



**DRAFT MINUTES OF MARDEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
2ND APRIL 2024 AT MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

1. PRESENT

Cllrs Adam, Besant, Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Stevens, Summersgill, Tippen (in the Chair) and Turner. The Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Borough Cllrs Russell and Blackmore, Mira Martin Community Warden and 17 members of the public were also in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr Robertson, County Cllr Parfitt-Reid, Kent Police and representatives from Marden Sporting Memories, Marden Bowls Club, Marden Community Lunch Club, WI, Oddfellows, Marden Medical Centre, Marden Primary Academy Principal and Marden Motor Club along with two residents.

The Chairman, Cllr Tippen, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and thanked everyone for coming along.

3. MINUTES THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2023 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Tippen gave her report on the Parish Council for the last 12 months:

“This has been another very busy year for your Parish Council. We have endeavoured to deliver improvements to our village environment within the constraints of our budget. Of particular importance to us has been improving pedestrian access around the village. I am especially pleased that we were able to complete the path beside the Library last year and along with the flower bed planted by Cllr Boswell and myself and the bed maintained by Marden in Bloom this area is now a very pleasant and welcoming part of the village, as well as providing safe access for pedestrians. We have also recently linked up the path between The Parsonage and Windsor Meadow developments which means that both developments can be accessed on foot without getting wet and muddy. It is a mystery why the developers of both sites did not think to do this when the sites were constructed but we are discovering all the time that it is left to the Parish Council to sort out and tidy up what the developers leave behind.

The allotment saga at Highwood Green continues. As I said this time last year the Redrow wheels continue to turn slowly and sometimes it feels like they are in reverse. We have persevered and maybe we are getting somewhere at long last. Again, as I said last year, we will persevere and maybe there will be better news later this year!

Highways issues continue to be a cause of concern for residents. We have developed a Highways Improvement Plan which currently has 25 outstanding items on it. Kent Highways are supportive, but lack of funding means it is doubtful that many of the identified issues will be resolved in the near future. We recently heard back from KCC Highways that of our top 5 priorities they have discounted 2 of them. We have pushed for a continuation of single yellow lines in Goudhurst Road, but KCC have said there is no case for them. I'm sure many

residents disagree with this; we will continue to seek road safety solutions in this area with KCC and the Police. We had also asked for a bollard to be placed at the Maidstone Road/High Street junction which KCC deem unnecessary. There is some hope that our other 3 priorities will receive some attention but it is becoming more and more apparent that if we want highway improvements in the Parish then the Parish Council has to pay for them.

The Parish Council also has an Infrastructure Spend Plan, which identifies all the improvements we would like to see in the village. Some of the small items the Parish Council will be able to fund, but large, more ambitious plans such as a new pavilion at Southons Field are longer term and will require a greater level of funding. We are developing plans to redevelop the old changing rooms at the Playing Field into a community facility and we held an open morning on 9th March at the Vestry Hall for residents to view the plans and feed back to us their comments. There were some lively discussions and we know that valuable feedback will be provided. The consultation closes on 12th April and we will be very carefully studying all the comments after that date. Updates will be provided in the Parish Council newsletter.

Littering and fly tipping remain a constant problem. It is hard to understand why people do not take their rubbish home with them. On Saturday 16th March we held the annual litter pick. On a lovely sunny morning 44 adults, including Parish Councillors and staff, 10 Police Cadets and more than 10 children litter picked the village centre and many of the outlying roads. More than 60 bags of rubbish were collected, which were then transported to the Library Car Park for collection by MBC. We are very grateful to everyone who helped to spring clean the Parish and to those residents who regularly litter pick around the Parish. If you see any fly tipping please report it to MBC, they respond very quickly once it is reported.

The Parish Council has a range of environmental policies and is committed to our biodiversity responsibilities. I am especially grateful to Cllrs Anne Boswell and Matt Besant for their work in this area and for spearheading our tree planting initiative which has seen more than 2000 trees planted in the Parish over the last year.

