecology enhancement scheme) of application 24/501698/FULL

Noted

24/502443/TCA – 4 West End Cottages, West End Marden

Conservation Area notification for 2 x (T1 and T2) mature lime Trees- all round crown reduction to 2m with final measurement of 4.5m and 1 x (T3) mature holly Tree - all round crown reduction by up to 2m with final measurement of 4.5m with a 50cm crown to reduce overhang into the neighbouring pub garden, free up the telephone lines and ensure sufficient clearance from buildings.

Cllrs raised no objection.

045/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MARDEN PARISH:

24/501640/PROW – Land North of Little Cheveney Farm, Sheephurst Lane, Marden

Request for footpath KM248/2 to be diverted under s257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Details had still not been uploaded to the MBC Planning Portal and would therefore be deferred until the next Planning meeting.

046/24 MBC DECISIONS & APPEALS

Decisions

The following decisions were received:

23/504905/FULL – Oakleigh House, Pattenden Lane, Marden

Erection of 1 three storey self-storage unity including access, parking and associated works. MPC: Refused

MBC: Granted (Committee)

24/500504/FULL – Lodge Farm, Goudhurst Road, Marden

Demolition of existing agricultural barn and erection of 1 chalet bungalow with associated access, landscape and biodiversity enhancements (revised scheme to 20/504096/FULL)

MPC: No objection (with comments)

MBC: Granted (Committee)

24/501723/FULL – 1 Chainhurst Cottages, Dairy Lane, Marden

Demolition of existing lean-to extension and erection of new single storey rear extension.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501913/FULL – Manor Farm Oast, Battle Lane, Marden

Replacement of 7 single glazed multi-paned windows of modern construction to the west elevation and 3 to the east elevation with double glazed casement windows.

MPC: No objection

MBC: Granted

24/501914/LBC – Manor Farm Oast, Battle Lane, Marden

Listed Building Consent to replace 7 single glazed multi-paned windows of modern construction to the west elevation and 3 to the east elevation with double glazed casement windows.

MPC: No objection subject to Conservation Officer's approval

MBC: Granted

Decisions outside Marden Parish

The following decision was received from MBC:

23/503752/FULL – Burford Farm, Redwall Lane, Linton

Erection of polytunnels with year round coverage. Concreting of existing access track over a 40 metre section and construction of 2 concrete bin pads with partial grain walls, with associated landscaping, drainage infrastructure and engineering operations.

MPC: Comments

MBC: Granted (Committee)

Appeals

Marden Parish Council had received notification of intention to submit an appeal for Land East of Albion Road and North of Copper Lane. The Clerk was asked to report to Planning Committee once details of the appeal had been received to allow MPC to comment further if required.

047/24 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES:**MBC Planning Committee**

Cllrs to note the next MBC Planning Committee meeting is on 18th July 2024.

MBC Consultation – Planning Validation Checklist Changes

Closing date 28th July 2024.

Cllr Besant and reviewed the consultation document and explained some of the proposed changes. Cllrs noted the document but did not wish to comment.

048/24 MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There were a couple of policies that MBC still considered would result in a referendum. The Clerk was asked to contact MBC to arrange a Teams meeting to discuss these further.

049/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

The following invoices were submitted for payment:

Graham Carey: contracted grounds maintenance - £602.00

Stanleys: fuel and miscellaneous goods - £79.99

Cloudy IT: monthly IT support - £225.60

Marden Memorial Hall: office rent, refuse and cleaning - £349.57

1st Choice Inflatables: inflatable assault course for play scheme - £438.00

P&F Cleaning: public convenience cleaning - £725.00

Treecycle Ltd: Tree Audit - £504.00

HMRC/Employees: July salaries, PAYE and NIC - £8,780.07

All Cllrs agreed and Cllrs Adam and Turner would authorise on Unity.

Cllrs also agreed the transfer of £20,000 from revenue account with Unity to the revenue account with Nat West.

