

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

Maidstone Borough Council has now moved to all out elections every four years. Please find attached a copy of The Maidstone Borough (Parish Election Cycle) Order 2023. As your Parish Council is due to be contested on Thursday 2 May 2024 please see below how to obtain copies of nomination papers.

Nomination Papers – To download a copy

Nomination papers are available from the Electoral Commission website using the link below: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers>

Please ensure that you include the Local Government Act 1972 pages 2 to 7 as these are part of the nomination paper and preferably on yellow paper because that distinguishes them from the Borough Ward nomination papers.

Nomination Papers – To receive paper copies by post

If you would rather receive hardcopies of the nomination papers.

Please let me know the number you require and the correspondence address for sending them to you.

Please note: Nomination papers should be **hand delivered**. Please attend Maidstone House Reception (NOT THE LINK) between the hours of 10am and 4pm, **any day from Monday 25 March 2024 up to and including Friday 5 April 2024.**

There are 22 Wards and 35 Parishes up for election this year. We are running a booking system to help with the flow and reduce the waiting time.

It would be in your best interest to make an appointment with the Electoral Services Team. Please call 01622 602007 or email electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk to make an appointment.

The Election Act 2022 has brought in many changes to the Elections. For your reference here is the link to the Candidates and Agents briefing held on 8 February 2024. Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdCFfBp6zGk>

An Election timetable is attached for your reference.

Maidstone Borough Council PCC, Borough & Parish Timetable of Proceedings for Thursday 2 May 2024

Publication of Notice of Election	Friday 22 March 2024
Receipt of Nominations	4:00 pm Friday 5 April 2024
Withdrawal of Candidate	4:00 pm Friday 5 April 2024
Appointment of Election Agents	4:00 pm Friday 5 April 2024
Publication of Notice of Election Agents	4:00 pm Friday 5 April 2024
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	4:00 pm Monday 8 April 2024
Last Date for Registration	Tuesday 16 April 2024
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 17 April 2024
Last day for Voter Authority Certificates	5:00 pm Wednesday 24 April 2024
Publication of Notice of Poll	Wednesday 24 April 2024
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 24 April 2024
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Thursday 25 April 2024
First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers	Friday 26 April 2024
Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2024
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2024
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2024
Declaration of Candidates Expenses (Parish)	Thursday 30 May 2024
Return of Election Expenses (Borough)	Friday 7 June 2024
Return of Expenses (PCC)	Monday 10 June 2024