After a very wet winter and a record wet February it will be no surprise that flooding has featured high on our agenda. We remained very concerned that the sewer on Maynards path bursts whenever there is heavy rain. We continue to report all events to Southern Water, since November last year there have been 5 incidents. I am grateful to Cllr Mike Summersgill who has been investigating the sewer network and raised questions for Southern Water to answer. We await their response.

We have held a number of public events in the last year including the ever popular Marden at Christmas. We held a fete to celebrate the King's Coronation in May, although the weather was not helpful on the day. On June 6th this year we will be joining the national commemoration of 80 years since D Day. Our beacon will be lit in Southons Field at 9.15pm, at the same time as beacons all over the nation and on the beaches in Normandy. We invite all residents to come along and bring a picnic to join in the commemoration.

The Summer Play Scheme was an outstanding success last Summer. Led by Jen Ward up to 64 children attended each day for 2 weeks at Marden Primary Academy. Jen has agreed to run the scheme again this year, but due to the exciting plans for the School it will be held at the Scout HQ. We hope to return to the School next year.

We are committed to maintaining regular communication with residents through a number of different channels. We have continued to produce the newsletter 3 times a year and we are grateful to Cllr Anne Boswell who does such an amazing job compiling it and to Deputy Clerk Rachel Gillis-Coates who typesets it and gets it ready for print. Thanks also to

Councillors and volunteers who hand deliver to all properties in the village centre. We post to properties in the rural parts of the parish. I hope you find the newsletter useful, we have received very positive feedback about it. We are also very active on social media and regularly use Facebook to update on events, road closures and many other issues. We know that many people do not use social media and we have introduced a weekly e-newsletter that is delivered via e-mail to recipients on a Friday, this contains all the information we have posted that week on social media. If you haven't signed up to receive it then please let Deputy Clerk Rachel know. We also have a network of notice boards which are updated weekly.

A lot of Parish Council time is spent responding to consultations, both those held by MBC and KCC and any national ones we feel are relevant to us here in Marden. We very actively responded to the KCC consultations regarding the Children's Centre and the Community Warden service. We are grateful to the support we received from our County Councillor Lottie Parfitt-Reid but are very disappointed that Marden Children's Centre is earmarked for closure and that the Community Warden service is due to be dramatically scaled back. We have already held a constructive meeting with KCC Childrens and Young Peoples Services about how they will deliver services to our families in Marden when the Children's Centre closes.

We are grateful to our Borough Councillors for the continued support they give us. We meet regularly to discuss items of interest and to exchange views. As many of you know Cllr Burton is standing down at this election and I want to thank him for his unwavering support for the Parish Council and the residents of the Parish. We wish him well for the future.

Thanks to all my council colleagues for all the hard work and long hours they have put in over the year. During the last year 2 Parish Councillors stood down – Matt Burton and Chris Barker and we are very grateful to them for the work they did for the Parish during their time in office. We co-opted 2 new councillors – Mike Summersgill and Adrian Rabot, both of whom have hit the ground running and are making valuable contributions to the Council.

2nd May this year sees both Parish Council and Borough Council elections. All your Parish Councillors have to stand down but hopefully many of us will be standing for re-election. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please speak to any of us after the meeting. There is still time, just, to submit an application.

Finally, a huge thanks to our office staff, without whom we could not function. Deputy Clerk Rachel has truly thrown herself into Parish Council work and her energy and enthusiasm for the role shows itself every day especially in her commitment to communication and all the work that goes into managing the work of the Amenities Committee. Ali our Clerk and font of all Marden knowledge steers the ship and it's not easy with 11 Councillors to contain, but she makes sure that we do what we have to and nothing slips through the gaps. We welcomed Lisa Stevens who joined us in May as our Administrative Assistant. All of us here tonight are grateful to Ali, Rachel and Lisa for their hard work, dedication and constant good humour.

We are also extremely grateful to our two caretakers – Ian Jones who has looked after the Cemetery for more than 35 years, and Chris Prince who looks after all our open space and many other jobs that need doing around the village as well.

Presentation of the KALC Community Award

Each year we recognise a member of our community who has gone above and beyond in the community and present them with the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award.

