

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Notice is hereby given that the next MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is being held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at MAULDEN CHURCH HALL, Church Road, MK45 2AU, at 7.30pm
(See <https://maulden-pc.gov.uk/surveys-and-reports/> for reports to be presented to the meeting)

A G E N D A

58	Apologies for absence (NB: Cllrs' apologies may be recorded without being formally accepted)	Clerk
59	Declarations of interest regarding personal or pecuniary interest in any agenda item	All
60	Public Forum – Standing Orders will be suspended for members of the public to address MPC in relation to an agenda item or to request matters to be discussed at a subsequent meeting. Members of the public may each have 3 minutes to speak. MAULDEN LOWER SCHOOL NEW HEAD	Public
61	Approval Of Minutes – Parish Council Meetings held on September 14, 2026 – circulated.	All
62	Actions Arising – actions from above minutes not covered under agenda item (see Appendix A).	All
63	Clerk's Report & Correspondence – circulated to all cllrs (see appendix C)	Clerk
64	Chair's report – including co-option for MPC Cllr vacancy.	Chair
65	Policies – online storage systems, and Social Media Policy. Volunteer Community Pack	Chair
66	Planning: To consider info & reports & resolve where applicable.	Cllr Phillips
	Applications received to meeting date (see Appendix B), consider planning group recommendations, & to resolve where applicable.	
	Autumn Cottage (Highways)	Clerk
	Maulden Garden Centre – planning enforcement	Ward Cllr
67	Finance: To consider info & reports and resolve where applicable	Clerk
	a: Finance report – inc receipt of completion of AGAR 2025-2026, budget 2027-2028 & election costings	Cllr Aston
	b: Confirm monthly bank reconciliation approval for June, July, August, Sept.	Clerk
	c: Payments to be approved – None	Clerk
	d: Payments since the last meeting to be approved	Cllr Jackson
	e: Grant funding	Chair
	f: Grant applications	Cllr Jackson
	g: S106 funding – S106 parish register	Cllr Phillips
68	Recreation Ground, Play Areas, Green Spaces: To consider info & reports & resolve where applicable.	Cllr Phillips Cllr Aston
	a: Recreation Ground & Play Area report – inc RoSPA report repairs, Gardeners Close Play Area, bin collection, Maulden Bowls Club lease	
	b: Pavilion – inc Pavilion Group update	Chair
	c: Trilley Fields Play Area	Chair
	d: Community Orchard – inc access to track	Cllr Phillips
	e: Millenium Garden maintenance costs	Cllr Woodward
	f: Tree Warden	Clerk
	g: Allotments	Cllr Illingworth
69	Other reports to be considered & resolved where applicable.	Cllr Browning
	a: Highways	Chair
	b: Flooding	Chair
	c: Events – inc Remembrance Sunday, Poppies, Senior Citizens' Xmas Tea; Christmas Lights, Lantern Parade & Tractor Run, Community Café, Cheese & Wine evening.	Cllr Penniston
	d: Village Hall	Cllr Rudkin
	e: Defibrillators – inc training	Cllr Rudkin
	f: Streetlights	Cllr Aston
	g: Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Browning
	h: Safety – inc Crime Stats	Ward Cllrs
	i: Ward Cllrs' report	Cllr Penniston
	j: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Resilience Training	
70	Items for next agenda: November 16, 2026	
71	Dates of next meetings: November 16, 2026; December 21, 2026; January 25, 2027; March 1, 2027 (& Annual Parish Meeting 7pm); April 5, 2027; May 10, 2027 (& Annual Parish Council Meeting.	

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APPENDIX A – ACTIONS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, MEETING

