



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL
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Dated the 18th April 2024

Amenities & Environment Committee: Cllr P Findley, Cllr P Jull, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr, M Eddy. Cllr K Lee, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to be held at 7pm, Wednesday 24th April 2024 at: 8, The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP.

Roland Aldred

Town Clerk Walmer Town Council

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following: -

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th January 2024. Attach 1
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**
6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Receive any questions from the public.
7. **HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
 - i. To receive a copy of the current Highways Improvement Plan. Attach 2
 - ii. Any items for HIP to be discussed:
 - a. Update on HIP items discussed with KCC.
 - b. Any other additions members wish to bring for discussion (these will need to be investigated between meetings and cannot be agreed to be added until they have been advertised on an agenda).
 - iii. Cycling– to receive a verbal update from Cllr L Ludwig on meeting with Cllr Craggs of Deal Town Council.
8. **HISTORIC WALKING ROUTE FROM WALMER STATION TO DEAL CASTLE**
To receive a written report from Cllr Eddy on a proposal to create a map of a historic walking route from Walmer Station to Deal Castle.
9. **STONEY PATH**
An update on the Stoney Path project. Attach 3
10. **OUTDOOR GYM** Attach 4
To review the outdoor gym project and decide on next actions.
11. **NEW IDEAS** Attach 5
To review ideas for projects that A&E could research before recommending to full council and to set priorities for these.
12. **IDEAL COUNCIL OFFICE** Attach 6
To consider initial actions from the Council resolution to review the requirements for an ideal office/meeting space for the future of the Council.
13. **SIGNAGE** Attach 7
To set out how Walmer Town Council will audit the provisions of WTC signage for review.
14. **MUGA OPENING TIMES** Attach 8
To set out a plan for reviewing changes to opening months at the MUGA.
15. **NOTICEBOARDS** Attach 9
To receive a report from Cllr Waite-Gleave proposing a new notice board in Walmer.
16. **WALMER AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION** Attach 10
To receive a report from the Climate Emergency Working group and decide on whether to accept recommendations.

- 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
26 June 2024

**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL****62 The Strand, Walmer, Kent, CT14 7DP****Tel 01304 362363****Web site: www.walmercouncil.co.uk E-mail: clerk@walmercouncil.co.uk****MINUTES**

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7pm at 8 The Strand, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr D Richardson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr P Findley, Cllr T Bond (ex officio) and Cllr L Ludwig (ex officio).

Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

2 members of the public representing swifts were present

413. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies from Cllrs Lee, Simpson and Jull were received and accepted. Members agreed to move the decision on item 419 and item 425 to the end of the meeting.

414. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

415. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs P and L Ludwig declared a DPI in respect of item 426 as they are allotment tenants. Cllr Findley declared an OSI in respect of item 425.

416. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr Findley

Seconded by Cllr Waite-Gleave.

417. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

No items.

418. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to ask any questions.

419. NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY GRANT APPLICATION

Members received an application for a grant of £443.43 from the Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts group. Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts gave a presentation on the application detailing the loss of nesting sites and the decline in numbers of Swifts, they also spoke about the actions they had already taken and the positive changes this had made. The decision on the grant was moved to the end of the meeting.

420. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cllr Blackwell arrived at the start of this item

- i. To receive a copy of current Highways Improvement Plan. Members were made aware that the Speed Watch campaign has started Cllrs L Ludwig and Waite-Gleave were part of the group that have been out with the speed gun.

NOTED

Proposed – Cllr Findley

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

- ii. Parking on Marine Road

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk, that there is already a restriction on parking on Marine Road. The smaller campervans are classed as cars and therefore not subject to the restrictions. The campervan on The Strand has been clamped by the DVLA and our most recent conversation with the DVLA was that they would remove this in the next few weeks.

- iv. Any additions to the HIP.

No additions were suggested.

- v. Cycle Forum

Cllr L Ludwig reported that she had met again with Cllr Craggs of Deal Town Council and they linking with local cycle groups to find out information about what they would like to see improve for cycling in the area. There will be conversations about whether they would like to see a Cycle Forum re-established but the focus of the meetings has been on the Cycle Friendly Deal document.

