MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Flag Flying Policy

Adopted: May 20, 2024
Next Review Date: Annually

The Union Flag will be flown at full mast all year on the flagpole owned by Maulden Parish Council (MPC) and situated at the Village Hall, 5-13 Flitwick Road, Maulden, Beds, MK45 2DN. The Union Flag must always be flown in accordance with guidance notes from the College Of Arms: (https://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/resources/union-flag-faqs).

In addition:

- The Union Flag will fly at full mast on Remembrance Sunday.

The only exceptions are:

- On St George's Day, April 23, each year the St George Flag will be flown.
- On May 8 each year, in commemoration of VE Day, marking the Victory In Europe formal end of World War Two in Europe, a special VE Day commemorative flag can be flown.
- On June 6 each year, in commemoration of D-Day, marking the Normandy Landings of Operation Overlord and Operation Neptune in World War Two, a special D-Day commemorative flag will be flown.
- The Pride Flag will be flown for a week in June each year (avoiding D-Day on June 6, and Armed Forces Day on the last Saturday in June each year, as well as the village fete day).
- On August 15 each year, in commemoration of VJ Day, marking the World War Two Victory In Japan end of the conflict, a special VJ Day commemorative flag can be flown.
- On Bedfordshire Day, November 28 each year, the Bedfordshire Flag will be flown – and can be kept flying for a week.

Flying flags at half-mast
Half-mast means the flag is flown two-thirds of the way up the flagpole, with at least the height of the flag between the top of the flag and the top of the flagpole. The Union Flag will be flown at half-mast:

- Upon the death of the Sovereign in accordance with British flag protocol.

Upon a decision of MPC, the Union Flag may also be flown at half-mast on the following occasions

- Upon the death of a member of the monarchy, the prime minister, or others in accordance with British flag protocol.
- The death or funeral of a serving officer in the armed forces from the parish.
- The death or funeral of a member or former member of the parish council.

NB: All flag-flying is dependent on guidance notes from the College Of Arms re the death of a sovereign or member of the royal family, and the ascendance of a new monarch.

Questions and approval
No flag-flying activity by, or on behalf of the MPC, is to be undertaken without the approval of MPC. Any questions should be submitted by email to clerk@maulden-pc.gov.uk or in writing to:
The Clerk, Maulden Parish Council,
15 Abbey Close,
Ampthill,
Beds, MK45 2SH