60 Public Forum	Send MPC's events list to PC Kerry Maxwell for Community Police team to attend if possible.	Cllr Browning
63 Correspondence	Attend CPRE dinner on October 8 at The Kingfisher in Bedford to discuss opportunities for future collaboration.	Cllr Illingworth
63 Clerk's Report-69e/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
64/50j/36j/22j/127j/113j/99j/85j/71j/57j/44j/32j/32j/20j Chair's Report	Explore ways of MPC engaging with young people.	Cllrs Browning & Smith
64 Chair's Report	Continue with Resilience & Succession Planning and bring recommendations to the next meeting.	Finance & GP Group
64 Chair's Report	Advertise Cllr vacancy for co-option if no call for election.	Clerk
64 Chair's Report (Village Hall)	Send 1983 solicitor's letter to Village Hall Committee and Cllrs.	Clerk
64 Chair's Report (Village Hall)	Village Hall Committee will put together a proposal for the future of the Village Hall to bring to a meeting in the new year between the VHC, MPC and CBC's village hall expert Simon Patterson.	Cllr Jackson Village Hall Committee
64 Chair's Report	Invite Maulden Lower School's new headteacher Mr Cox to a meeting or to meet with MPC.	Cllr Browning
64 Chair's Report	Invite Universal Studios' coordinator to meet with MPC.	Clerk
65 Policies	Send copies of the IT Policy and BYOD Policy to non-cllrs with MPC email addresses for signing.	Clerk
66/47/33/18/124 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
66/47 Planning	Contact CBC Planning Enforcement re Meadowside enforcement is carried out.	Ward Cllrs Clinch
66/47 Planning	Contact CBC over next steps for Dog & Badger enforcement as appeal has been dismissed.	W Cllr Clinch
66/47/33/18/124/110/96/82/68/54/41/29/29/17/149/137/125/112/99/86/73/54/35/16/186/168/150/131 Planning	Continue pressure on CBC planning enforcement, IDB and Environment agency re Maulden Garden Centre and the cars and lorries parked there and environment issues, and new evidence of people living on site, and building work.	W Cllrs Clinch & Smith
66 Planning	Look into delegated authority for making planning application comments.	Clerk
67a Finance Report	Write to Mrs Blackley to thank her for her work over the years and say MPC no longer require the bus shelter to be cleaned.	Clerk
68a/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
68a/49a The Rec	Liaise with Clophill Parish Council over possible joint play area inspection training course.	Cllrs Phillips & Illingworth
68a/49a The Rec	Draw up suggested parameters for volunteer group to help with minor incidents of damage, clean-up and repair.	Cllr Smith
68a The Rec	Investigate manufacturer of vintage rocking horse and contact for info on full maintenance and overhaul.	Clerk
68c Trilley Fields	Suggest Trilley Fields as a site for CPRE's Hedgerow Heroes project.	Clerk
68e/49e/35e Millennium Garden	Write to landowners to say MPC are considering whether to continue with the agreement due to rising costs, and ask their views.	Clerk
69b/50b/36b/22b/127b/113b Flooding	Find out why CBC imposed a paltry £2,500 fine on the Carnegie Close developers.	W Cllr Clinch
69b/50b/36b Flooding	Forward interim report from CBC's Flooding Survey.	W Cllr Clinch
69b/50b Flooding	Chase CBC over decision the blocked Silsoe Road culvert does not qualify for repairs.	W Cllr Clinch
69c Events	Chase stonemasons to get missing name engraved on War Memorial before this year's commemoration event.	Clerk
69c Events	Contact MIDA for Xmas Tea volunteers	Clerk
69c/50c/36c Events	Provide battery-operated tea lights for lantern parade, Nov 28.	Cllr Illingworth
69c/50c/36c Events	Liaise with local tractor owners for tractor parade on Nov 28	Clerk
69c/50c/36c Events	Work on Community Café idea, and work with church so it enhances their new monthly offer.	Clerk, Cllr Browning

APPENDIX B – Planning Applications

Application No: CB/26/02756/VOC – comments by October 14

Location: 40 Becketts Close, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2JL

Proposal: Variation or Removal of condition number 3 of planning permission CB/19/00536/FULL. Variation Sought: Insertion of larger window to the side elevation.

Application No: CB/TRE/26/00476 – comments by October 16

Location: 3 Pennyfathers Close, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2LX

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Proposal: Works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order MB/22/1996/T2: Reduce crown of English Oak T1 by 2m all round back to previous pruning points. Clean crown and remove deadwood.

Application No: CB/26/02801/FULL – comments by October 22
Location: 8 Chestnut Crescent, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2DW
Proposal: Single storey side extension with a roof light

Application No: CB/26/02769/FULL – comments by October 30
Location: Maulden Fc, The Brache, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2DR
Proposal: Construction of a pitched roof and alterations to windows and doors.

APPENDIX C – CORRESPONDENCE LIST SEPT 14-OCT 12, 2026

TO BE DISCUSSED ???

ON AGENDA OR DEALT WITH

14/09/26 Fwd_ CB_21_05393_OUT – Silsoe Road Residents' Association copied MPC in on info sent to CBC re Silsoe Road site where outline planning permission has been withdrawn over flooding concerns.

14/09/26 Fwd_ Urgent Attention_ Proposed Sustainable Drainage System - Silsoe Road Residents' Association copied MPC in on letter sent to industrial site adjacent to Silsoe Road development site where outline planning permission has been withdrawn over flooding concerns.

