



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

62 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DP

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Dated this day 9th January 2026

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson.

Non-voting members: Mrs D Bogue, Miss A Late.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Walmer in Bloom Committee** to be held on **Thursday 15th January 2026** at No 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 5.30pm to transact the business set out below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Aldred".

Mr Roland Aldred

Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2025.

Attach 1

4. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- i. To Note: Verbal update from Chairman.

6. ADMIN REPORT

- i. To Note: Update from admin regarding actions.

Attach 2

7. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- i. To confirm bids and designs from Youngs and Chapman.
- ii. Retrospective purchase of compost.
- iii. Retrospective costs of small trophy.
- iv. Contacting schools regarding poster competition and change of brief.

Attach 3

8. HAWKSHILL

- i. To confirm tree survey quotes.
- ii. To confirm quote for tree cutting at Hawkshill
- iii. Preferred tree surveyor and hedge cutter.
- iv. Hawkshill Sign.
- v. Requirement for additional hedge plants. To agree a budget to be spent delegating authority to the officer who will liaise with the volunteer.
- vi. Requirement for tool sharpening.

Attach 4

Attach 5

Attach 6

Attach 7

9. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. To Note: Update from the WPG committee members.
- ii. To confirm quotes for Tree Cutting.

Attach 8

10. PLANTERS

- i. RNLI Fountain

11. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- i. Current priorities and focus.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th February 2026 at 5:30pm.



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 18th November 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.45 pm.

Present: Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
 Cllr P Ludwig
 Cllr D Richardson
 Miss A Late

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

338. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford, Cllr S Waite Gleave and Mrs D Bogue

339. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

340. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

341. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

None.

342. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

i. **NOTED:** Members of the committee received a copy of the Chairman's report.

343. ADMIN REPORT

i. **NOTED:** Members of the committee received a copy of the Admin Officer's report

344. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

i. **Noted:** Members received evaluation packs from Admin and Chair.

Changes to be made to all facets of the competitions and campaign overall, the committee wishes to continue with the WIB campaign for 2026.

Feedback was received from both the public and council members.

Walmer will not be entering the South and South East In Bloom competition for 2026.

Actions: Admin to contact The Beacon school to see if they would be interested in joining the poster competition.

Admin to look into additional poster locations in the town.

Admin to check out permissions for photo use.

Cllr Richardson to ask Downs and Parochial schools if they wish to continue entering the competition.

Admin to look into the possibility of a leaflet drop for WIB

To purchase one small trophy at a cost of £6.25 for the Garden Winner of the Walmer In Bloom Gardens competition.

RESOLVED: Purchase of trophy agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to order trophy

345. HAWKSHILL

i. To confirm payment to Gazen Salts of £390 for the cutting of grass on the plateau.

RESOLVED: Payment to Gazen Salts agreed on.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

ii. To confirm purchase of Daffodil bulbs at a cost of £94.99 for use at Hawkshill.

RESOLVED: Purchase of bulbs agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

iii. To add a line to the WIB budget for Volunteer Refreshments.

RESOLVED: WIB budget to be modified to add Volunteer Refreshments for £250.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

346. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

i. **NOTED:** Committee received update from Mrs Bogue

Quote received for tree cutting from Mr O'Sullivan for £500.

RESOLVED: To go ahead once Town Clerk has approved the quote.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to obtain two more quotes for tree cutting.

ii. To confirm payment to Gazen Salts of £45 for the cutting of grass at WPG.

RESOLVED: Payment to Gazen Salts agreed on.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

347. PLANTERS

i. Discussion about the RNLI fountain planter to be carried forward to January meeting.

ii. Committee received a quote for the moment of WIB planters.

RESOLVED – Committee accepted the quote for movement of planters for £220 from Red Dog Services.

Proposed: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to inform Red Dog to begin moving the planters.

348. BUDGET

- i. Committee members received an updated budget for 2026/2027.

349. VOTE TO CONTINUE MEETING

RESOLVED – Members agreed to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes to complete the last items as the 2-hour limit had been reached.

Proposed Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

350. BUDGET

RESOLVED: Changes to be made to the WIB committee budget consequent to approval by Town Clerk.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to make changes to budget.

351. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- To get quotes for a new tree survey at Hawkshaw
- To inquire about assigning a preferred tree contractor and a hedge cutter
- To look into IT solutions to improve WIB requirements
- To look into new publicity materials

352. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th January 2026 at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed _____

Dated _____



Item: Walmer In Bloom Update Report

Date: 6th January 2026

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

1. The planter movement has been completed, with two donated to local schools and the others moved to Canada Road from the Parish Hall. In addition, the small planter left at the Drill Field has been disposed of.
2. Regarding photos for Walmer In Bloom competitions, as long as the pictures are taken from the highways, then they can be used.
3. A local company may be able to do a leaflet drop for WIB, they have a discount for first time users.
4. The small WIB trophy has been bought and handed over to the winner.
5. The budget has gone through to the full council
6. The Beacon School would like to join the poster competition.
7. IT solutions for entrants for the garden competition are still ongoing.
8. Admin looked into possible poster locations and publicity materials, a document will be distributed to the members at the January meeting.



