

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Date: Wednesday 21 September 2011

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors B Mortimer (The Mayor), Ash, Barned, Beerling, Black, Mrs Blackmore, Brindle, Burton, Butler, Chittenden, Collins, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English, Field, FitzGerald, Garland, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gooch, Greer, Ms Griffin, Mrs Grigg, Harwood, Hinder, Mrs Hinder, Hogg, Hotson, Mrs Joy, Lusty, D Mortimer, Naghi, Nelson-Gracie, Newton, Paine, Parvin, Mrs Parvin, Paterson, Pickett, Mrs Ring, Robertson, Mrs Robertson, Ross, Sams, Sharp, Springett, Mrs Stockell, Thick, Verrall, Vizzard, Warner, de Wiggondene, J.A. Wilson, Mrs Wilson and Yates

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Alison Broom

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,
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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Disclosures by Members and Officers
3. Disclosures of Lobbying
4. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
5. Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 22 June 2011 1 - 4
6. Mayor's Announcements
7. Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:-

We the undersigned call upon Maidstone Borough Council to maintain and secure the beauty, tranquillity and rural character of the unique areas of Wierton, Chart Sutton, Boughton Monchelsea and the Greensand Ridge. In order to halt the destruction of the rural landscape, we demand that:-

 1. The Greensand Ridge and the Greensand Way are protected from development. That the access to and rural nature of the walk, and views across and from the Weald are maintained.
 2. Any planning development is in keeping with the open countryside.
 - 3 Any development at Wierton Place is in keeping with the scale, appearance and character of the Grade 2 designation, involves the restoration of the Manor House and Greenhouse and is restricted to those buildings currently used as residential.
 4. That Maidstone Borough Council co-ordinate with Kent County Council and other agencies to act swiftly to enforce established planning policies in dealing with all unlawful developments.
8. Question and Answer Session for Members of the Public
9. Questions from Members of the Council to the
 - (a) Leader of the Council
 - (b) Cabinet Members
 - (c) Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 - (d) Chairmen of other Committees
10. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council and Response of the Group Leaders

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<p>That Maidstone Borough Council thanks the staff, students, parents and governors of Astor of Hever School for their hard work in recent years, culminating in a superb Ofsted result, making Astor of Hever one of the most improved schools in the country. Special thanks are given to Executive Head Vanessa Everett and Headteachers Julia Campbell and Richard Meredith for their outstanding leadership throughout this period.</p> <p>That Maidstone Borough Council congratulates Woodard Schools for their successful reopening of Astor of Hever as the new St Augustine's Academy and wishes them well.</p> <p>That Maidstone Borough Council invites a delegation from St Augustine Academy for a tour of the Town Hall for civic purposes, and to receive its vote of thanks at the next full Council meeting.</p>	
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