420. HISTORIC WALKING ROUTE FROM WALMER STATION TO DEAL CASTLE

Members received a report from the Cllr Eddy on a proposal to create a historic walking route from the train station to the beach. Members felt this was a good idea and talked about options for advertising this (QR codes, signage).

AGREED

To speak to KCC highways in the HIP meeting about the subject and add to the HIP to move this forward.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

421. STONEY PATH

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk updating them on the Stoney Path project progress. Members discussed next steps.

AGREED

To delegate responsibility to Cllrs P Ludwig and Findley along with the Clerk to investigate types of seeding for the path and to obtain quotes to have the job completed.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

422. TRIM TRAIL

Members received a verbal report on the current status of the Trim Trail.

AGREED

Cllr L Ludwig with the help of the office to pull together a report on the potential usage, type of equipment, success of funding and costs for the next meeting. This will be done by engaging with the local community.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

423. TREE PLANTING

Members received a written report from the Clerk on a potential site for tree planting.

AGREED

Members delegated the Clerk to organise with KCC tree planting along Salisbury Road for up to £2000. Members also asked for a recommendation to go Council to add the £2000 not spent to reserves to be used as soon as we can identify additional sites to plant.

Proposed - Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

424. IDEAL OFFICE SPACE

Members received a report from the Clerk on the what the ideal office/meeting space would look like.

AGREED

The Clerk to put together a broader outline of the needs using the information already provided and to check this with Council Chairman to send back to Council.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

425. DECISION ON GRANT APPLICATION

Cllr Findley left the room for this item

Members considered the application for the grant.

AGREED

To recommend to Full Council to award the grant of £443.43 to Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts.

Proposed -Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

426. ALLOTMENT PRICING

Members received a written report from the Clerk recommending a freeze on allotment pricing for 2024/25.

AGREED

Members agreed to freeze the price at 48p per square metre for the year 2024/25

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

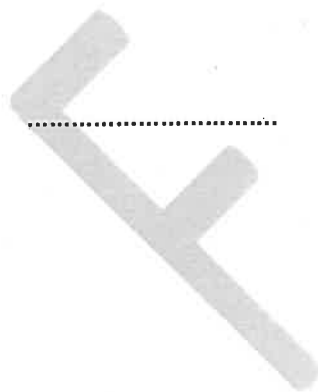
427. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting: 24th April 2024.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45.

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Signature

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Date



HIGHWAYS			IMPROVEMENT PLAN				ACTION PLAN				KCC Priority no
PROJECT NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	MANAGER	PROGRESS	COMMENTS			
1	Jan-22	Parking and access triangular roadway opposite Neville Gardens, Station Rd, Walmer	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA				
2	Jan-22	Speed Survey, Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data			
3		Traffic Island - junc Station Rd and Court Road Highway safety for vehicles turning out of Court rd and from Station Rd	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	New roadmarkings added			
4	N/A	Double yellow markings- Lawn Rd/Dover Rd, Hershel Square/Dover Rd and Kalvedon Rd/Dover Rd	As stated	£2000+ per project	TBA	TBA	TBA				
7	N/A	Disability access dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	Addition of dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces								
9	Nov-21	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade Cycle Routes - Request to join cycle route 1 to the Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville Road	as stated	TBA	HIP	KCC	TBA	Met with representatives from Deal Speaking up Group and reviewed curbs report passed to KCC. HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding for Dover road			
15	Jun-23	Road	as stated	TBA	HIP	KCC	TBA	Question as to how this could be done given private road			
16	Jun-23	Potholes Liverpool Road - Outside meadowside centre. Lighting required for safety of residents exiting premises on foot. No paving is present until Grams Road.	Repair work - long term road resurfacing	TBA	TBA	KCC	TBA	HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding. Continuous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as required			
17	Sep-23	Road.	Signage	TBA	HIP	KCC	TBA				
18	Nov-23	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking restriction	Parking restrictions	TBA	KCC or KCC members	KCC - D Murphy and T Bond are picking this up	TBA	HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding. Walmer Castle has plans for additional parking for 2025, contacted KCC highways who are looking at options to rectify this. Picked up With KCC members who are pushing for a solution.			
19	Feb-24	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA				



Item: Stony Path.

Date: 18/4/24.

Meeting: April A&E.

From: Cllrs Findley & P Ludwig.

