



TO ALL MEMBERS OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Parish Council meeting of Marden Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 8.00pm in the Old School Room, Marden Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden
(this meeting may start later as it will be following the Annual Residents Meeting at 7.30pm)

Alison Hooker

Alison Hooker (Mrs)

Clerk to Marden Parish Council

7th April 2026

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Members of the public and press are welcome to attend this meeting and may speak during the public adjournment at the discretion of the Chairman and in accordance with standing order 1 e-g. Questions relating to any other items that are not on this agenda should be referred to the Chair of the Council or Clerk as appropriate and outside this meeting.

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Marden Parish Council operates under General Power of Competence since adopted on 7th May 2024. Minute Reference 012/24.

AGENDA

136/26 PRESENT

137/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence to be received.

Cllrs to inform the Clerk by 5.00pm on 14th April 2026 if they will not be attending the meeting.

138/26 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Changes to Register of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

139/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2026.

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

Copy in meeting pack.

140/26 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:

PUBLIC FORUM

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

EXTERNAL VERBAL REPORTS (if in attendance)

County Councillor Report
Borough Councillors Report
Police

The meeting to be reconvened to discuss item 141/26 onwards.

141/26 CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the Clerk's report.
Copy in meeting pack.

142/26 PARISH MATTERS

Reports from MBC and KCC

Cllrs to receive and note written reports from Borough and County Councillors
Borough Cllr reports in meeting pack.

Police Update/Report from Police Forum

Crime Figures

Cllr Rabot to provide a report on receive crime figures.

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

Other Police Matters

Communication

Newsletter

[MPC Newsletters - Marden Parish Council Marden, Tonbridge, Kent - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Marden Flooding

Cllrs to receive and updates from Southern Water

Infrastructure Spend Plan (ISP)

Cllrs to receive any new requests for inclusion in the ISP

[MPC Infrastructure Spend Plan - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Changing Rooms Refurbishment

Cllrs to receive any updates on the refurbishment, tendering and discuss next steps.

Public Conveniences – Solar Panels

The licence had been received from Maidstone Borough Council's solicitors. The Clerk and one Cllr to sign licence.

Allotments

Cllrs to receive any further update from Redrow solicitors.

Cllrs to consider next steps for allotment transfer.

Assets of Community Value

Cllrs to consider, and agree, application for resubmission for The Unicorn.

Swift Activity/Surveys in Marden

Cllrs to consider Cllr Boswell's report on agreement of supporting proposal by High Weald Swift project and Marden Wildlife.

GDPR Training

Update to be given on current Cllr/staff GDPR training.

MPC Resilience Plan

Cllrs to consider and agree to adopt the Resilience Plan

[Resilience Plan - Marden Parish Council Marden, Tonbridge, Kent - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Cllrs to consider purchasing of equipment – report in meeting papers

MPC Documents

Risk Assessments

[Risk Assessments - Marden Parish Council Marden, Tonbridge, Kent - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Full Council Action Log

For Cllrs to note.

[Full Council Meeting Action Log.xlsx](#)

143/26 COMMITTEE REPORTS

All minutes from Committee meetings held since 10th March are in the meeting pack.

Amenities Committee

Cllrs to note the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 24th March which had previously been circulated and were available on the Parish Council website.

[Amenities Committee Minutes & Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Planning Committee

Cllrs to note the Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 17th March and 7th April which had been previously circulated and available on the Parish Council website.

[Planning Committee Minutes & Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Finance Committee

No Finance Committee meeting held in March.

[Finance Committee Minutes & Agendas - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Other attended

Those in attendance to update the meeting on the following:

Police Surgery – 13th March

Cyber Resilience Webinar – 19th March

Cemetery Sub-Committee meeting – 24th March *-notes in meeting pack*

Rialtas Webinar – 24th March

PPG Meeting – 26th March

Litter Pick – 28th March

Mazars (External Auditor) Webinar – 30th March

Asset Transfer Working Group – 30th March – *notes in meeting pack*

Resilience Planning Working Group – 30th March

KALC Area Committee meeting – 30th March – *notes in meeting pack*

Open Spaces site meetings – 13th April

Annual Residents Meeting – 14th April

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Events forthcoming

KCC Road Safety Seminar – 21st April

Play Scheme Manager meeting – 22nd April

Chairman/Vice-Chairman meeting – 27th April

144/26 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs to receive the following items for noting:

Marden Parish Council Office Correspondence Log – March – *in meeting pack*
Marden Parish Church Magazine
KALC Newsletter
Clerk/Council publications

145/26 FINANCE

Bank Statements:

The Clerk to provide details at the meeting.

Payments for Approval

Invoices for Payment

Invoices due for payment to be submitted to the meeting.

Invoices Paid between meetings

List to be provided of invoices paid since 10th March – for noting.

Business Stream Account

Cllrs to be updated regarding the Business Stream account

146/26 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Highways

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

[MPC Highways Improvement Plan - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge](#)

Speedwatch

Cllrs to note dates for future sessions.

Public Transport

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