The Chairman then read out the following statement:

I PROPOSE THAT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED:

No members of the public were in attendance.

050/24 ENFORCEMENT

New/Reported Alleged Enforcement

A new, alleged, enforcement was raised and this would be reported to MBC.

MBC Update on Enforcement

No updates to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed:

Date:

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ITEM 025-24 – EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP NOTES 21ST MAY 2024

Notes from Building Resilient Communities held at Ashford Borough Council on Tuesday 21st May 2024 attended by the Clerk.

Course run by Kent and Medway Resilience Forum, Communities Prepared ([Kent Prepared is the official website for the Kent and Medway Resilience Forum \(KMRF\)](#)) and KALC.

Speakers:

Mark Rogers (MR): Met Office Civil Contingencies Advisor
Emma Croft (EC): Environment Agency
Toby Howe (TH): Kent Highways and Transportation
Emma Harris (EH): Ashford Borough Council Resilience Officer
Tenterden Town Council (TTC)
Kerry Outlaw (KO): Chiddingstone Parish Council

MR spoke about the changes to the climate and how this could mean more wildfires in the summer, flooding at all times of the year.

- >summer temperatures by 5°
- >60% drier summers
- <rainy days in summer
- >rainfall on rainy days
- >1-4.5° warmer in winter
- >up to 30% wetter

Met office provide additional training on:

- Summer Weather hazards
- Winter Weather hazards
- Information, Products and Services
- Climate Changes and Communities

Recommend registering via Met Office for weather warnings.

ER provided details of flood plans being available on the .gov website. This was open data, free and could be downloaded to Parish Online/Pear Technology.
Promoted the EA Flood Warnings alert system.

TH provided details of Operation Brock (following on from Operation Stack), the implications of this in Dover and the surrounding areas and also about the new entry and exit system that is due to come into operation in October this year. This will have a knock on effect on the waiting times at the port of Dover and Eurotunnel – information regarding this will be published in the summer.

EH gave a background of how Ashford BC are looking at the Emergency/Resilience Plans – a smaller, less detailed, document is available to all Ashford parishes to complete rather than the full one provided by the K&MRF. She is not aware of any other parishes promoting this. However, it is recommended that if parishes have flood plans then the full document is used.

TTC had used the less detailed document for their plan and keep it in house (ie no residents/contractors are involved and no telephone tree). They have used their document as information of what TTC can do in the first 20 minutes of an emergency prior to the emergency services attending.

KO is a Cllr at Chiddingstone PC and following an emergency when main road was closed into the parish along with no electricity set about devising a plan along with a cluster of 4 other parishes.

Other Information received:

Categories provided of Cat 1 – Core Responsibilities; Cat 2 – Required to Assist; Non-Cat – No obligation to assist. Eg:

Cat 1 Core Responsibilities	Cat 2 Required to Assist	Non-Cat No obligation to assist
Police F&RS Ambulance Local Authority British Transport Police Coastguard EA	Electricity & Gas Sewer & Water Telecommunications NHS Network Rail Highways England Ports and Airports HSE	Military Parish & Town Councils Voluntary organisations RNLI British Red Cross Salvation Army

Parish and Town Councils have no statutory risk management however they represent the local community; have local knowledge and provide a network with the local authority.

List of Risk Registers

National Risk Register 2023: [National Risk Register 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Public Community Risk Register: [Kent Community Risk Register | Kent Prepared](#)

? Parish Risk Register

Can be put together to include a matrix of outcome/impact and to deal with the challenge not the hazard

Suggested things to do:

Undertake an audit of the community (ie who, what can be done)

What roles are within the community (voluntary organisations etc)

What skills are available within the community

What knowledge is available within the community

Document should be a working document and should be reviewed regularly, scenarios undertaken and advertised widely with hard copies available