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STONEY PATH INITIAL DRAFT MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

APRIL 2024

1. DESCRIPTION: A narrow strip of land behind the allotments at Campbell Road. The area is bordered to the west by a scheduled wall, to the south by another wall as yet undetermined, to the east by a metal fence at the top of the slope to the allotments with an access gate at the northern end. This gate leads to an undetermined track that has been claimed by the residents. Poor quality top-soil to a depth of 6" to a foot or so covers the stoney element of the ground. The vegetation had been growing for a number of years since it was last cut. Bramble had become well established and dominated the site. Several trees were growing or sprouting from previous cuts. A certain amount of garden and general rubbish had been dumped on the site.

Ownership of the site is to be confirmed. Ownership of the short southern wall and its status is to be confirmed.

2. MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL: The vegetation was cleared in February 2024 using brushcutters and the cuttings raked up and removed. The site was assessed in mid-April 2024. A contractor is being sought to provide the following management of the site from mid-April to at least September 2024.

1. Assess the site. Bramble, nettles and Field Bindweed are the dominant species re-establishing themselves and there are several young trees remaining. The ground is relatively flat though probably too uneven to mow effectively.
2. Establish a viable access route through the gate and arrange a suitable locking mechanism.
3. Collect bricks and store them by the wall – they could be used to repair part of the wall
4. Collect stones and rubble and pile them together against the wall for possible use at a later date as a feature.
5. Clear the site of sticks, rubbish, branches and anything else that might restrict effective mowing.
6. Mow and collect the entire site every two weeks in the growing season – mid-April to the end of August. Remove cuttings from the site.
7. Keep the metal railing fence clear of vegetation.
8. Cut and remove any trees, branches and regrowth.

3. FUTURE PLANNING: The following points are all possible outcomes of the suggested timetable:

1. Payments and money available should be agreed with the committee and the clerk within the agreed budget to facilitate prompt action if necessary.

2. At the end of August/beginning of September, an assessment of the state of the site and its suitability for planting should be carried out and reported upon.
3. Possible autumn and winter activities could include the following should form the basis of a future plan to be considered by Council-
4. Design paths, plantings and provision of benches/access, etc.
5. Seeding with a wildflower and/or grass mix either all over or in patches.
6. Tree selection, purchase and planting and planning a timetable and design for this.
7. Examine access through the wall at the south end, layout of pathways and provision of benches or shelters.
8. Consider eventual access for the general public.
9. Consider extra ecological features such as log piles, dead hedging, "rockery", refugia, live hedge, pond.



Item: Outdoor Gym.
 Date: 18/4/24.
 Meeting: April A&E.
 From: Cllr L Ludwig.

At the A&E committee meeting of 17/1/24 I was given the action to prepare a report with the help of the office on the following:

Potential usage
 Type of equipment
 Sources of Funding
 Costs

Emphasis was to engage with the local community.

It is to be noted that the reference to the former initiative of Trim Trail is no longer relevant as the council has approved an outdoor gym in a grouping known as a cluster.

Potential Usage

At the start of this project, it is the council's objective to ensure an inclusive gym is designed to cater for all ages and abilities and allows for wheelchair access.

It is widely acknowledged that exercise is beneficial for all ages and brings many health, and social benefits to those who regularly exercise or would like to return or start. The outside gym could be located close to the hub of activities that already take place on Walmer Seafront, (although the exact location is to be determined and approved in due course and providing public opinion is in favour of such a proposal).

It is believed that by siting it in a location that is well used by many people a wider range and number of people would choose to use it. This could include the parents and carers of children attending the paddling pool, or friends using the gym as a destination to meet and exercise together before using one of the many nearby cafes for example. This will be more than residents of Walmer using the gym, but neighbours and visitors from the district and beyond. Some gym locations situated in quiet places are not easy to judge usage, a seafront gym would be easy to monitor, this would make review and evaluation straight forward when it came to improvements or increase in capacity in future.

There are several sports clubs and associations in the area that could also make good use of the equipment as part of their training schedule and to publicise new membership etc. (The rugby club, Deal Tri, Sea Scouts, Tennis Club to mention a few).

