



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2026 HELD AT 7.00PM AT THE ALLENS, ALBION ROAD, MARDEN

007/26 PRESENT

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

008/26 APOLOGIES

Cllr Newton gave his apologies for this meeting.

009/26 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.

Granting of Dispensation

There were no granting of dispensations.

010/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllrs received, and accepted as a true record, the Minutes of the Cemetery Sub-Committee meeting held on 9th October 2025. These were duly signed by a Cllr on the Sub-Committee.

011/26 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

012/26 MAINTENANCE OF BACK OF CEMETERY

Whilst viewing the Maintenance Plan for the Cemetery, Cllrs discussed the maintenance needed in the central area that had been planted with trees. Cllr Boswell informed the meeting that last year the Cemetery Groundsman strimmed the area. Cllr Tippen recommended the Woodland Trust's advice that maintenance for newly planted areas. It was proposed that weeding up to one metre diameter around each tree, hedging will be strimmed one metre in front of the hedge, the central area where the trees were planted be strimmed one metre around the base of the trees and the area currently unplanted will be strimmed to keep on top of brambles/invasive weeds. It was agreed that this maintenance was completed once a year.

Cllrs also recommended that the tree guards stay in place until agreed by Cllrs to remove. The Cemetery Groundsman will be informed.

Cllr Rabot recommended that there be a six monthly check on the hedging from MBC and keep these records in case of inspection.

The Cemetery Maintenance Plan will be updated accordingly.

Cllrs agreed all of the above and this would be reported to the Amenities Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.15.