List Local Assets

Community Capacity	Examples
<u>People</u> What can they offer? Who is able to provide details or information / vulnerable people etc?	Skills Knowledge Councillors Faith Leaders Medical Centre

<p><u>Networks</u> Offers of assistance?</p>	<p>Businesses Churches WI Medical Centre</p>
<p><u>Equipment</u> What is available? Who can assist?</p>	<p>4 x 4 Tractors Chainsaws <i>Insurance cover / certificates to be considered</i></p>
<p><u>Places</u> Where could people gather? Provision of safe place?</p>	<p>Venues (details of key holders/what is available) Memorial Hall Vestry Hall Sports Club Village Club Scout HQ</p>
<p><u>Infrastructure:</u> Assist with venues Access Vulnerable families</p>	<p>Primary School Medical Centre Foodbank/Church Railway Station</p>
<p><u>Economic</u> What companies can offer?</p>	<p>Businesses Self-employed</p>
<p><u>Environment:</u> What is around? Hazards?</p>	<p>Woodland Ponds/Rivers Parks</p>
<p><u>Location:</u> Where situated?</p>	<p>Rural/Urban location Distance from nearest town Neighbours</p>

Notes of a Teams Meeting Held on 10th June 2024 between Marden Parish Council and Kent Highways.

In attendance:

Marden PC: Cllr Kate Tippen and Alison Hooker (Parish Clerk)

Kent Highways: Greg McNicoll and Christopher Koningen (Principle Designer)

KCC: Lottie Parfitt-Reid (County Councillor)

Items Discussed:

School Parking/Restrictions

KT provided a background of the issues regarding parking outside the Primary Academy and the proposed extension. The Principal had been in contact with Kent Highways previously in regard to amending the restriction times to be 8.00am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

CK raised concern that this could increase the speed of traffic at these times due to no vehicles parking. Plus a TRO could be open to legal challenges if cars moved to other areas – therefore needs to be a robust case. A solution would be to have SYL restrictions at these times but as passing places (15m/20m long) to allow vehicles to pull in along the stretch of road that currently has no restrictions.

Another proposal was to have DYL on the bend by “Florida”.

It was suggested that the Academy also consider a School Travel Plan and Kent Highways could assist with this.

Proposed Action:

Pre-consultation engagement (new Highways Improvement Plan pack has a template)

DYL (10m/15m on bend)

SYL passing places

Kent Highways to provide a proposed plan

Pattenden Lane/Church Green Junction

MPC had previously agreed to fund the design fee. GM asked to raise an invoice for payment.

Albion Road/Stanley Road DYL

Kent Highways agreed to fund

Village Gateway – Maidstone Road

Costings would be provided but the planter on the verge may need to be moved (or could be incorporated into the gateway along with the Village sign. (Note: ?Temporary structure S115 – has permission been given?)

Underlyn Lane/Maidstone Road

Kent Highways agreed to fund the moving to the black “Pattenden Lane” sign and the yellow (no entrance to Pattenden Lane”sign.