I have personally contacted representatives from many clubs and organisations to canvass their views before taking the project further, a full list of all those are with the office team, but this includes the Head of PE in a local Secondary school, an occupational therapist, and the Multiple Sclerosis Centre at Canterbury. To date the response has been overwhelmingly positive by those who partake of exercise.

The attraction of an outdoor gym is that many different age groups would use this, there are groups and individuals who are often seen exercising on the green at Walmer. It would not escape anyone's attention that the age range often extends to those above 60.

It is also widely accepted that many older people whose gym attendance may have lapsed, may feel intimidated about re-entering a gym, we would need to ensure an effective launch and support scheme to help less confident people 'give it a go'.

Social prescribing and wellbeing are now mainstream, I can see the benefits and usage of the gym being promoted by many professionals not just fitness instructors. While researching, I have met many enthusiastic members of the public who are also in the health or fitness profession who have offered their advice and help to launch the gym.

Type of Equipment

4 companies have been contacted to outline what they could offer.

Considering the advice from the initial company that quoted in 2019, Calisthenics equipment is the current preferred system used by people wanting to get fit. This uses body weight and set up in what is referred to as a rig. There are various options, and much will depend on budget, space, and surface requirements. Generally, the standard equipment that is often seen in play areas has moving parts with little or no resistance and therefore offers little benefit. The office can advise on the information that has since been received to date and I hope will prepare a presentation or handouts with example.

Sources of Funding

The office has prepared a list of potential funding sources, many of which are announced at short notice with a limited deadline. I have already prepared a document that could be used to assist the office in applying for such funding, outlining the rationale, research, and consultation to date.

Costs

In 2019 a quote from 1 company for 11 pieces of equipment was in the region of £32, 000. This covered the installation.

The office should be able to supply the relevant details to date.

Small rigs could start at about £10,000, but other associated pieces of equipment, installation, preparing of ground/special surfaces, notice boards and signage, need to be factored in. On going maintenance costs would also need to be considered.

Community Engagement

The office has a full list of the individuals, professionals, clubs, and organisations who have been contacted, initially to scope interest, and gain their views if they could be adversely effected EG Hut 55 café and Deal Tri who have 2 annual events that start and finish near to the paddling pool.

An initial survey has been sent to those interested parties as well as an invitation to the community to answer a questionnaire anonymously, via the council website and social media platforms.

An initial end date of 30th April has been set but can be extended if required.

The full council has been sent an email with an invitation to complete the survey.

At the Special meeting of the Council several new ideas were floated for discussion at committee. The A&E applicable ideas are below along with the initial investigation.

Idea	Initial investigation
<p>Mobility- Beach access, possibly boardwalk or flooring. This will be moved to A&E for discussion. Also queries about where it would go, the damage to ecology and the impact on the upcoming Management plan (waiting for MP publish)</p>	<p>Contacted DDC - ddc reponse "There are good examples of board walks on shingle beaches nearby at Dungeness and Lade. This type of facility works best where there is a particularly heavily trafficked area, e.g. leading from a car park. In those circumstances the board walk performs a dual function of improving access and informally containing visitors, so that impacts on vulnerable wildlife are reduced. It should be noted that board walks cannot take users to the sea itself because the structure would deteriorate quickly if exposed to sea water.</p> <p>We don't have an obvious suitable location for a board walk, nor is there any funding identified. However, if this is something that residents of Walmer are particularly keen to secure, we could potentially include provision of a board walk as an aspiration of the Kingsdown and Walmer Local Wildlife management plan. That would help to support any funding applications. We would have to manage expectations about how long it would likely take to progress any such project, given competing priorities."</p>
<p>Free to use BBQs in summer, more picnic benches and bins. Also an A&E discussion as a whole for more beach facilities.</p>	<p>Christies appear to be the make of choice in Australia. In the UK Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch council have installed some free to use first come units on the seafront to reduce single use bbqs, this may be a source of information. Exmouth and Budleigh salterton has have these.</p>
<p>Community transport scheme-volunteers needed. What happened to the beach train idea??</p>	<p>We have advertised for the hospital lift service. No information on beach train idea available</p>
<p>Lift Share platform</p>	<p>KCC have partnered with Liftshare to create Kent and Medway Journey Share. https://liftshare.com/uk/community/km</p>
<p>Paddling pool ice rink</p>	<p>8m x 8m minimum required size. Requires level surface padding pool is sloped. DDC rent this to a private company so would need to agree</p>
<p>Beach cleaning of old fishing stuff and waste</p>	<p>DDC are picking this up with the fisherman.</p>
<p>Environment Documents</p>	<p>Previously agreed to further research costs and requirements for producing this</p>

Recommendation from the Clerk to drop the paddling pool ice rink idea as the paddling pool is not of a flat nature but sloped and being flat is a requirement.