This year the Parish Council has chosen a resident who has lived in Marden for very many years and has devoted much time and expertise to the development of the History Group and the Heritage Centre.

She does sterling work both at the Heritage Centre and at home, on anything of historical interest in Marden, particularly since the Heritage Centre was established in 2007 under the then Chairmanship of the late David MacFarland. The work of the Centre has been acknowledged with special awards, and she continues to highlight all sorts of interesting information and archives which those who are researching Marden connections can access.

I am delighted to present this year's award to Eunice Doswell."

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Boswell thanked the Chairman for her report and for all the work she undertakes on behalf of Marden Parish Council.

Cllr Boswell, as Chairman of Amenities Committee, read out the report:

"The Amenities Committee oversees the lovely green spaces in the village - the Playing Field, Napoleon Play Area, Rookery Path and Southons Field, as well as Marden Cemetery and Public Toilets. It is also a discussion forum for Climate, Sustainability & Biodiversity as well as Health & Wellbeing issues. The Village Events Sub-Committee also reports to Amenities.

Southons Field is a beautiful dog-free haven with a plethora of trees for residents to enjoy and children to run around in a safe and peaceful environment – so important for health and wellbeing. As well as the Play Trail - which presents a challenge for both adults and children - there's a bay of swings, football nets and several picnic benches which are inspected weekly by the caretaker. New gates leading to the field were installed last year and a new football net will be in place soon.

The Marden Wildlife Group have installed two QR information codes explaining the wildlife, trees, wildflower meadow etc. which residents may find of interest (the information needs updating). There are various memorial trees in the field including a 'Roots of Remembrance' tree to acknowledge those who were affected by Covid in the Parish and memorial trees for HM the Duke of Edinburgh and HM Queen Elizabeth II. A Wild Service/Chequer tree will be planted to commemorate HM King Charles III. The Wildflower Meadow which Marden in Bloom created looks wonderful in early Summer attracting many bees and butterflies and a bench has been placed next to the meadow by the 'Bloomers'.

The field also hosts the Village Beacon and is where most of the large village events take place. This year the Beacon will be lit on Thursday 6th June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The Marden Motor Club Show on 25th May, the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company will perform again on 21st June and the Hazlitt Theatre Summer Touring Show is performing The Three Musketeers on 22nd August all at Southons Field.

Opening times: April-August 7am to 8pm, September-October 7am-7pm, November-January 8am-4pm, February & March 8am-6pm (or dusk if earlier).

Marden Playing Field and Rookery Path - The children's playgrounds in Napoleon Drive and the Playing Field are popular and well-used. As well as the play equipment, there's an adult gym, sports wall, youth shelter which are inspected weekly by the caretaker and a Dog Bag Station. More CCTV will be installed shortly to monitor these areas.

Sadly, the picnic table in Napoleon Drive play area which was damaged last year was made good, but once again it was vandalised and reported as a crime, but a new picnic table will shortly be installed. There have also been a few incidences of trees being removed which were planted last year – again these have been reported as a crime. In the Playing Field play area, the netting on the multi-play unit is being replaced and a new piece of equipment will be installed where the old spinner was.

Marden Minors Football Club no longer require the use of the field for football matches, so the old Changing Rooms are now redundant. Marden Parish Council still has S106 monies left to spend at the Playing Field which cannot legally be spent elsewhere. We undertook an initial public consultation last year where the consensus of residents' responses was to use as a dedicated youth facility (with controlled supervision). As KCC Youth Services is currently not running the youth club in Marden, another consultation was held in March where we proposed that the refurbished building be used by any village group, residents and for events. We plan to extend the building to a community space with three storage areas, a WC facility, small community room and kitchenette area. The architect who has drawn up the plans is in the process of obtaining indicative quotes from building companies and once agreed, planning permission will be sought.

Chris Prince, our Caretaker, and our contractor, Graham Carey, spend many hours keeping our green spaces in good order. It is unfortunate that some of these hours are spent removing litter and graffiti.