Full Council Meetings Action Log

2023/2024

Completed actions

Action No.	Minute No.	Date of Meeting	Minute Action	Allocated to	To Do	Date completed
A1	126/24		Cllrs to review Council policies prior to March meeting	All Cllrs	Ongoing	12/03/2024
A2	127/24	13/02/2014	Contact BTP regarding recent vandalism / update from CCTV	Clerk	contacted via online chat	
A3	127/24	13/02/2024	Contact Southern Water regarding sewer plan for the village/The Parsonage	Cllr Summersgill & Clerk	Cllr Summersgill to assist clerk with drafting letter. Letter sent 11th March 2024	
A4	127/24	13/02/2024	Review library status	Cllrs Adam, Boswell and Robertson	To meet to discuss	
A5	127/24		Cllr Rabot to be MPC's representative on the Maidstone IAG	Clerk & Cllr Rabot	Clerk to contact Maidstone IAG with Cllr Rabot's details	14/02/2024
A6	127/24		Local Council Award Scheme: review Value for Money statement	Cllr Tippen & Clerk	Clerk to also ascertain what else is required for submission. Cllrs resolved that all documentation was in place to submit	12/04/2024
A7	127/24	Open Morning/Consultation 9/3/24	All Cllrs, Clerk & Deputy Clerk	Gather papers etc together for C/Rooms, Elections and ISP		09/03/2024
A8	127/24	Parish Winter Support Grant	Clerk	Form to be completed for Foodbank donation		16/02/2024
A9	128/24	Planning application: 24/500346/MOD106	Clerk	To respond before closing date of Cllrs comments		14/02/2024
A10	128/24	13/02/2024	Planning application: 20/505751/EIFUL	Cllr Turner	To draft statement and attend MBC Planning Committee 15/2/24	Statement drafted 14/2/24 deferred from MBC Planning Committee meeting
A11	129/24	Marden Conservation Area consultation	Clerk	Respond prior to closing date		14/02/2024

A12	129/24	Marden Conservation Area consultation	Clerk	Contact MBC regarding differing closing dates		14/02/2024
A13	130/24	13/02/2024	CCLA	Clerk	arrange to open new account - on 11/6/24 agenda	
A14	130/24	Four Year Financial Business Plan	Clerk	Update Plan from Finance Committee recommendation		Agreed March 2024
A15	138/24	13/02/2024	Raise police concerns (cc Inspector)	Clerk	Emailed	
A16	138/24	Local Council Award Scheme: draft application	Clerk	Finalise application following APM - submit to April FC		Resolved to accept document: 12th April 2024
A17	138/24	13/02/2024	ACV meeting to be arranged	Clerk/Cllrs	Meeting arranged for 3/8/24 at 10am	Meeting 3/8/24
A18	138/24	13/02/2024	Risk Assessments - review format	Clerk	To be done - date not fixed	
A19	141/24	12/03/2024	Review Cloudy IT annual support 2025/26	Clerk/Finance	prior to 25/26 budget meeting	
A20	142/24	Arrange meeting with representatives regarding parking/traffic in Goudhurst Road	Cllrs			Meeting held 15th April 2024 at 3.15pm
A21	142/24	12/03/2024	Respond to Kent Highways regarding HIP	Clerk	Teams Meeting arranged 10/6/24	Meeting 10/6/24
A22	142/24	Request copy of timetable from SE	Clerk	Emailed 30/4/24		Received 7/5/24
A23	149/24	Submit LCAS application to NALC	Clerk			Submitted 15/4/24
A24	149/24	Update Terms of Reference	Clerk			Updated 15/4/24
A25	150/24	09/04/2024	Review format of APM	Clerk/Cllrs	Emailed 30/4/24	
A26	153/24	Contact Borough/County Cllrs re parking at Church Green (email from dentist)	Clerk	Contacted Borough, County and Police	All three have spoken to dentists with options available.	Completed
A27	153/24	09/04/2024	Review faint yellow lines in village	Cllrs	To report to the Clerk	
A28	153/24	09/04/2024	Speedwatch - review list of volunteers	Clerk	Arrange training. Clerk liaising with Cllr Summersgill as co-ordinator	

A29	153/24	09/04/2024	South Eastern grants for biodiversity: obtain further information	Clerk/Cllr Boswell	Contacted South Eastern regarding 16/4/24 - response received meeting 20/6/24 with SE rep, Clerk and Cllr Boswell	Meeting 20/6/24
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2024/2025

