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Dated this 19th day of May 2021.

To: Councillors: M Eddy (Chairman), Mrs M Beard-Gould, J Lonsdale, P St Ange, & T Byfield

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Amenity & Environment Committee** to be held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2021** at 8 The Strand, Walmer 7.00pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Richard Styles - Clerk to the Parish Council

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**AGENDA**

- 1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2021-22**
- 2. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
To receive the document and consider whether it is still fit for purpose. **Attach 1**
- 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.
- 5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. **Attach 2**
- 6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**
- 7. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**  
To receive a verbal update from Cllr J Lonsdale
- 8. **YORK AND ALBANY CLOSE**  
To receive the Inspection report and photographs and consider any work necessary **Attach 3 & 4**

9. **STONY PATH**  
To receive a verbal report if available
10. **ALLOTMENTS**  
To receive an update and inspection report if available
11. **DRILL FIELD**  
Antisocial behaviour verbal report
12. **HISTORIC VILLAGE PANELS**  
To receive a verbal report from DDC if available
13. **TREE PLANTING PROJECT**  
To receive a verbal report if available
14. **GRANVILLE ROAD TOILETS**  
To receive an update from DDC if available
15. **MILLERS RETREAT**  
To discuss on street parking concerns at Station Road
16. **BT TELEPHONE BOX**  
To discuss the future of the Red BT telephone box on The Strand/The Beach
17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 7pm

## **WALMER PARISH COUNCIL**

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

### **Present: Councillors:**

M Eddy  
P St Ange (from 7.20pm

Mrs Beard-Gould  
J Lonsdale

D Symons

### **Officer Present:**

Mrs K Holroyd (Clerk)

### **1204. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **1205. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

### **1206. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16 September 2020 and it was agreed that they be signed as a true record by the chairman at the next face-to-face meeting.

### **1207. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None

The Chairman Cllr Eddy noted the number of members of the public in attendance and ascertained that they were interested in issues concerning York and Albany Close and the proposed community housing project. He therefore asked councillors for their agreement in bringing this item forward and suspending the meeting for fifteen minutes in order to let people speak. All were in agreement.

### **1208. COMMUNITY HOUSING**

Members received a letter from a resident concerning the future of the site.

Since printing the agenda several further letters had been received at the Parish Office making similar comments and objections to use of the site as a community housing project.

Cllr Eddy assured those members of the public present that their letters and emails had been received and read by committee members.

Five members of the public made comments and asked questions. They were all concerned about the fact that the piece of land in question is used by lots of local people and is also a haven for wildlife. They broadly supported the idea of assisting young people in buying or renting their first home, but considered the location was unsuitable. One resident was concerned that the origins of the project and its subsequent consideration and discussion by various committees was unclear.

Cllr Eddy confirmed he would produce a fact sheet over the coming days to address the questions and concerns. He stressed that the project was at an early stage. The Council had instructed a firm to liaise with DDC over whether a small development on the site would be possible. The future of the project depended upon the outcome of that piece of work.

The Clerk confirmed that the land had not been neglected this year intentionally. It should have been cut five times over the summer months by DDC's contractors but due to Coronavirus restrictions, working practices had changed considerably and there was a backlog of work. She had been assured that the grass would be cut in the very near future. Similarly, the hedge had been due to be cut in October when the nesting season had finished. The contractor in question also had a backlog of work.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note all letters and comments**

#### **1209. CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Members received the report of the chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 2020.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

#### **1210. YORK AND ALBANY CLOSE**

- i) Members received the Inspection report and noted that no work was necessary apart from the grass and hedge cutting as mentioned at minute 1208 which was in hand.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

- ii) Members received a letter from a resident and consider the contents.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note. It was agreed that green waste should not be dumped on the site and that bonfires were not appropriate at present due to the coronavirus pandemic and the breathing difficulties that some people are experiencing as a result.**

#### **1211. STONY PATH**

Members considered whether a mixture of tree planting and allotment creation is the best use of the space. Cllr Mrs Beard-Gould explained that the idea had started with the planning committee who had noted through their work the removal of several mature trees in the area.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to ask the Council's tree warden for his advice on whether tree planting at Stony Path would be a good idea.**

#### 1212. ALLOTMENTS

Members received an update from the Clerk who noted that due to the resignation of Cllr Pitcher, the Council was without an allotment inspector.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to ask full council if anyone would be interested in taking on the role.**

#### 1213. DRILL FIELD

Members considered the inspection report and noted that all the work identified in the recent RoSPA report had been completed. No further work was necessary at this time.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note.**

#### 1214. HISTORIC VILLAGE PANELS

Members received an update from Dover District Council. The final proofs were now with Councillors. A few minor errors had been noted and would be sent back to DDC with a question about the validity of QR codes,

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

#### 1215. TREE PLANTING PROJECT

- i) Members received information from Deal With It concerning a number of immature trees that were available for planting in public spaces by community groups.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note**

- ii) Members considered possible sites as suggested by a local resident. Cllr Mrs Beard-Gould reported that she was due to meet with the KCC tree officer shortly and would discuss possible sites – including Stony Path – with him. She also reported a damaged tree on Dover Road which would appear to be beyond repair. KCC were due to remove it and would be asked to replace it if possible.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note**

#### 1216. GRANVILLE ROAD TOILETS

The Clerk reported that although the new signage had been approved by Council it was on the proviso that DDC were still able to support the project. She had yet to receive a response on this.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to wait for DDC's response.**

**1217. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom Video Conference. *(This meeting was cancelled due to COVID Restrictions)*

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 19.55.

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Signature

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Date

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