Marden Cemetery is a tranquil place of rest with a plethora of wildlife and is kept immaculate by our long-serving caretaker Ian Jones and we are very grateful for all his efforts in maintaining the Cemetery to such a high standard. Section 4 is now in use but only headstones are permitted in the new burial areas. For ease of maintenance, tending, fencing or the placing of other items on plots are not permitted. There is a small area for the scattering of ashes under a tree where wildflower seeds will be planted. A sign is being installed at the beginning of the permissive path in Maidstone Road by the bend leading to the cemetery.

If you are visiting a loved one, please do remember to remove any plastic wrapping from flowers and think sustainably about your tributes. We would also like to remind cemetery visitors that when there is a funeral taking place, we would appreciate you visiting another time.

Parish Council Trees – the Parish Council is very proud of its trees on our open spaces and has a duty of care to protect them. We have a robust and sustainable Tree Management Policy, and our caretakers check them on a monthly basis and after high winds, a more detailed survey is carried out twice a year by the Tree Warden Charlie Edwards on a voluntary basis and a detailed Tree Audit is undertaken every three years by an external contractor.

As part of the Parish Council's biodiversity responsibilities, last year we planted several trees at the Playing Field to help create a wildlife corridor and many whips/saplings were also planted in March. Sadly, some of these have not survived or been vandalised.

In February, as part of the Kent Tree Plan initiative, we planted 1,000 whips to form a hedgerow in the field behind the Cemetery which Marden Parish Council owns. Another 1,000 whips were planted at February half-term provided by KCC/DEFRA with the assistance of the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership. The aim of the project is to create a new mini woodland for Marden with the potential in the future for woodland burials as part of an expansion to the Cemetery. Thanks to those volunteers who helped including the Police Cadets.

Public Toilets – Whilst the building is owned by Maidstone Borough Council, the parish is fortunate that the Parish Council can maintain this important facility and we are lucky to have a contract with an excellent cleaning company who checks them regularly and keeps them cleaned to a very high standard. Councillors are currently exploring the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the building.

The Amenities Committee carries out site visits to all these areas on a regular basis and in between our caretakers keep us posted.

Environmental Group – The Parish Council now has a statutory duty to exercise all its functions with regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity and this includes raising public awareness of biodiversity issues in the community. The Environmental Sub-Group endeavours to provide information on sustainable initiatives and has created an Estate Management Plan which looks at realistic and manageable ways in which the Parish Council operates such as recycling, energy, purchasing and has agreed a sustainable Maintenance Strategy for its open spaces. We have ratified both an Environmental Policy and Biodiversity Policy. It is now in a position to extend the group to any residents and businesses who are interested in helping with the project and some Councillors are undertaking Carbon Literacy training.

Health & Wellbeing - Marden Parish Council strive to provide as much information as possible on health and wellbeing and in liaison with the PPG, maintain a 'Health & Wellbeing Contact List' which will be updated shortly. We are part of the Marden Community Engagement Forum which is a very useful collaborative liaison group who link up and share information to try and tie up missing links. Members include Marden Medical Centre, the PPG, the Children's Centre, the Parish Church, Involve (Social Prescribing), the School, Village Community Warden, etc.

Many thanks to our Clerks, Ground Maintenance staff and Amenities Councillors for all their hard work and continuing support. “

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Adam, as Chairman of Finance Committee, read out the report:

“Marden Parish Council Finance Committee meets at least four times a year to discuss the financial aspects of the council.

The Clerk, acting as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), reports to the Committee on the income and expenditure incurred each quarter and the Committee discuss this along with comparing to the budget set the previous year.

At the October/November Finance Committee meeting the RFO presents Councillors with the forecast to 31st March along with a draft budget for the forthcoming financial year. Councillors review this along with any requests for additional expenditure, revenue and/or capital, and start preparing the document ready for agreement in January when setting the precept.

The precept is an amount set by Parish Councils which is added to the annual council tax bill and collected by Maidstone Borough Council on behalf of Marden PC.

The Parish Council makes every effort to maintain the existing level of service as well as staying on a sustainable financial footing. We always strive to be prudent and diligent with our finances. Councillors have once again undertaken a thorough review but due to inflation

and increase in the cost of various services, the Parish Council has made a slight increase which means the amount of money collected from residents to be spent in Marden in the next financial year from April 2024 for a Band D taxpayer will be £82.72 per annum or £6.89 per month. This is an increase of £2.44 per year or 20p per month (3.8%) for a Band D property. We understand how difficult it is for residents in the current financial crisis and hope you understand our decision to make the slight increase.