Full Council Meetings Action Log

Completed actions

Action No.	Minute No.	Date of Meeting	Minute Action	Allocated to	To Do	Date completed
A30	009/24	07/05/2024	Update Committees/Sub-Committees on Structure document and website	Clerk		09/05/2024
A31	010/24	07/05/2024	Update Sub-Groups/Outside bodies on Structure document and website	Clerk		09/05/2024
A32	013/24	07/05/2024	Arrange meeting with Noah Ovenden (Redrow) to discuss allotments	Clerk	Emailed 9/5/24 - meeting held 6/6/24 - report to 9/6/24 meeting	Meeting 6/6/24
A33	014/24	07/05/2024	Arrange Sub-Group meetings for Byelaws and Emergency Planning	Clerk	Emailed Cllrs 9/5/24 for dates: Byelaws 13/7/24 at 9am. Emergency Planning to be arranged	
A34	014/24	07/05/2024	Arrange Sub-Group meetings for Cemetery and Communications	Deputy Clerk	Comms meeting held 4/6/24 / and Cemetery 24/5/24	
A35	016/24	07/05/2024	Submit AGAR to External Auditors	Clerk	Emailed 23/5/24	23/05/2024
A36	016/24	07/05/2024	Advertise AGAR on website and notice boards	Clerk/Admin Asst.	Website: 23/5/24 Noticeboards: 30/5/24	30/05/2024

Fw: Voltalia Community Grants

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Sent: 29 May 2024 08:00

To: Rachel Gillis-Coates <deputyclerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk>

Subject: Voltalia Community Grants

Good Morning,

I'm the founder of a software company, BizGive, that supports infrastructure developers in finding and providing grants to the communities that host their assets.

I wanted to touch base as we are running a funding programme for Voltalia, which owns a solar farm near Claygate, Kent.

They're looking to distribute grants to local projects with a particular focus on supporting environmental education, the local environment and sustainable community facilities, activities and green spaces.

I hoped Marden Parish Council may have - or know of - several projects that could benefit from a grant? If so, please let me know and I will share further details.

Many thanks,

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Date:	Contacted via	Who took call/emails?	Brief details of issue raised	Outcome
JANUARY 2024				
15/01/2024	Telephone	Ali	overgrown hedge in Maidstone Road	Reported to Kent Highways
22/01/2024	Telephone	Ali	cleaning issue at public conv.	liaised with contract cleaner
22/01/2024	Telephone	Ali	enforcement problem - previously raised anonymously	Spoke with Borough Cllr and raised under Confidential Matters at Planning Committee meeting
29/01/2024	Telephone	Ali	Dead dog on verge (Collier Street parish)	Reported to Police
19/01/2024	Telephone	Ali	enforcement problem - same as 22/1/24	Sent details to Borough Cllr
FEBRUARY 2024				
15/02/2024	Telephone	Ali	Interment of ashes query	Arranged date and gave details
28/02/2024	Telephone	Ali	resident reporting trees being dug up	reported to caretaker/cllrs
28/02/2024	Telephone	Ali	resident reporting loud neighbours	provided details for environmental health at MBC
29/02/2024	Telephone	Ali	Grave digger for tomorrow's funeral	confirmed location
MARCH 2024				
05/03/2024	Telephone	Ali	resident volunteering for litter pick	added to list
06/03/2024	Telephone	Ali	Golding Homes re The Allens storage	met on site and reported to Cllrs
13/03/2024	Telephone	Ali	Play equipment company arranging delivery of equipment	passed on details of contractor for delivery
20/03/2024	Telephone	Ali	Van leasing company to check all ok	Reporting no issues
21/03/2024	Email	Ali	Request from Marden Russet Runners to borrow litterpicking equipment for 2nd June 10k event	Provided equipment (stating litter pickers would need to be covered by RR insurers) - returned 4/6/24
25/03/2024	Telephone	Ali	Business requesting details to stop parking outside and across drive	Passed details to MBC, KCC and Police and reported to Cllrs

25/03/2024	Email	Ali	Solicitors making a claim	Wrong authority - should be KCC
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APRIL 2024

