

CLERK'S REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, MEETING

PLANNING

ACTIONS ARISING 47 Planning: Feedback to Maulden Action Group that MPC do value them and would be happy to work together, and give CPRE details to contact re setting them up as a local action group. Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE 02/08/26 Re_ Query about MPC's involvement with the Call for Sites Consultation - Clarification of the Role of Maulden Action Group – new MAG organiser chased MPC's response, clerk explained cllrs discussed it and would be very happy to work with a local action group, gave contact details for CPRE who help organise LAGs, and also info about the Local Plan Sites Consultation drop-in on Aug 5. Responded that they will contact CPRE to see how best to rebuild MAG as a local action group.

CORRESPONDENCE 13/08/26 Maulden Action Group – Drop-in Session and LAG Discussions – new action group chair requested numbers for Local Plan drop-in session to gauge level of engagement locally, clerk said a guesstimate was around 50, quite a good level of engagement but there are 3,300 residents, and explained getting details of events to residents is always an issue, MPC use the website, noticeboards, posters in the pubs and shop, Maulden magazine and Facebook pages but there are always those who say they didn't see the notices. Said MPC are very happy to work with a local action group but the remit needs to be guided by CPRE who have the knowledge and experience to help set up and support, and that Cllr Aston is happy to join the LAG. MAG responded they will come back following discussions with CPRE.

Maulden Action Group informed MPC do value their work and want to work together, they're being guided by CPRE to become a Local Action Group and Cllr Aston is happy to be a member.

ACTIONS ARISING 47/33/18/124 Planning: Chase Autumn Cottage update re removal of gates and walls and new planning application. Ward Cllr Summerfield to contact Highways too. Clerk/ Ward Cllr Summerfield

CBC have indicated the walls and gates at Autumn Cottage will be removed within three months.

THE REC

ACTIONS ARISING 49a/35a/21a/126a/112a/98a/84a/70a/56a The Rec: Undertake play area inspection training if BATPC/CBC organise it. Cllrs Smith, Browning & Summerfield

ACTIONS ARISING 49a The Rec: Liaise with Clophill Parish Council over possible joint play area inspection training course. Clerk

Still working on play area inspection training and will see if Clophill PC want to collaborate.

ACTIONS ARISING 49a The Rec: Get contractor to renew the anti-climb paint. Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE 12/08/26 Pavilion - The Rec. – resident complained the football notice on the pavilion has obscene graffiti and asked for it to be cleaned or removed. Clerk said it would be investigated and contacted Maulden Magpies as the sign may be theirs. Magpies responded it's fine to remove. Clerk asked Rec Cllrs if they could take it down. Maulden StreetWatch also reported this. Cllr Illingworth removed the sign.

CORRESPONDENCE 18/08/26 Fwd_ StreetWatch Patrol - Maulden 18th August 2026 – StreetWatch reported offensive graffiti on wall of bungalow alongside public footpath from Amptill Road to Becketts Close, and a treehouse in bushes off Kings Road. Clerk reported graffiti to CBC. Treehouse is in trees of private house.

CORRESPONDENCE 19/08/26 Your report has been logged_ Public footpath alongside 76A Amptill Road, Maulden, MK47 2DP – graffiti report confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE 19/08/26 RE_ Problem Report_ Public footpath alongside 76A Amptill Road, Maulden, MK47 2DP – CBC Highways responded that offensive graffiti is prioritised and this isn't offensive. Clerk replied that it clearly shows male genitalia and was reported as obscene. Highways will establish ownership.

CORRESPONDENCE 19/08/26 HLP014535 Land at Becketts Close – CBC confirmed path is theirs but wall is part of the property.

CORRESPONDENCE 31/08/26 Disruption – resident reported issues with ongoing disruption caused around The Rec and Sandy Acres by youths/teenagers, including sitting in large groups in The Rec smoking cannabis, making the resident uncomfortable, and that it's off-putting for those wanting to use The Rec with young children. Clerk thank them for raising the matter, assured them MPC do liaise with the police who held an ASB-event recently, and said all incidents need to be reported, giving links, so the police can build a picture of what is happening, when and where.

CORRESPONDENCE 09/09/26 Glass at the park – resident reported broken glass in and around the play area. Cllr Illingworth had reported picking up glass, and temp rec steward also checked to ensure it was clear.

CORRESPONDENCE 12/09/26 Street Cleansing Report - Case Ref _ESS010045 – acknowledgement of report for overflowing dog poo bins at The Rec.

The anti-climb paint has been renewed on the pavilion, and the boulders on the corners of the War Memorial land repainted white to make them more obvious after a van got stuck on one.

Two incidents of obscene graffiti around The Rec, Cllr Illingworth dealt with one by removing the old football notice.

The other is on the wall alongside the footpath, but it belongs to the property which is for sale by a developer – I'll get in touch with the estate agent to see if they can persuade the developer to deal with it.

Broken glass in the play area was cleaned up by Cllr Illingworth and the temp rec steward. Overflowing poo bins reported to CBC.