15/09/16 MC5K 20th September 2026 Recreation gates & road closures – 5K organisers sent temp road closure notice and residents' letter to forward to allotment tenants, and requested The Rec gates

15/09/26 RE_ Future Countryside dinner, Bedfordshire, Thursday 8 October 2026 – confirmation of Cllr illingworth's booking for this CPRE event.

15/09/26 RE_ Maulden War Memorial – stonemasons confirmed order for adding the missing name to the War Memorial and the one in the church. WM to be done before Remembrance Sunday, Nov 8, the church one will be done once the Rector agrees.

16/09/26 co-opt letter Maulden – co-option letter from CBC for Cllr Lawrence resignation vacancy.

16/09/26 Planning application 40 Becketts Close, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2JL CB_26_02756_VOC comments by Oct 14

16/09/26 Ampthill Town Football Club - Abbey Lane Playing Fields – contact from ATFC's vice-chair asking to meet MPC Cllrs or present the club's plans for the future as the Abbey Lane ground falls under Maulden and is included in CBC's call for sites. Clerk invited them to the Oct 12 next meeting and forward MPC's submissions for the three sites around the football ground and the one opposite, explaining MPC do not support development there.

16/09/26 Meeting to discuss the proposed Bridleway No. 32 and its diversion – CBC meeting at the Church Hall, Thursday, Sept 24, 3pm. Clerk responded requesting 4 places for MPC, and also responded to CBC's points about the proposed diversion route and defended alternative through the church car park.

16/09/26 Allotment – tenant raised the increased rent despite the lack of a water supply, saying it was particularly hard with this summer's drought so may have to consider giving up the plot. Clerk explained the legally-required year's notice was given for the rent increase, from £1 to £2 per pole, and gave examples showing it is still significantly less than the local average with the nearest being £3.50 per pole with no water either. Pointed out the allotments have never had a water supply but it is on MPC's wish list of improvements, although costly. Explained IBC containers are a good way for tenants to gather rainwater and cost £50-£60 for a used one.

17/09/26 CBC & Town and Parish Elections 6 May 2027 – details of costings from 2023 elections indicate MPC's costs for the May 2027 elections with an electorate of 2,689 (2025) and two polling stations would be £4,500-£5,500 which need to be allocated in the 2027-2028 budget either by increasing the precept to cover it, or earmarking from general reserves.

17/09/26 TRILLEY FIELDS PLAYING AREA – resident asked when TF hedges will be cut, clerk checked and it's on contractor's list for next week. Contractor then reported box hedge has died so to be removed.

17/09/26 RE_ Village Drains and Gutters – Cllr Browning responded to resident's query, saying works to clear gulleys and tidy verges are CBC's responsibility but not a statutory requirement. Said MPC continues to pressure CBC and residents can help by making FixMyStreet reports.

18/09/26 CCTV Service – contractor offered service, clerk said yes and asked for dates.

18/09/26 Play Areas – CBC offer to discuss transferring ownership of Gardeners Close Play Area to MPC but with no funding for maintenance or repairs. Clerk responded it needs to be discussed by full council, and asked CBC to confirm the £44,000 S106 funds for new play equipment would be available to MPC if ownership was transferred, responded they will collate the info for the next meeting.

18/09/26 Re_ Grant Application – CPRE requested result, clerk confirmed £500 grant had been approved.

19/09/26 Electric scooter incident today in Maulden – Cllr Browning forwarded info to police of an electric scooter incident in which two youngsters were injured, one seriously. Emergency services attended and police seized the scooter. Police acknowledged and will be following up.

19/09/26 Request for permission – following a conversation with the clerk, M5k organisers sent copies of the event management plan, counter terrorism plan, risk assessment and insurance for the event which takes place on MPC allotments land, and will do so for future events with a request for permission in advance of the event.

20/09/26 Banner advertising art club Exhibition – Maulden Art Club confirmed booking of VH noticeboard but will be installed later than expected. Clerk confirmed and said to cover the Tractor poster as it's still in place.

21/09/26 Planning Committee Reform – CBC sent info on government planning committee changes starting from Oct 31. Queries to CBC by Oct 30.

22/09/26 Communities prepared training – Cllr Penniston forwarded links to Communities Prepared training sessions anyone can sign up to attend.

22/09/26 Re_ 109 Clophill Road, MK45 2AD (Case Ref_ BS01412) – resident copied MPC on request for update on Dog & Badger enforcement as more cars have appeared on site overnight. Clerk responded MPC have no info since reporting the issue to planning enforcement on August 2. Reported it again Planning Enforcement Enquiry - PEN00177.

23/09/26 Police request for CCTV – Cllr Browning forwarded police request for The Rec CCTV from September 19, meeting with clerk organised to view footage, relevant downloads forwarded by Cllr Browning.