09/04/2024	Telephone	Ali	Resident reporting broken drain cover	Reported to Kent Highways
10/04/2024	Telephone	Ali	Funeral Director to arrange ashes	Arranged date and gave details
15/04/2024	Telephone	Ali	NoK to discuss options for interment of ashes	Provided details over phone and sent via email
24/04/2024	Telephone	Ali	NoK to discuss options for interment of ashes	Provided details over phone and sent via email

MAY 2024

02/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	Stonemason asking for plot number	Details given
02/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	NoK to discuss options for interment of ashes	Provided details over phone and sent via email
10/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	Resident providing information re D-Day	Passed details to History Group
23/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	NoK to discuss options for interment of ashes	Provided details over phone and sent via post
23/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	BT to discuss telephone contract	Ringing back
30/05/2024	Telephone	Ali	NoK concerned over memorial stones being laid down	Gave reasons and NoK would contact stone mason

JUNE 2024

June	Telephone/ Email/F2F	Ali/Rachel/Lisa	Requests for play scheme forms/ places / information	Provided information/forms etc
03/06/2024	F2F	Ali	Question about planning agenda	Provided information / details of meeting
03/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request for information of ownership of a property	Informed that MPC is unable to give out confidential contact details but suggested putting a note through property letterbox for owners to respond.
03/06/2024	Email	Ali	From Funeral Directors with request for info on an existing grave space	Provided information

04/06/2024	F2F	Rachel	Attendance at planning meeting	Provided details to Ali
05/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from Speed Watch co-ordinator for details of equipment	Provided information 5/6/24
06/06/2024	Email	Ali	Details regarding food/energy grant	Passed to Church/Pre-School and Cllrs to provide to Community Forum meeting
06/06/2024	Email	Ali	Information received from Stonemason regarding memorial	Noted - await date for installation
10/06/2024	Telephone	Ali	Overgrown area at Meades Close (owned by MBC) - rat problem	Contacted Borough Cllrs for details of person at MBC to deal with this
10/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from primary school to use Southons Field	Requested more details re dates/times/event
10/06/2024	Email	Ali	Overgrown hedge at Napoleon Drive	Contacted contractor to undertake work if no birds nesting
10/06/2024	Telephone	Ali	Query regarding burial plot	Provided information and to liaise via Funeral Director
10/06/2024	Telephone	Ali	2 x Complaints that residents had not been notified of air raid siren being sounded	Reported to History Group
10/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from History Group to insert flyer into next newsletter	Sent to AB/KT and Deputy Clerk to information
10/06/2024	Email	Ali	Confirmation from school	Details received and provided to Cllrs - agreed and booking form sent
11/06/2024	Telephone & Email	Ali	Funeral Directors to book a funeral	Confirmed date - awaiting paperwork
11/06/2024	Email	Ali	Funeral Directors to discuss interment of ashes	Provided details via email
17/06/2024	Email	Ali	Family member with query about a headstone	Provided details via email
17/06/2024	F2F	Ali	Cemetery query	Provide information verbally

17/06/2024	Email	Ali	Details on arranging meetings	Scheduled with Cllrs and entered into diary
17/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from Kent Highways for Purchase Order for Patt.Lane design works	Sent PO with details
17/06/2024	Email	Ali	Stone mason request regarding headstone	Confirmed location and provided details.
17/06/2024	Email	Ali	Parish Council contacted regarding Derek Stebbing, planning inspector for neighbourhood plan	Provided background on our experience - had no issues with how the examination was undertaken.
18/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from Bowls Club to use car park for coach in parking	Passed to MBC for decision
19/06/2024	Email	Ali	Liaised with local police regarding village surgery	Several emails to confirm location, time etc
19/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request from Scouts to use Southons Field 26/6/24	Permission given - provided details regarding times of locking up etc
19/06/2024	Email	Ali	Staplehurst PC requesting advice on HR policies	Providing information and guided him to our website where MPC policies can be viewed
20/06/2024	Email	Ali	Request to hire S/F for children's party	Provisionally booked in but asked about bouncy castle/portaloos - passed to Amenities to discuss
20/06/2024	Email	Ali	Statement received from Ecosan - original invoice not received	Emailed Ecosan for confirmation of correct email address - arrange payment
20/06/2024	Email	Ali	Paperwork received from Next of Kin for interment of ashes	Diarised - await confirmation of time to arrange for plot to be prepared
20/06/2024	Email	Ali	Paperwork received from FD for interment of ashes	Noted - await confirmation of date
21/06/2024	Telephone	Ali	Spoke with gravedigger regarding burial on 1/7/24	Sent plan of cemetery and photo of location.