Other forms of income include play scheme fees, cemetery fees, external grants and parish services scheme. This grant is set and paid by Maidstone Borough Council for services that are received by residents living within the urban area of Maidstone Borough who are not charged an additional Precept payment. In Marden PC's case this is for maintenance of open spaces.

The Parish Council accounts are audited twice a year by an Internal Auditor who is independent from the Council and an external audit undertaken at the end of the financial year by an auditor agreed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA). All financial information is available on the Parish Council website.

Thanks are expressed to Alison and all Cllrs on the Finance Committee."

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Turner, as Chairman of Planning Committee, read out the report:

"2023/24 saw business as usual for the Marden Parish Council's Planning Committee.

Face to face meetings continue to be held in the Parish office twice monthly and occasionally in the Old School Room for some of our larger applications or where large numbers of the public wished to attend.

The Planning Committee this year has been taking a keen interest in Maidstone Borough Council's Local Plan Review which recently has been voted on to adopt by MBC. This has involved keeping on top of all the information and details coming out from MBC, I would like to thank all my colleagues, both on the Planning Committee and our Borough Councillors for keep the MPC abreast of all the developments.

Alongside, this the Planning Committee has been involved in liaising and working with MBC on the Marden Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP). This has involved the Planning Committee and MPC working with MBC's conservation officers to re-assess and carry out an appraisal on the conservation area(s) within the Parish of Marden. This included carrying a public consultation on the appraisal. The information has been collated and MBC is in the process of issuing a draft of the CAAMP. Due to elections, we have yet to be given a date on when this will happen.

The Marden Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) review is still on going with members of the Parish reviewing and cross referencing any changes to the MBC's emerging Local Plan and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework to see if the MNP policies are still current and still in conformity with these two documents.

This work is being carried out in line with MBC Local Plan which has now been adopted. A draft copy of the amended MNP has been assessed by MBC and we have had feedback. This work will be ongoing until we have an updated Marden Neighbourhood Plan.

The other major task undertaken by the Planning Committee is reviewing and commenting on planning applications within the Parish. This year 97 planning applications have come before the Council, which is slightly less than last year, some of which have been controversial. I

hope that all residents' views have been considered - we endeavour to listen to all concerns in formulating a response to the Borough.

As always, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors on the Planning Committee, who bring passion and drive to do the very best for their community. These Councillors bring a vast array of knowledge and skills to all meetings. In particular, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Alison Hooker. It is not an easy job translating a range of Councillor comments into a coherent and concise format. I know that Ali puts in a huge amount of preparation time, and for this we should all be grateful."

6. REPORTS

Several village organisations and groups had provided either a report for the handout or gave a verbal report on the night.

Marden History Group/Heritage Centre

By Eunice Doswell, Lesley Mannington and Imogen Wedd

Eunice thanked everyone for the award given tonight.

Eunice gave a background of what the Heritage Centre has undertaken and the issues over fundraising. Marden Club is providing support to help with fundraising.

Eunice and Lesley gave a talk of the Blackden family who had lived at Jewell House and how it came about in regard to the history behind this family.

Imogen has taken over the role of Chairman from Lesley and is grateful for all the support and interest of residents. Plans are in place for activities in the forthcoming year.

Marden Community Charity (CIO)

Kate Tippen explained to the meeting the criteria of the charity and full details can be found in the handout and on the Parish Council website. Grants have been given up to £100 to residents and £500 for village organisations including grants towards new doors at the Vestry Hall, toys for Little Fishes, printing costs for Marden Medical Centre and towards coach costs for Marden Sporting Memories.

Kate also promoted a Spring concert at Marden church where donations would be split between Marden food bank and Marden History Group.

Marden Village Club

Les James, Vice-Chairman, gave a report on the past activities of the Village Club, fundraising for several charities and the accolade of winning CAMRA Club of the Year for the second year running.

