



COUNCIL VEHICLE RULES

DRIVING LICENCE AND AUTHORITY TO DRIVE COUNCIL VEHICLES

You must be in possession of a current full driving licence, aged 25 and over and have the authority to drive one of our vehicles.

Your driving licence must be produced for scrutiny by the Clerk/Chairman/Deputy Clerk prior to driving any of our vehicles. Alternatively, we may require you to provide us with the ability to access your driving licence details online.

If at any time your licence is endorsed, or you are disqualified from driving, we must be informed immediately. If you are required to drive as part of your job and we are unable to find alternative employment, your employment may be terminated.

Data collected about driving licences will be processed in line with the Data Protection Act. You may read more about the data we hold on you, why we hold it and the lawful basis that applies in the employee privacy notice.

It is your responsibility to see that the vehicle is not used by anyone other than authorised employees/Councillors.

FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND MODIFICATIONS

No fixtures such as aerials, roof racks, towing apparatus, stickers, may be attached to any of our vehicles without prior written permission.

No change or alterations may be made to the manufacturer's mechanical or structural specification of the vehicle.

WARRANTY

All warranty work must be reported to us prior to it being carried out.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

When you drive one of our vehicles it is your responsibility to ensure that it is kept clean and tidy and that it is returned to us in that condition after use.

Any maintenance or repair work, or replacement of parts, including tyres, must be reported to us so that we can organise for it to be carried out.

Failure to adequately clean the vehicle may mean you are subject to the cost of the Valet being deducted from your pay.

USE OF MOBILE PHONE, SAT NAV OR OTHER DEVICE WHILST DRIVING

It is illegal to hold and use a mobile phone, sat nav, tablet or any device that can send and receive data whilst driving.

It is our Council policy that you should not hold and use a mobile phone, sat nav, tablet or any device that can send and receive data whilst driving. You should ensure you are safely parked and you have turned off the engine before making or receiving any telephone calls. In the event of you being unable to answer a call because you cannot find a safe place to stop, you must return the call as soon as conveniently possible after you have safely parked and turned off the engine.

You can use a device held in your hand in the following circumstances only:

- you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it is unsafe or impractical to stop
- you are safely parked
- you are making a contactless payment in a vehicle that is not moving, for example at a drive-through restaurant
- you are using the device to park the vehicle remotely.

You can use devices with hands-free access, such as a built-in sat nav, provided you do not hold the device at any time during usage.

SMOKING POLICY

It is our policy that all workplaces including vehicles are smoke free, which includes the use of e-cigarettes. This policy applies to all employees, contractors, clients or members of the public including using their own vehicle for Council business. You may only smoke during authorised breaks and in the designated areas.

Council disciplinary procedures will be followed if you do not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable for a fixed term penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

FUEL, ETC.

The caretaker should periodically check the tyre pressures and report to the Clerk of any issues.

Marden Parish Council has an account with a local garage for the supply of fuel where the vehicle should be filled.

FINES

We will not be held responsible for any fines (e.g. parking, speeding, etc.) incurred by you whilst working for us. If we receive the summons on your behalf, we may pay the fine and deduct the cost from any monies owing to you.

DAMAGE OR INJURY

If you are the driver of any of our vehicles and it is involved in an accident which causes damage to property or another vehicle, or injury to any person or animal, you are required to give your name and address, the name and address of the Owner, the registration number of the vehicle and the name of the Insurance Company to any person having reasonable grounds for requiring such information. It is important that you give no further information. If for some reason it is not possible to give this information at the time of the accident, the matter must be reported to the police as soon as possible, but within twenty-four hours of the occurrence.

In addition in the case of an incident involving injury to another person or to notifiable animals (i.e. dogs), you are responsible for notifying the police of the occurrence, and must produce your insurance certificate to a Police Officer attending the accident, or any other person having reasonable grounds for seeing it. The accident must be reported to a police station or to a Police Officer within twenty-four hours. If you are

not then able to produce the certificate, you must, in any event, produce it in person within five days after the accident, to such police station as you may specify at the time of first reporting the accident.

For security reasons, insurance certificates are kept by us. However, a copy of the certificate of insurance is provided with each vehicle and this will be renewed annually. You should make sure that it is with the vehicle at all times. Replacement copies can be obtained from us if necessary.

LOSS

In the case of theft of one of our vehicles, the police and ourselves must be informed immediately. Full details of the contents of the vehicle must also be given. If any contents are stolen from the vehicle the police and ourselves should be notified immediately.

Please note that only Council property is insured by us and you should make your own arrangements to cover personal effects.

The vehicle should be kept locked when not in use and the contents should be stored out of sight, preferably in the boot if it is a car. If a vehicle is stolen we are required to prove to the Insurance Company that there has been no negligence and, therefore, we must hold you responsible in the event of such negligence.

ACCIDENT PROCEDURE

It is a condition of the insurance policy that the insurers are notified of all accidents, even if apparently of no consequence. You must, therefore, as soon as possible after the accident, obtain an accident report form from us which must be completed and returned to us within twenty-four hours. All the information required on the form must be completed. You should note, that whenever possible the following particulars should appear in the form:

- a) The name and address of the other driver and the name and address of his/her insurers.
- b) The names and addresses of all passengers in both our vehicle and the third party's vehicle.
- c) Names and addresses of all witnesses. It will be of considerable assistance if statements can be obtained from all witnesses at the time of the accident.
- d) Particulars of the police attending i.e. name, number and division.

A detailed sketch must be provided showing the relative position of the vehicle before and after the accident, together with details of the roads in the vicinity, e.g. whether they are major or minor roads and as many relevant measurements as possible.

If our vehicle is undriveable you are responsible for making adequate arrangements for the vehicle to be towed to a garage, and the name and address of the garage where the vehicle may be inspected must be stated on the claim form.

Any maintenance or repair work, or replacement of parts, including tyres, must be reported to us so that we can organise for it to be carried out.

Under no circumstances may repairs be put in hand until the Insurance Company has given its agreement. We will notify you when this has been done.

You should not under any circumstances express any opinion one way or the other on the degree of responsibility for the accident. Only exchange particulars mentioned in 1) above and nothing more.

ROAD FUND LICENCE

The road fund licence for each vehicle will be renewed automatically when due.

PERMITTED USE

Subject to the restrictions already stipulated, our vehicles may only be used for our authorised business. They may not be used for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward, nor may they be used for any type of motoring sport, including racing, rallying or pace making, whether on the public highway or on private land.

The Parish Council caretakers have priority usage followed by the Parish Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

The vehicle is to be kept overnight at Marden Memorial Hall in the allocated space. It must not be kept overnight at any other address without previous agreement by Marden Parish Council.

PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

Where any damage to one of our vehicles is due to your negligence or lack of care, we reserve the right to insist on your rectifying the damage at your own expense or paying the excess part of any claim on the insurers.

Repeated instances may result in disciplinary action.

OTHER GUIDELINES

It must be emphasised that you must never drive under the influence of alcohol, or drugs, including medicines which may affect your driving.

Use seat belts at all times and comply with local traffic conditions.

Always drive within the speed limit and reduce speed where weather conditions require you to.

DO NOT DRIVE if tired.

Always take regular breaks from the vehicle.

The Parish Council owns a trailer for use by employees and Councillors. It must only be used for towing on the rear of the Parish Council vehicle. It must not be fitted to any other vehicle unless prior permission from the Parish Council.

I have read and I understand the above terms.

SIGNATURE:	_____
	Employee
	NAME:
DATE:	_____
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