ALLOTMENTS

ACTIONS ARISING 49g/35g/21f/126f Allotments: Look into changing spare land into grazing plot. Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE 04/08/26 National Allotment Survey – from the National Allotment Society, clerk completed details for MPC and rough details for Maulden Charities.

CORRESPONDENCE 28/08/26 Allotment rent 2026-2027 - payment due by October 1, 2026 – tenant queried that part of their plot had been taken over by their neighbour previously, leaving plot at 13 poles not 20. Clerk and allotment steward to investigate.

Still working on grazing plots, awaiting quote for clearance and extra fencing. Also need confirmation from current tenant that they're happy to give up the tenancy.

Completed National Allotment Society survey for MPC, with rough details for Maulden Charities.

Checking out an issue on boundaries between two plots.

Around half the allotment tenants have paid their rents due by October 1, £1,596.25 has been received of the £1,813.85 expected this year. Will be chasing the outstanding payments this week.

DEFIBRILLATORS

ACTIONS ARISING 50e Defibrillators: Organise defibs training with NUCO, offer places to Clophill PC and other PCs to share cost, then spare places to local people on condition they make themselves available for MPC events. Clerk

Defibs training to be organised.

Replacement pads have been bought, had to change suppliers as Community Heartbeat are no longer reliable.

Defibs Supplies give free delivery so are cheaper, and arrived next day.

SUMMER PLAY EVENTS & YOUTH PROVISION

CORRESPONDENCE 30/07/26 Maulden Summer Event – parent asked for help attending MPC's summer play events as they're a single parent. Clerk organised booking for August 19 event.

CORRESPONDENCE 04/09/26 Audit of current and proposed youth activity – CBC form re youth provision, clerk completed with info on Summer Play Events, adding that anything for ages 12-16 would be welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE 06/09/26 Paint – Parent thanked MPC for the great summer play events but pointed out the paint in the arts & crafts sessions wasn't washable and has left clothes damaged, another parent had also previously reported this. Clerk raised with MKPA.

One parent requested the free place at the summer play events, which was organised. Around 40 attended each session, very well received although MKPA informed of issues with the paint used as it wasn't washable.

Completed CBC's form re youth provision, mentioned Summer Play Events, and that help with any provision for 12-16s would be welcome.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS BOARD

CORRESPONDENCE 24/07/26 VH notice board – Maulden Walking Football Club asked if they can move their banner from outside the school to the VH board when it's not being used by anyone else, clerk confirmed this is ok. The Tractor Club does have a banner there at the moment, but that could be moved to the back.

CORRESPONDENCE 12/08/26 Booking display board for banner – The Art Club requested the VH board Sept 20-Oct 11, clerk confirmed and put them on the list.

Getting requests to use MPC's events board at the Village Hall

POLICE ENGAGEMENT

CORRESPONDENCE 04/08/26 Maulden Engagement Event : Sun 04 Oct 12:15 – police engagement in Village Hall car park.

Next police engagement is Sunday, October 4, 12.15pm at the Village Hall car park.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

CORRESPONDENCE 05/08/26 Re _ Communal ground hedges etc – Contractor advised orchard hedging needs cutting to allow newer plants to grow and bring height back to 5ft level which helps with sightlines and safety. Cost £150 including disposal of waste. Clerk and Chair approved works.

Hedges have been cut at the Orchard.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CORRESPONDENCE 14/08/26 NALC Neighbourhood Planning Survey - Bedfordshire Councils Encouraged to Take Part – BATPC asking for responses by Sept 25. Clerk forwarded to Cllr Aston who leads the NHP Working Group, who will respond.

Cllr Aston to complete NALC's neighbourhood planning survey.

BOLLARD

CORRESPONDENCE 19/08/26 Your report has been logged_ Outside 44 Ampthill Road, MK45 DH - confirmation of report of broken safety bollard that's been stuck back upright with metal spikes sticking out at child's head height on the specific crossing point.

CORRESPONDENCE 19/08/26 New FixMyStreet updates on report_ 'Outside 44 Ampthill Road, MK45 DH' – CBC closed case saying it didn't qualify for repairs, clerk forwarded to Ward Cllrs to ask for help.

CORRESPONDENCE 21/08/26 Bollard Repair 44 Ampthill Road – Ward Cllr Clinch confirmed the bollard was replaced on the morning MPC made the report.

A damaged bollard by the Ampthill Road crossing point was replaced thanks to Ward Cllr Clinch – CBC initially refused the repair despite sharp metal sticking out at child's head height.

CLLR TRAINING

CORRESPONDENCE 25/08/26 Your Breakthrough Events Bulletin – training sessions including Data Protection for Cllrs, forwarded with this flagged as strongly recommended.

CORRESPONDENCE 02/09/26 Breakthrough Communications Training Programme from September 2026 – latest BATPC training including Cllrs' Data Protection, strongly recommended for all cllrs to attend.

Reminder that Cllrs' Data Protection Training is available, dates have been circulated – it is strongly recommended for all cllrs to attend.