23/09/26 Allotments – letter from longstanding tenant confirming they are giving up their plot but happy to leave the fencing in place and accept the agreement that no rent is payable for 2025-2026.

23/09/26 Maulden Bridleway – Rector copied MPC in on response to CBC's latest BW32 proposal in advance of tomorrow's meeting to discuss the diversion.

24/09/26 Maulden Parish Council - Help please – resident requested assistance over family financial difficulties, clerk sent application details for Maulden Charities grants, and contact details for the lady who looks after families in need locally.

24/09/26 Keech Hospice - Tractor Run 2026 – 50 decorated tractor run starting from Maulden going through Clophill, Silsoe, Flitton, Pulloxhill, Greenfield, Westoning, Flitwick, and Ampthill, in aid of Keech Hospice on Saturday, December 19. Request for any help inc volunteering, marshalling, advertising, etc.

24/09/26 Fwd: FLITTON AND GREENFIELD: BRIDLEWAY NO. 25 AND MAULDEN: BRIDLEWAY NO. A6 CREATION ORDER 2026, FLITTON AND GREENFIELD: PART OF BRIDLEWAY NO. 7 DIVERSION ORDER 2026, AND FLITTON AND GREENFIELD: PART OF FOOTPATH NO. 2 EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2026 – public notices re new Maulden A6 BW and changes to Flitton & Greenfield BW7 posted.

24/09/26 Planning application 8 Chestnut Crescent, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2DW CB/26/02801/FULL

25/09/26 Re_ 109 Clophill Road, MK45 2AD (Case Ref_ BS01412) – resident asked if anything had been heard and said another 2 vehicles have turned up, one untaxed. Clerk replied no contact from CBC yet, Ward Cllr Clinch is chasing so the report references have been forwarded.

25/09/26 Re_ Hedgerow Heroes - 'call for sites!' – CPRE said Trilley Fields sounds like a contender for their hedgerow work, clerk sent pics as requested.

28/09/26 Christmas Tea 10 December – Flittabus confirmation of booking at £150, 12 for pickups, 4.30 for drop-offs.

28/09/26 Re_ Welcome from Maulden Parish Council (MPC) – Maulden Lower School's new head David Cox thanked MPC chair Cllr Browning for her warm welcome to the village and accepted the invitation to attend the Oct 12 meeting.

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29/09/26 Maulden Parish Council - audited AGAR 25-26 – External auditor sent completion letter and audited AGAR, flagging two minor mis-ticked boxes. Clerk uploaded to MPC's website along with the Completion Notice, in compliance with the law to do so by September 30.

29/09/26 Identified Gypsy Sites – resident raised concerns over "identified gypsy sites" in Maulden apparently hidden in CBC's Call For Sites info, released on social media by a non-local ward cllr, Clerk checked the site numbers and all 4 are in Clophill, clearly identified on the Call For Sites listings provided.

30/09/26 RE_ Car park in Becketts Close – Cllr Browning forwarded response from CBC re resident's query, confirmed parking in Becketts Close is not restricted in any way, there are no residents' only bays or parking.

29/09/26 Summer Play Reports & Other information - MKPA had a van stolen the day before one of the play sessions in Maulden. They've decided not to replace it so will have less availability for next summer which means consideration needs to be given early to decide on play date bookings.

29/09/26 Missed Collection - Case Ref_ EMM124895 – confirmation of report that MPC's bins haven't been emptied at The Rec.

30/10/26 Bill INV-807 from RD Designs & Partners Ltd is due – invoice for pavilion site analysis, concept work and planning application submission @1,385+ £277VAT. Paid and receipt acknowledged.

01/10/26 Missed Collection - Case Ref_ EMM124895 – CBC said contractor had closed the request. Clerk checked and bins still not collected. Unable to report again as more than two days after, so reported to Environmental Health explaining the bins have been collected by the domestic waste service for well over 10 years.

01/10/26 Action required_ your defibrillator is currently offline – Notification Budgens defib may have been used, Cllr Rudkin checked and confirmed all is in order, clerk updated The Circuit registration as available for use.

01/10/26 Duck End Nature Reserve – following residents' speculation the Greensand Trust is only being granted a one-year lease extension for the reserve, Ward Cllr Clinch confirmed new heads of terms have been agreed for 15 years, and it's a County Wildlife site which has status in planning. There's a note about the raised water table which GT believe is due to other housing developments upslope and could have implications for development around the site.