Item: Ideal Council office.

Date: 11/4/24.

Meeting: Amenities Committee April 2024.

From: Roland Aldred.

At the February Council meeting members discussed and agreed the recommendation of the Amenities and Environment committee on the specifications for the new office. The Council however removed the part of the resolution on sending the specification out to estate agents. The Council also resolved to send this back to the Amenities and Environment Committee to review the next stage of the project.

Members to decide on next steps



Item: Signage.

Date: 11/4/24.

Meeting: Amenities Committee April 2024.

From: Roland Aldred.

At the March Council meeting members discussed and agreed to review Walmer Town Councils signage throughout the town. The committee was tasked with inventorying existing signage and drawing up a priority list of signage for replacement.

A map has been completed of areas likely to have signage for review.

Members to decide on next steps



Item: Opening times at the MUGA.
 Date: 11/4/24.
 Meeting: Amenities Committee April 2024.
 From: Roland Aldred.

At the March council meeting the Clerk made reference to two e-mails received requesting additional opening times for the MUGA. Current opening times are between 9am-10pm in the months of April-October.

The request was for the months to be extended to open earlier in the year to allow for children to play without having to go on the wet grass. Looking back on the original request for locking it appears that it has always been that it is open for 6 months of the year, the reason for this isn't given. Planning permission when granted stated made no mention of closing during winter only that the opening hours would be dawn till dusk.

Factors to consider

Usage – in summer 2022 very visible signage was placed on the MUGA for 2 months asking people to contact if they used the MUGA as a review of the usage. Only 2 people responded.

Weather – Linked to usage if the weather is poor it is unlikely that the MUGA will be used.

Cost – Current 2023/24 cost was a little bit under £200 per month to open/close the MUGA.

Provision of play area – Whilst WTC has no duty to provide play areas in putting in the MUGA WTC has provided a play area for children and must consider if only utilising this for 6 months of the year is effective

Planning permission – Dusk not a specific time during the winter months sunset is much earlier, with children at school all day there will be months where by the time they are home from school the sun is already setting

Noise – We are aware that some of the neighbours on Cornwall Road are at times unhappy about noise made disturbing them, by opening for more months there is potential for greater unhappiness about the MUGA.

Health and Safety – Whilst playing on wet grass is likely to see the children dirtier, wet or icy concrete is equally as likely to cause slips and falls on to hard MUGA floor are likely to cause more serious injuries.

Options

Continue to open only during the months of April – October

Open for weekends only during some or all of the winter months

Open fully during winter months.

If members decide to increase opening times this will need to be agreed at full council as there is no budget set aside for this.

Members to decide

Further information on MUGA.

The Clerk is continuing to talk to DDC to organise the bins being emptied on a regular basis.



Item: Notice Boards.

Date: 23/02/24.

Meeting: April Amenities and Environment Committee.

From: Cllr Waite-Gleave.

Recommendation : For Walmer TC to install one or two additional parish / community noticeboards in locations frequented by families.

Report : The window of our WTC office functions effectively as a noticeboard at 62 The Strand and we also have a parish / community noticeboard in Upper Walmer, which both carry helpful public information for residents. One location where Walmer residents don't have such access to public information on services available to them, is outside Downs Cof E primary school where the 2 alleys (to Salisbury Rd and to Dorset Gardens) mean there is a lot of footfall as parents bring / collect children to / from school. The cost of a new glass-fronted noticeboard like the wooden one in Upper Walmer could be £300 - £600 according to the website <https://www.noticeboardcompany.com/external-notice-boards/post-mounted-external-notice-boards/>

Ringwould w/ Kingsdown PC have 3 noticeboards, one of which is just outside Kingsdown Primary School.

Councillors may wish to help our busy office staff keep possible new noticeboard(s) updated, by collected notices from the office and pinning them up from time to time.



