

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2023
Time: 6.30 p.m.
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Bartlett, Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Bryant, Burton, Cannon, Clark, Cleator, Coates, Conyard, Cooke, Cooper, Cox, English, Eves, Forecast, Fort, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Holmes, Jeffery, Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, Knatchbull, McKenna, Mortimer (Mayor), Munford, Naghi, Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, Rose, Round, Russell, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, Trzebinski, R Webb, S Webb, de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby, D Wilkinson, T Wilkinson and Young

AGENDA

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1. Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Dispensations (if any)
4. Disclosures by Members and Officers
5. Disclosures of Lobbying
6. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
7. Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 7 December 2022 1 - 8
8. Mayor's Announcements

Issued on Tuesday 14 February 2023

Continued Over/:

Alison Broom

Alison Broom, Chief Executive

9. Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 8 of Part C1 of the Constitution of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

This petition is submitted in support of the recently submitted planning application (ref: 22/504172/FULL) which would deliver the much-needed footpath link from the village centre to the Marden Cricket and Hockey Club, albeit facilitated by the provision of five new dwellings. This footpath, which we believe is the only possible direct route, will enable a safe link from the centre of the village for all those who use the facility. At present, the only footpath link from the village centre is provided along Howland Road, including elements without designated pavements, which raises significant safety concerns for us. This application, if permitted, would allow for safe access and egress to and from the site and would encourage more to travel by foot which we obviously welcome. We would therefore ask that the application be debated at Planning Committee in due course.

10. Question and Answer Session for Local Residents

11. Questions from Members of the Council to:

- (a) The Leader of the Council
- (b) Lead Members
- (c) The Chairmen of Decision-Making Committees

12. Current Issues - Report of the Leader of the Council, Response of the Group Leaders and Questions from Council Members

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