02/10/26 Thursday's in the village hall – VH booking queried Thursday December 10 date for Christmas Party as they hadn't received a booking and there's now a regular Thursday booking. Clerk explained booking had been made via the VHC chair, and also that the Thursday hirer had texted MPC and kindly agreed to work round the party booking on the 2nd Thursday in December each year. Asked if the 2nd Thursday in December and nearest Saturday to Dec 1 could be recurring annual bookings for the party and Christmas Lights Switch-on.

02/10/26 Play areas – CBC sent August 6, 2026, RoSPA inspection report for Gardeners Close Play Area, which they want to transfer to MPC ownership without any funding. Report shows equipment and safety surfaces in good condition with only minor low risk issues identified, Clerk asked for confirmation when these works would be completed.

02/10/26 Fwd: Planning application Maulden Fc, The Brache, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2DR CB/26/02769/FULL Comments by October 30

02/10/26 Re: Maulden PC Tree – confirmation of order for 30ft Xmas tree from Badger Hill Christmas Tree Farm, permission given for "supplied by" sign again. Collection on Nov 17, Cllr Summerfield confirmed he'll organise collection and installation again this year, preferably by Nov 18 for the decorators. Invoice £430+£86 VAT received and paid.

02/10/26 Flittabus Community Transport Limited Invoice 142 – invoice for senior Citizens' party shuttle, £150 paid in full.

05/10/26 Maulden Pavilion - Planning Validation + Decision Date – confirmation of the planning application receipt and decision to be made by December 21, 2026. Clerk pointed out the description should be corrected to Maulden Parish Council, The Pavilion, Wingfield Recreation Ground, The Brache, Maulden, Beds, instead of Maulden FC, The Brache, Maulden MK45 2DR, and queried the postcode as MPC have always used MK45 2DS but on checking the even-numbered houses opposite are 2DR, 2DS is above the Kings Road turning, while on the same side as The Rec no 5 The Brache and the EV chargers are both 2DZ. But CBC had made the architect change it to the Maulden FC address even though Maulden FC doesn't exist.

05/10/26 Re: Thursday's in the village hall – VH bookings requested being included in all MPC bookings to ensure they're in the diary, and confirmed the 2nd Thursday in December and nearest Saturday to Dec 1 as recurring annual bookings for the party and Christmas Lights Switch-on. Clerk checked Remembrance Sunday, Nov 8, 10am-1pm, and asked that it be added as a recurring booking too.

05/10/26 Bedfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan – CBC consultation to start October 12.

05/10/26 RE_ Missed Collection - Case Ref_ EMM124895 – CBC asked how the waste is generated as it's not listed as residential, clerk said it's from the pavilion and litter and bins around the Rec and has been dealt with through the normal domestic rubbish collection system using black bins supplied when it was Mid Beds District Council pre-2009.

FOR INFORMATION

14/09/26 Be a Councillor Event CBC Oct 15, 2026

15/09/26 Roadworks Alert from Causeway one.network

15/09/26 NALC events

16/09/26 Special events for you to attend - members and non-members welcome CPRE

16/09/26 Formal Policy Representation – Greensand Ridge and Rushmere Country Park Greensand Trust

16/09/26 Parkinsons Finance Training BATPC

17/09/26 Chief executive's bulletin - 17 September 2026 NALC

18/09/26 And the winner is...  MP Blake Stephenson

18/09/26 Crime Stats - Interim - September 26

18/09/26 Notice of Proposed Changes to BATPC Constitution

22/09/26 Roadworks Alert from Causeway one.network

22/09/26 NALC events

23/09/26 Hear Directly from Universal Destinations and Experiences at the BATPC AGM 2026!

24/09/26 Chief executive's bulletin - 24 September 2026 NALC

25/09/26 BATPC AGM 14th October 2026 - Registration Open

25/09/26 September round-up - exploring Bedfordshire and CPRE Bedfordshire news

25/09/26 You're invited to our next Town and Parish Council topic session - Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) guides and Climate and Nature (CAN) Champions Oct 12, 6-7pm.

25/09/26 BATPC AGM 14th October 2026 - Registration Open (includes Universal presentation)

29/09/26 Roadworks Alert from Causeway one.network

29/09/26 Your Breakthrough Events Bulletin training

30/09/26 Town and Parish Council Update - October 2026 CBC

30/09/26 Regional Training Seminar - East Midlands SLCC Nov 4

01/10/26 Chief executive's bulletin - 1 October 2026 NALC

02/10/26 Crime Stats - September 2026

02/10/26 Invite_ North Central Community Policing Priority Setting Meeting - 14_10_2026 Beds Police Cllr Browning to attend.

02/10/26 Pre-event advice re: Remembrance Day Events Beds Police

06/10/26 Roadworks Alert from Causeway one.network