Marden Church

Revd Nicky Harvey spoke about the restoration of the Church bells. The bells were removed at the end of September 2023 and although it was hoped that they would be returned for Christmas additional work was required and they were finally reinstalled earlier in 2024. The Church is grateful to the support and sponsorship to everyone who assisted with funding for this work.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Claudine Russell

The full report was available in the handout but Claudine gave a brief background of MBC's activities:

Local Plan was adopted recently. This has gone through various realms of consultation and eventually agreed in March. Balanced budget for 2024/25 and have been able to absorb some of the issues passed down from KCC. Current policy is for 1000 affordable housing with sites already allocated for 400 dwellings.

New waste contract awarded to Suez. Staff from previous contractor have been transferred under TUPE. MBC has now purchased the fleet. Some teething problems had occurred and catch up teams were being sent out to undertake the initial pickup any missed bins.

A lot of grants have been received to upgrade museum and a large grant obtained for the Maidstone Leisure Centre to keep it going for the next 5 to 10 years.

Helped with Marden residents regarding planning, housing and will try to signpost if not related to MBC.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid

County Cllr Parfitt-Reid had provided a report in the handout.

9. SPEAKERS:

Ray Morris, Marden Wildlife

A full report is given in the handout.

Ray gave a talk on the work of Marden Wildlife with last year being a busy one with a growth in membership with 900 people signed up to Facebook (700 of which view site on a regular basis). Finding more rare and unexpected species in and around the parish.

Have been hosting several training days for Natural England and the Natural England Grassland Conference.

KCC Making Space for Nature is an app for reporting wildlife in the area and a lot of pins in the map for Marden.

A joint project with Marden Horticultural Society to help reverse the decline in rare species and this feeds into a project of the regeneration of lowland meadows (a special priority habitat).

Second project with more funding from Kent Wildlife Trust for ring tagging Turtle Doves.

Tonbridge Girls Grammar School and The Skinners School are working with Marden Wildlife towards their GCSEs A levels and International Baccalaureate science.

An Arts Council grant has been applied for by Fabulous Projects and if successful will provide presentation on Turtle Doves alongside Marden Wildlife and Kent Wildlife Trust and extending into local primary schools and the community.

Have supported Marden Medical Centre with their Nature Prescribing Project.

John Weir, Chair of Governors, Marden Primary Academy

The Principal had provided a report which was in the handout.

Marden Primary School joined Leigh Academy in 2020 and is in good health with the latest Ofsted report being outstanding. In 2023 Marden was one of the best schools in Kent.

In working with LA the school wanted to retain the dynamics of the school and as not much had changed to the building in many years wished to bring the building up to date.

LA obtained S106 from KCC and received other substantial funding with approx. £4m being available for redevelopment.

Refurbishment of existing classrooms and a new purpose built structure for early years and assembly/dining hall is due to start as soon as the planning application has been approved.

Connections with the community are essential and the school currently works with Marden Library, Marden Parish Church and the Parish Council.

10. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Neighbourhood Plan Report – Parish Cllr Andy Turner

Covered in the Planning Committee report.

Public Transport Report – Parish Cllr Richard Adam

Cllr Adam spoke to the meeting. The Parish Councils acts for residents in regards to public transport including South Eastern and Network Rail for all train users. MPC tries to ensure that South Eastern maintain the train service and we regularly engage with them in regard to this. MPC regularly attend South Eastern Stakeholder events to ensure that our voice is heard. Big concern last year was the proposed closures of booking offices but this proposal has been dropped for the time being and Marden is lucky that we have a helpful booking clerk.

There is a regular bidding process with Department for Transport for lifts at Marden – Marden has been shortlisted but not been successful to date but we are hopeful for the future.

Marden PC has regular meetings with South Eastern and Network Rail in regard to the facilities at the station with recent remarking of the car park.
Marden PC does work with the bus service but this is not as detailed as with the trains. We continue to liaise with KCC and Nu-Venture.

11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions raised from the floor.

There being no further business the Chairman the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed:

Date:

Chairman
Marden Parish Council