**Sacketts Hill, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2QS
01843 864690**

12th November 2024

**John Miles
Deputy Clerk
Walmer Town Council
62 The Strand,
Walmer, Deal,
Kent CT14 7DP**

Dear John,

Thank you for asking to quote for the hanging baskets for another year, please see quote below:

SUMMER PLANTING

56 X 16" HANGING BASKETS READY FOR COLLECTION FROM 25th MAY, 2026, COLOUR THEME TO BE ADVISED

Cost per basket is £19.70 excluding V.A.T.

56 x 16" Baskets = £1,103.20 + V.A.T. = £1,323.84 TOTAL COST

**We use high quality compost mixed to our specification with added slow release fertilizer.
All plants are grown to a high standard and subjected to biological pest control.**

The plants for the baskets are grown in pots to ensure quality and then transplanted into the baskets once fully grown. This means that they establish in the basket quickly.

If the capillary matting in some of the baskets does need replacing, this would be at additional cost of £1.00 + V.A.T.

Any problems please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01843864690.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Luukkainen

PP Jackie Luukkainen, Partner

Horticulturist by trade Established 1930's

Mobile:- 07973 510369

Email: youngsnurseries@aol.com Website:- www.youngsnurseries.co.uk

Chapman

Landscape & Garden Contractors

8 Kennedy Drive, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7TQ

Telephone: 01304 365680 Mobile: 07702553034

F. A. O. John,
Walmer Parish Council,
The Strand,
Walmer,
Kent.
CT14 7AP

16th December 2025

Dear John,

Quotation

Re: Walmer in Bloom 2026

Collected 56 baskets from Youngs Nursery
and erect onto existing brackets.

£180.00

Watering 3 times per week 56 hanging baskets per week

£221.00

Removal of baskets at end of season

£78.00

I hope you find this quotation acceptable.

Assuring you of my best attention at all times.

Yours faithfully,

s chapman

Simon Chapman

Proprietor: S.J. Chapman

Info - Walmer Town Council

From: David Sephton <invictaarb@icloud.com>
Sent: 24 November 2025 20:28
To: Info - Walmer Town Council
Subject: Re: Tree Surveys
Attachments: PastedGraphic-6.tiff

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear John,

Thank you for your e-mail.

My fee for undertaking an inspection at Hawksdown will be £595.00, which is my base price for tree inspections (please refer to my previous e-mail dated 1st September 2025).

The Hawksdown inspection forms the bulk of the WPC sites, with York and Albany Close containing very few trees and takes very little time to conduct so is just included with the Hawksdown site and therefore the fee remains the same at £595.00.

As a matter of good practice, it would be prudent of the Parish council to have both sited inspected at the same time in order to demonstrate that it is discharging its duty of care towards its tree stock.

Please let me know if you would like me to proceed.

Kind regards,

David.

Mr David Sephton
Invicta Arboriculture
Tree and Woodland Consultancy
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Quotation

ADDRESS

John Miles
Walmer Town Council
Hawkhill Freedown,
Glen Road,
Walmer
Kent
CT14 7PT

QUOTATION NO. 2234

DATE 17/12/2025

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Informal Survey of Hawkhill Freedown, this survey will explain what Tree Work is required for the safety of site and road users, it will also give recommendations on what is needed to maintain a healthy woodland site, this survey covers both sections to the left and right of the entrance to the parking area up to the boundary line.	
A written PDF will be supplied showing numbered markers in a prominent position that will be allocated to an area of a designated size rather than an individual tree due to the dense undergrowth.	
A site map will also be marked with the location of each area which can then be cross referenced to work required and time frame, in the event that a mature tree is in this area and requires remedial work we will give an individual numbered tag and list species and recommended work.	800.00
VAT	160.00
All arisings to be removed from site unless otherwise stated	TOTAL
	£960.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date



Amy Cottage
Reach Road
St Margarets-at-Cliffe
Kent
CT156AP

5th January 2026

Quotation

Dear John Miles,

Thank you for asking Red Dog Garden Services to provide this quotation for fallen tree cutting at Hawkshill.

It was good meeting you all at Hawkshill and discussing exactly which trees will need to be cut to clear away from the path .

To do these works will be £420.00

I can do this at your earliest convenience.