Item: Walmer Against Plastic Pollution.

Date: 09/04/24.

Meeting: A& E committee Apr 24.

From: Cllr Waite-Gleave.

Recommendation: That WTC instigates a **Walmer Against Plastic Pollution (WAPP)** campaign in summer 2024, to include the simple, cost-effective, or cost-free, **actions** listed in the report below. Part 1 of 2.

Report : With Walmer TC doing more than many level 1 councils to bring the community together with events including hospitality, Walmer TC is in a position to help residents, organisations and businesses within our parish and visitors to our parish reduce the plastic part of their carbon footprint. With greater public awareness of the negative effects on health of nanoplastics on our bodies, we expect this campaign to be popular with Walmer residents and visitors.

Actions relating to cleaning up plastic pollution and encouraging more of the public to sort and recycle more to be put on agenda of CEWG March 28th to be discussed and decided.

(Actions relating to helping WalmerTC & Walmer organisations to cut our parish's consumption of fossil-fuel derived plastics : to be held over for the CEWG agenda of May 2024, to be discussed and decided at May meeting.)

Actions to clean up plastic pollution.

- Support the 5 annual DealWithIt Walmer beach cleans with publicity. (see overleaf)
- Organise a WAPP litter pick inland in Walmer, during annual Great British Spring Clean each year (in 2024 15th – 31 March 2024). This could be an annual joint WalmerTC / PickDealClean event.
- Explicitly thank DealWithIt and PickDealClean for the work their volunteers do in Walmer. *Letter to Deal Parochial School to thank their Yr 4 group who litter picked with PDC on Mon 25th March.*
- Create a Single A4 Information sheet, for residents reporting concerns about litter / plastic pollution ; likely to involve referring public to <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Environment/Environmental-Crime/Environmental-Crime.aspx>

Actions to encourage more of the public to sort and 'recycle' plastic waste more often.

- A drop-off point for tetrapaks at back of WTC office; cllr SWG of CEWG to take to Whitfield Tesco carpark to put in <https://ace-uk.co.uk> recycling container once a month. To note : Avoiding tetrapaks, preferring glass as liquid containers is much more sustainable, however we view it as constructive to offer help. Lightweight metal container needed, eg Gabion like this <https://www.vidaxl.co.uk/e/vidaxl-gabion-wall-with-covers-galvanised-steel-100x20x100-cm/8719883592138.html> cost £40.99 . The WTC drop-off for tetrapaks & info sheets on WAPP could also be available at the WTC gazebo during events on Walmer Green.
- Publicise / Share twice a year to public, on our FB WTC page, information on how to select what waste goes in which bin in order to reduce the contamination of recycling. <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Recycling--Waste/Dont-let-your-recycling-go-to-waste.aspx>
- Publicise household battery recycling in Walmer is possible near Walmer, at Coop shop Mill Hill, and at Sainsbury's Deal and Aldi's Deal.
- Publicise / share <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/device-recycling-scheme>

To note: Point 1. Some level 1 coastal councils such as Porlock in Somerset have teamed up with Surfers against Sewage on time-consuming processes to sign up all organisations within their parish to become 'Plastic-Free'. Community groups locally in Walmer and Deal have tried a Plastic Free Deal 2018-2022 and found it very time-consuming and heavy on administration so not effective.

Point 2. After research, we don't recommend using Terracycle.com to collect, e.g. crisp/snack packets, as, despite pretence of recycling, packets go to incineration, same as with Veolia greytopped bins.



BEACH CLEAN

Sunday 4th Feb 2024

10am Walmer Green - Sea Cafe

Please come down to show our beach some love. ❤️

**We supply pickers, bags, gloves
Children need a supervising adult.**

#PICKDEALCLEAN



www.dealwithit.org.uk

Further 2024 dates for DWI beach cleans in WALMER are

Sun 5th May 9:30 meet on beach east of public toilet near Walmer Castle

Sun 9th June 9.30am meet by Sea Café on Walmer Green

Sun 13th October 10am meet on beach east of by public toilet near Walmer Castle

Sun 8th December 10am by Sea Café on Walmer Green

Suggest office should share FB post from Deal With It – Transition Deal to Walmer Town Council page 1 week before each beach clean, and put paper A4 notice on Walmer TC office window and noticeboard.