21/06/2024	F2F	Ali	Parent to pay play scheme/complete form	Took card payment
21/06/2024	F2F	Ali	Resident reported alleged Giant Hogweed	Reported to Kent Highways

JULY 2024

July	Telephone/ Email/F2F	Ali/Rachel/Lisa	Requests for play scheme forms/ places / information	Provided information/forms etc
02/07/2024	Emails	Ali	Reviewed emails received whilst on leave	Dealt with by Rachel/Lisa
02/07/2024	Email	Ali	Resident reporting damaged street sign	Looked up details on Kent Gazetteer - not maintained at public expense so should be reported to management company
02/07/2024	Telephone	Ali	Company asking about printing and photocopying	Informed in contract but to contact us in 2025
02/07/2024	Telephone	Ali	Resident interested in co-option	Answered questions and hoping to apply
02/07/2024	F2F	Ali	Resident enquiring about internment of ashes	Provided information and rules & Regulations - await form/date
02/07/2024	Email	Ali	MBC request for annual CIL report for 2023/2024	Completed and returned
04/07/2024	Email	Ali	Parish Council contacted regarding parking issues	Responded (mainly regarding Mem. Hall)

Cllr Kate Tippen
Chair of Marden Parish Council
Parish Office
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29 May 2024

Dear Cllr Tippen,

Thank you so much for your donation of £250 for 2024/25 from Marden Parish Council which is gratefully received. Our service continues to support residents of Marden advising them about many issues including benefits, consumer matters, debt, employment, family, housing and relationship breakdown.

Overall demand for our services continues to increase and last year up to March 2024 we have helped 1,060 clients on 1,298 different issues, approximately 14% up on the previous year. Our Top 3 issues for advice during 2023-24 remain as welfare benefits, housing and debt. We also represented 11 clients at appeal in the first-tier tribunal to challenge benefit award decisions and were successful in all of these cases, a far higher rate than the national average.

We also secured approximately £1.4m worth of financial gain for our clients in unclaimed benefits, debt relief and other savings, 19% more than the prior year. As demand continues to grow and we persevere in offering face to face advice to ensure each individual receives the degree of support they need to enable them to address their problems, your donation will help us achieve this over the coming year.

Kind regards



Katie Hargreaves

ITEM 027/24 – DIRECT DEBITS

The following Direct Debits are set up for payment out of the Marden Parish Council Nat West Current Account (including VAT):

When taken	Paid To	Reason	Amount	Total for Year
Monthly	Maidstone Borough Council	Cemetery Refuse	£63.91	£766.92
Monthly	Lex Autolease	Van Rental	£199.64	£2,395.68
Monthly	Peninsula Business	HR Support	£183.71	£2,204.52
Monthly	Sage Business	Payroll	£34.80	£417.60
Monthly	Pitney Bowes	Franking Machine Rental	£15.54	£186.48
Monthly	Nest	Employee Pensions	Dependant of salary	
Monthly	Onecom	Telephone and Internet	£128.74	£1,544.88
Monthly	Hugofox	Website	£11.99	£143.88
Monthly	SSE	Electricity supply – changing rooms and toilets	Dependant on usage	
Six monthly	Public Works Loan Board	Public Works Loan repayment	£9118.96	£18,237.92