Kindest regards

Chris Dawson

Mobile: 07879 878421

www.reddoggardenservices.co.uk
info@reddoggardenservices.co.uk

Environment Agency Registered Waste Carrier: CBDL274023

**Item: Hawkshill Preferred Contractor-Tree Surveyor and Roadside Hedge Cutter****Date: 6th January 2026****Meeting: Walmer In Bloom****From: Admin Clerk**

Each new requirement regarding works for the trees and hedges at Hawkshill require a substantial amount of time and effort to confirm and complete. A single request usually requires three quotes from different companies to bid for the job, to reduce the amount of delay, it may be prudent to assign a preferred contractor to allow for any works to be done. This will be authorised as usual by the committee at a Walmer In Bloom meeting.

The preferred contractor would be the first person we would ask to get works done at Hawkshill Freedown, currently Hawkshill requires a tree survey expert and a preferred hedge cutter. During 2024, Invicta Arboriculture surveyed the location as well as indicated which trees would require removal. The same company have quoted an identical amount to survey during 2026, both include a survey of Walmer Peace Gardens as part of the cost.

The tree removal in 2025, as well as recent hedge works along Liverpool Road were completed by Leaf Tree Services. This company has had interactions with the council for several years and have been fair in cost and have got work done quickly and effectively.

Each works request will still require a quote from the preferred contractor before works can begin and members to approve the quote, if they are unavailable to do so then the works will require a quote from three companies as standard.

Members to decide on making a recommendation to F&GP on making

1. *Invicta Arboriculture as the preferred contractor for location surveys for Hawkshill and Walmer Peace Gardens.*
2. *Leaf Tree Services as the preferred contractor for roadside hedge cutting.*

Hi John,

This is my suggestion for the hedging as requested, chosen for wildlife and decorative benefits. These are to fill gaps in both the top new hedge and alongside Liverpool Road.

Most can be sourced from the site that you suggested, and two species can come from the other two mail-order sites.

I have not applied postage, which would probably bring the total close to £100.

Delivery asap please.

We will dig them in ourselves and mulch and water them.

Many thanks,

Steve

Hedging whips

	Qty	40-60cm	£	£
Field Maple	5	1.39	6.95	
Bird Cherry	5	1.39	6.95	
Spindle	5	1.69	8.45	
Guelder Rose	3	1.99	5.97	
Viburnham				
Iantana	5	2.19	10.95	
Crab Apple	5	1.99	9.95	
Hawthorn	10	1.49	14.90	
	38		64.12	https://www.hedgesdirect.co.uk/native-hedging
Alder Buckthorn	5	1.99	9.95	https://www.hedging.co.uk
Cherry Plum	5	1.99	9.95	https://www.ashridgetrees.co.uk
	48		£84.02	

QUOTE

Walmer Town Council
Walmer Town Council
62 The Strand
Walmer
Deal
Kent
CT14 7DP
GBR

Date
29 Nov 2025
Expiry
6 Dec 2025
Quote Number
QU-0169

Tree Solutions
Flat A No 6 The Beach
Walmer
Deal
Kent
CT14 7HE
UNITED KINGDOM

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount GBP
1. Crown lift 1 x Beech and 2 x London Plane trees.	1.00	500.00	500.00
All waste to be removed from site.			
Job Location : York and Albany peace gardens, Walmer			
		Subtotal	500.00
		TOTAL NO VAT	0.00
		TOTAL GBP	500.00

Terms

Please pay within 7 days



Item: Bid for Tree Works at Walmer Peace Gardens- Mr C O'Sullivan

Date: 6th January 2026

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

The price for raising the crowns of the beech tree and the 2 London plains would usually come in at £750. However, having discussed the work with my colleagues we are happy to do it for £500 as a contribution to the community project.

The work will involve the removal of the lowest branches over hanging the boundary lines next to the 3 trees, this is known as raising the crown. It will also include the removal of the green waste.

The wood chip produced will be of a high quality so there is the option of tipping the woodchip on site to be used in the garden if that is something you are interested in? If not we can take it off site to be used on a local farm.

Leaf Tree Services Ltd

2 Wingleton farm cottages
Sutton Dover
KENT
CT155DJ
+447833447849
info@leaftreeservices.co.uk
VAT Registration No.: GB 312 1402 71
Company Registration No. 12849857

**Quote**

ADDRESS

Kevin
John Miles

QUOTE

4446

DATE

05/12/2025

Walmer Town Council
62 The Strand,
Walmer,
Kent
CT14 7DP

DESCRIPTION	VAT	RATE	AMOUNT
Walmer Peace Gardens, York and Albany Close, Walmer, Deal. Raising of the crowns of one Beech tree and two London Plains, this would also include the removal of green waste or wood chipping	20.0% S	485.00	485.00
	SUBTOTAL		485.00
	VAT TOTAL		97.00
	TOTAL		£582.00

VAT SUMMARY

RATE	VAT	NET
VAT @ 20%	97.00	485.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

We would appreciate any feedback on your quotation
On acceptance of this quotation any planning applications or organisation of other plant or services will be completed within the agreed price. Cancellation of the leaf tree services after acceptance will incur an administration fee.
You are required to be present whilst the work is being carried out to sign off on completion
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