



TO ALL MEMBERS OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL **AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the meeting of Amenities Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Offices, Marden Memorial Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden, Kent

Sue Smith

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Deputy Clerk to Marden Parish Council
Date: 20th October 2026
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Members of the public and press are welcome to attend this meeting and may speak 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 Amenities Committee or Deputy 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

043/26 PRESENT

Cllrs to inform the Deputy Clerk by 5.00pm on the day of the meeting if they will be taking part in the meeting.

044/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs to inform the Deputy Clerk by 5.00pm on the day of the meeting if they will not be taking part in the meeting.

045/26 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
Granting of Dispensation

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046/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2026

047/26 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.

048/26 DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

Report available in the meeting papers

049/26 ACTION LOG

Report available in the meeting papers

050/26 OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**Playing Field**Changing Rooms Refurbishment

Cllrs to receive an update from the Clerk

New Play Equipment

Cllrs to receive an update on new play equipment identified and use of SIPA grant funding

Dog Waste Collection

Cllrs to consider quotes and implications for dedicated dog waste collection from MPC owned bins.

Tree Audit Quotes

Cllrs to consider recommendation from Open Spaces Sub-Committee of Tree Audit quotes.

Southons Field**Other Open Space Issues**New Machinery

Cllrs to consider recommendations from Open Spaces Sub-Committee on new equipment requested by groundsmen.

Skate Park

Cllrs to consider e-mail from resident, in the meeting papers - Proposal for a Skate Park in Marden.

051/26 CEMETERY**Cemetery Issues**New Cemetery DatabaseGrave Surrounds PolicyMemorial Benches and Plaques Policy

Cllrs to note recommendations from Open Spaces Sub-Committee re the above 3 items.

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Exclusive Right of Burial Certificates

None received

Other

ICCM Journal

For noting

052/26 PUBLIC TOILETS AND CAR PARK

Public Toilet Issues

Nothing to report

Car Park Issues

Cllr Summersgill to update the meeting.

053/26 AMENITIES SUB-GROUPS

Environmental Sub-Group

Meetings

The Environmental Sub-Group met on 15th October – meeting notes in papers – and will meet again in February 2027.

Green Homes Initiative

Cllr Boswell has provisional dates in March 2027 for this event – awaiting confirmation.

National Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature

Cllr Boswell to update the meeting.

Village Events Sub-Group

Marden at Christmas

Cllrs to be provided with an update.

2027 Events

Sub-Group are meeting on 28 October 2026 to discuss ideas

054/26 MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL REPORT

Nothing to report.

055/26 AMENITIES ISSUES FOR DECISION / NOTING

Estate Management Plan

Cllrs to agree changes to the Estate Management Plan, draft in meeting papers.

Site Visits

A site visit took place on 8th October 2026 – Notes available in meeting papers.

MBC Wildlife and Orchard Bundle Offer

Cllrs to note that MPC have submitted an application for this offer.

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Cemetery and Open Spaces Fees for 2027/2028

Cllrs to receive the proposals from the Open Spaces Sub-Committee for any changes to fees for 2027/2028.

056/26 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Invoices due to payment to be submitted to the meeting.

057/26 DECEMBER AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllrs to discuss whether to hold meeting on 22 December 2026.

Meeting papers can be found separately to the agenda at:

<https://mardenkent-pc.gov.uk/meetings/amenities-committee-meeting-27th-october-2026/>

If you have any questions etc that you wish to ask regarding this meeting please contact the Deputy Clerk on 01622 832305 or email

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