

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Marden Parish Council Amenities Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm at The Allens, Albion Road, Marden.

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24th September 2024

AGENDA**053/24 PRESENT****054/24 APOLOGIES****055/24 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION**

Declarations of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

056/24 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2024 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

057/24 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public to inform the Chairman if they wish to raise anything under this item or speak on any agenda item.

058/24 DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

Report to be submitted to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

059/24 OPEN SPACE

Playing Field

Play Inspection Report from MPC

Cllrs to accept the weekly reports received from Caretaker.

Picnic Benches

Cllrs to review picnic bench quotes received.

Permanent Goal Posts

Cllrs to consider position of permanent goal posts. Cllrs to consider request from Staplehurst Monarchs Football Club to hire pitch for under 8s to under 11s football games.

Southons Field

Play Trail Inspection Report from MPC

Cllrs to accept the weekly reports received from Caretaker.

Southons Field Extended Booking

Local sports company requesting to extend their booking. Cllrs to discuss.

Other Open Space

Amenities Site Meeting Dates

Site meeting dates to be agreed in Autumn/Winter.

Trees**Monthly Tree Inspections**

Cllrs to accept the monthly reports received from Caretakers.

Tree Audit Work – Quote for Work

Cllrs to look at quotes received from three companies for tree work.

Tree Watering/Maintenance at the Cemetery

Cllr Boswell and Besant to discuss and Cllrs to decide the watering/maintenance going forward.

060/24 CEMETERY**Cemetery Sub-Committee**

The Cemetery Sub-Committee met on 19th September. Recommendations that came out of that meeting for Cllrs to discuss.

061/24 ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Clerk will report if there are any updates.

062/24 PUBLIC TOILETS AND CAR PARK**Public Toilet Issues****Structural Survey on Building**

Cllrs to discuss recent correspondence regarding the fee quote for a structural survey on the Public Toilets building.

Car Park Issues**063/24 ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP**

The notes of the Environmental Sub-Group Meeting had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Draft Hedgerow Management Policy

Cllrs to review draft and agree wording before going to Full Council for ratification.

Hedgerow Saplings

Cllrs to consider obtaining more saplings for the extended Cemetery area.

Plastic Free Campaign

Cllrs to consider report from Cllr Boswell regarding a Plastic Free Campaign.

064/24 OUTSIDE BODIES REPORTS**Memorial Hall**

Cllr Turner to provide an update from meeting on 16th September.

Village Events Sub-Group

The Sub-Group met on 29th August and discussed Marden at Christmas. Cllrs to discuss purchasing a BBQ.

Marden Summer Playscheme

Report and income/expenditure was received by Cllrs prior to the meeting.

065/24 OUTSTANDING ISSUES**Outstanding Issue List**

The list to be circulated prior to the meeting.

066/24 OTHER AMENITIES ISSUES FOR DECISION**Litter Bin Survey**

Cllrs to review the Litter Bin Survey of the central part of the parish.

Remembrance Day Wreath

Cllrs to make the decision on purchasing a wreath for Remembrance Day 2024.

067/24 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Invoices to be submitted at the meeting.