



TO ALL MEMBERS OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Marden Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm at The Allens, Albion Road, Marden

Alison Hooker

Alison Hooker (Mrs)

Clerk to Marden Parish Council

6th October 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.

The law allows the public proceedings of council meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, please advise the Clerk if you intend to record any part of the proceedings.

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

AGENDA

097/26 PRESENT

098/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence to be received.

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

099/26 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Changes to Register of Interest

Redaction of Cllr addresses

Granting of Dispensation

100/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2026.

[Full Council Meeting – 8th September 2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

101/26 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.

102/26 RESIGNATION OF CLLR DOBINSON

Cllrs to receive notification of Cllr Dobinson's resignation on 26th September 2026.

Election of MPC Vice-Chairman

Cllrs to elect a new Vice-Chairman of Marden Parish Council

Appointment on following Sub-Committees, Working Groups etc

Open Spaces Sub-Committee

Environmental Sub-Group

Resilience Planning Sub-Group

Asset Transfer Working Group

Highways Working Group

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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 VERBAL REPORTS (if in attendance)

County Councillor Report

Borough Councillors Report

Police

The meeting to be reconvened to discuss item 103/26 onwards.

103/26 CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the Clerk's report – *in meeting pack*

104/26 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

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

Other Police Matters

Cllrs to note dates for future police surgeries

Communication

Newsletter

Water Issues

Cllrs to receive and updates on outstanding issues

Infrastructure Spend Plan (ISP)

Cllrs to receive any new requests for inclusion in the ISP

Changing Rooms Refurbishment

Cllrs to receive any updates from architect on the refurbishment work.

Public Conveniences – Solar Panels

Cllrs to receive update on works

Allotments

Cllrs to meet on 15th October to discuss commuted sum.

Dog Waste Bins

Cllrs to consider quotes for separate dog waste bins at Marden Playing Field

Full Council Action Log

For Cllrs to note – *in meeting pack*

105/26 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amenities Committee

Cllrs to note the Amenities Committee draft minutes of meeting held on 22nd September 2026.

[Amenities Committee Meeting – 22nd September 2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

Planning Committee

Cllrs to note the Planning Committee draft minutes of 15th September 2026

[Planning Committee Meeting – 15th September 2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

Finance Committee

Cllrs to note Finance Committee draft minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2026.

[Finance Committee Meeting – 6th October 2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Other attended

Those in attendance to update the meeting on the following:

14th September – MBC webinar: Planning Committee changes

15th September – HIP Meeting with Kent Highways

16th September – MBC Parish Conference

16th September – Dementia Group meeting

17th September – Christmas meeting

17th September – Age Friendly Meeting

21st September – Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Clerk meeting

24th September – PPG meeting

25th September – Police Drop-In Session at Village Café

26th September – Meet the Council at Marden Library

2nd October – KALC Finance Conference

8th October – Site meetings at Cemetery, Southons Field, Toilets and Playing Field

Conferences/Meetings/Webinars/Events forthcoming

15th October – Environmental Sub-Group meeting

15th October – Allotment Sub-Group meeting

16th October – Planning Conference

21st October – SLCC Clerks Conference

22nd October – Nuts and Bolts of Clerking webinar

29th October – Waste Recycling (small electrical items) at Memorial Hall

4th November – Internal Audit

8th November – Remembrance Sunday

9th November – KALC Clerks Conference

106/26 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs to receive the following items for noting:

Marden Parish Council Office Correspondence Log – September – *in meeting pack*

Marden Parish Church Magazine

KALC Newsletter

Clerk/Council publications

107/26 FINANCE

Bank Statements:

Details of bank statements will be made available at the meeting.

Bank Mandates

Cllrs to discuss updates to bank mandates for Nat West

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/2026

Cllrs to receive 2025/2026 AGAR from Forvis Mazars (External Auditors) and minute agreement.

[Annual Accounts 2025-2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

Budget 2027/2028

Finance Committee are due to meet to discuss the draft budget for 2027/2028. Cllrs to consider any additional expenditure to put forward for consideration.

Payments for ApprovalInvoices for Payment

Invoices due for payment to be submitted to the meeting.

108/26 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**Highways**

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

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

Speed Watch

Cllrs to note dates for future sessions.

Public Transport

Meeting papers can be found separately to the agenda at: [Full Council Meeting – 13th October 2026 – Marden Parish Council](#)

If you have any questions etc that you wish to ask regarding this meeting please contact the Clerk on 01622 832305 or email clerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk