



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated this day 23rd January 2026

To: Councillors: S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), R Blackwell, M Eddy, P Findley.

Non-Council Members: Mrs S Fisher.

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Climate Emergency Working Group** to be held on **Thursday 29th January 2026** at 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

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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 13th November 2025

Attach 1

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS CEWG AND A&E MEETINGS

- To note: Update from chair regarding actions
- To note: Update from admin regarding actions.
- To note: Update on PAN-UK meeting

Attach 2

Attach 3

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

6. ONGOING PROJECTS

Climate Action Plan

- Review WTC Climate Action Plan part 3 2025 – 2027

Attach 4

Transport

- **EV Points**
 - To Note: Update on EV Points

Attach 5

Thermal Camera

- To Note: Update on Thermal Imaging Camera/energy saving
- To Note: Update on Energy Savings Promotion

Attach 6

Walmer Against Plastics Pollution

- To note: Update from Cllr Waite-Gleave

Water Filler Installation

- To Note: Update on installation

Nature Recovery and Pesticide Free Walmer

- To discuss plans for allotment pesticide removal

Coastal Pollution and Recovery

- To Note: Recent storm overflow sewage releases and discuss.

7. BIODIVERSITY GRANT

- To discuss grant application from Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts

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8. POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th March at 7pm.



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 13th November 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.10 pm

Present:

Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)

Cllr R Blackwell

Cllr P Findley

Officers present:

John Miles (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Apologies received from Cllr M Eddy and Mrs S Fisher

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- None Submitted.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 18th September be taken as an accurate record.
 - Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell
 - Seconded by: Cllr Findley

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Noted:** Working group received update from Admin
- **Noted:** Working group received update from Chairman
 - More information about the change of Hawkshill designation has been received.
 - A document regarding the Kent Sustainable Communities Network will be prepared for submission to A&E committee on 2nd December 2025.
 - Plans for the WTC meeting at Deal TC 27/11 for Cllrs of 2 local councils and DDC staff & Cllrs about reducing use of harmful pesticides with guest speaker Nick Mole of Pesticide Action Network. Invitations have gone out, replies will be encouraged.
 - Updates were received about the water filling station and the Churchill Avenue Site.
 - Cllr Waite Gleave to forward admin a copy of the Community Pollinator Toolkit received from Kent Plan Bee.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None Submitted.

6. ONGOING PROJECTS

Climate and Ecology Action Plans

- **Noted:** The Climate and Ecology Action plans have been updated; final draft versions are to be submitted to the A&E committee on 2nd December 2025.

DDC Climate and Nature Forum

- **Noted:** Working group received update from Chairman about the DDC C&N Forum meeting on 9th Oct 2025.
 - Presentation from Kent Community energy about work with local groups on installing solar cells on publicly owned buildings. Small grants are offered to help non-profit organisations improve energy efficiency.
 - Discussion on trees on new developments, need for developers to ensure new planted trees are cared for and healthy for at least three years.
 - Discussion on water resilience in Kent and the need for improved water treatment and new infrastructure.
 - Suggestion from WTC regarding car clubs in the local district to reduce car ownership costs for residents in new out-of-town developments, DDC to attract car club providers to the area.
 - Repeat offer from the DDC officer regarding local groups wanting to offer thermal surveys, East Kent Climate Action to take up offer.
 - C&N Forum were updated about WTC works.
 - Draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plans
 - DDC agreed on the WTC water refill station; costings from potential installers being gathered.
 - A new national warm homes local grant scheme has been signed up to by Dover and Dartford Councils.

Coastal Recovery

- **Noted:** Working group were informed about the results and the final set of water tests and compared to the earlier tests. All four tests came out as 'Excellent'.
- WTC Cllrs attended the meeting with Southern Water representative on 3rd Nov. Cllr Findley referred to the fact that beaches south of Deal Castle beach are not 'designated bathing areas' and therefore EA are not required by law to do the weekly testing between May and Sept that they do north of Deal Castle. More information would be available if Walmer beach and others were a 'designated bathing area'.

Transport

- **EV Points**
 - **Noted:** The working group were informed about the updated numbers and profit share from the EV points at Canada Road.
 - Future EV possibilities to be revisited in May 2026.

Thermal Camera & Energy Saving

- **Noted:** Thermal Camera update has been given to the working group.
 - Leaflets have been distributed, more to be delivered to Lower Walmer and into Middle Walmer.
 - EKCA have begun their own Thermal Camera scheme for wards of Middle Deal, Mill Hill, North Deal.

- Thermal Camera has been recalibrated and is ready for use.
- Information about the DDC website link to national warm home grant to be added to the Thermal Camera info sheet.
- WTC office to be done.

Waste & Pollution Reduction

- **Noted:** WalAPP certificate has been redesigned and is ready for use, Cllr Waite Gleave to distribute to relevant local businesses in Jan / Feb 2026. List to be drafted by chair.

7. NEW PROJECTS

- No New Projects Suggested
 - CEWG to contact Ramsgate Town Clerk regarding their tree donation project.
 - It is advisable to promote WTC Nature and Biodiversity small Grants to local community groups.

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE INITIATIVES.

- None Suggested

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20th January 2026 at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:10



Item: Climate Emergency Update Report

Date: 20th January 2025

Meeting: Climate Emergency Working Group

From: Admin Clerk

1. Contact was made with local historical groups, there was very little to be found regarding historical flooding.
2. Admin has been looking into small community groups regarding the Biodiversity grants, a short list has been made and will be shown at the meeting.

Notes /transcription Cllr SW-G, WTC. :

Presentation by Pesticide Action Network policy officer Nick Mole to Cllrs of WTC and DealTC 27-11-2025. A follow up meeting between PAN officer NM and DDC portfolio holder, DDC officer team Parks and Open Spaces and 1 or 2 DDC invited councillors is on 11th Dec 2025.

PAN- Only UK charity in the sector, Nick there for 18 years. PAN have had considerable effects internationally including in developing countries. A principle aim in UK; trying for pesticide regulatory system in UK which is lacking since UK left EU.

Which pesticides dangerous many (listed in slides.) Important factor in depletion of Nature in UK.

Lost 50% of farmland bird species – huge well documented loss of pollinators – also affects mammals – nature depletion. Herbicides problems, loss of flora so loss for food chain.

Affect human health acutely – PAN publish late Nov every year 'dirty dozen' pesticides causing worst affected fruit and veg. Food Standards Agency confirms problem. Complicated issues.

Glyphosate.

Huge increase of glyphosate 900% in arable use in last 20 years. We don't know how much more by town and cities by local auth or in homes and gardens. Fol replies indicated 120,000 Kg to 320,000kg per year in UK.

WHO (World Health Organisation) says 'possible carcinogen': other effects including liver disease, birth defects.

Studies of Prof Michael Antoniou of Kings College cited: (links <https://www.weedingtech.com/blog/pan-uk-glyphosate-new-health-concerns/> : <https://sustainablefoodtrust.org/news-views/glyphosate-based-herbicides-poisoning/> <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/michael-antoniou> Shocking evidence.

10 years ago PAN was inspired by 400 French towns incl Paris & Lyon stopped using pesticides. France has since banned use/ sale of all non agricultural pesticide every town / village, signs 'Terre saine' Healthy land. Also Luxemburg, Belgian, Denmark, and other regions. So PAN supports UK communities to go pesticide free, 150 campaigns running across UK. A lot of councils have come to PAN to ask for advice on how to go pesticide – free over last 5 years. Ultimate goal is a national ban as they have in France. There is a Private Members Bill coming due for 2nd reading this autumn, but unlikely to become law, interest across Parliament, devolved nations more hopes including Senedd in Wales in 2026.

Benefits of stopping spraying streets, schools, pavements, play grounds, parks with poison. We are in biodiversity /nature crisis: Brixton and Hackney have really appreciated seeing red-listed plant species popping up. Safe havens for biodiversity . Protection of human health : especially children, especially vulnerable because bodies developing and because out in parks with hands going in mouths.

Jan 2026 PAN will publish small study on playgrounds in some counties Notts Bucks and 2 London Boroughs and Dover. Every park in Dover town shown to have glyphosate residues, and in one park residue of a banned agricultural pesticide. Health of DDC staff at risk, handling every day, suggests potential for legal cases. Hackney was pesticide free.

Process of going pesticide free.

- Costs : in short term some cost of equipment, but in medium to longer term costs fall as areas being managed in a more holistic way. Not an either /or, it is not messy weeds or poisonous pesticides. Public support where change made, even if compliments for councils a rare concept. Pesticides made from fossil fuels – so banning / reducing helps councils meet climate emergency action plans and nature recovery strategies.
- Benefits : improved soil health, ground water, wildlife - insects, funghi, bees, wasps, fresh water, urban public green spaces, (statutory obligation removing detritus) early season hand weeding can prevent 'weeds' becoming big, noticeable and self-seeding later in year.

- **No simple replacement for pesticide / glyphosate. Team needs to learn the multi-disciplinary approach with clear shared objective with good repeated positive communication**
- Include communication with public (written notices, celebratory), what they can expect to see, what the objectives are. Allowing meadow land 'no-mow May, into June, into July.
- Fix infrastructure (mistaken belief weeds damage infra-structure – actually worn-out infrastructure (walls / pavements) create niches for weeds) -
- Use membrane on paths – mulching
- cover planting – natives and perennials, hoeing / raking / hand weeding , community involvement > community cohesion. Spotting of good pavement plants <https://www.pan-uk.org/pavement-plants/> chalking pavements to show appreciation, also possible guided walks
- Hot water / hot foam , veg oil added to hold heat longer –
- Electric weed control – for invasive species. A new push along version.
- Brushing – very useful. Removing organic matter in Feb / March.
- Invasive species control . legal requirements / human health e.g. Japanese knotweed a minimal use of pesticide, not an excuse for not banning pesticides elsewhere.
- Example of Strasbourg went pesticide free in 2008. Diverse needs : lots of public outreach, not poisoning water, children. Changed planting regimes (not annual bedding plants bad for pollinators). Zero pesticide policy is part of UNESCO city Strasbourg. <https://interlace-hub.com/strasbourg-grows-community-based-agreement-strasbourg>

Pan-UK offers free advice, time to support councils and communities, and Nick available to help with our local initiatives for free.

Replies to Qs, points raised in discussion.

Where thorough complete pesticide free area have been established as in France there is evidence of increased insects and birds; In UK rare for complete pesticide-free, areas and evidence of wildlife recovery because private landowners, golf courses or colleges may on may not get on board with community or council initiatives. <https://www.buglife.org.uk/campaigns/pesticides/>

Awareness in CT14 area now at end of 2025, heightened awareness of need for healthy, poison-free, non-toxic, environment and now is a time to strike while iron is hot. Outreach, bringing together a group of active members of public, is key. Walmer is protecting its own Hawkshill Freedown, and has repeatedly tried to persuade DDC not to use pesticide in Walmer. Noted English Heritage staff at Walmer / Deal Castles are very keen on wildlife friendly initiatives, low pesticide use.

A good strategy for any town council is to make a declaration **all the land under the control of X Town Council is pesticide-free.** (DealTC has its allotment holders sign up to not use pesticide or chemical fertilisers. WTC is bringing in similar from 2025.) A declaration can serve to push LPA to cut out pesticides in parks and open spaces, and the highways authority for roadside to go pesticide free. PAN-UK says they met Emma Hardy MP under secretary at DEFRA earlier this year, so some interest – KALC could write to this minister to support a cross Kent initiative for towns and villages in Kent in order to keep up pressure.

Noted : 28 Nov 2025 date of Launch of Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk make now a good time for an initiative. Another potential ally.

Hidden costs of damage to health of pesticide / glyphosate – costs of NHS treatment. Cost of Spraying include all the protective clothing. Over use of pesticide because blanket spraying easier to order than specific spot spraying. END



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Press Release

Pesticides A No-Go

In late November, Walmer Town Council in partnership with Deal Town Council invited the National Policy Officer of the Pesticide Action Network UK, Mr Nick Mole to meet with local officials. The meeting, to discuss how best to reduce the use of pesticides was held at Deal Town Hall with representatives from Deal and Walmer Councils in attendance.

Pesticides and herbicides are used by district councils for the control and eradication of weeds and unwanted plant life. In recent years, local councils countrywide have been working to reduce the amount of both used in their district areas.

This meeting is one of two slated to be held for local councils, the other will involve the members and officers of Dover District Council.

Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave, Chairman of Walmer' Town Council's Climate Emergency Working Group said, "There is a national movement in England to move towards Pesticide Free Towns. This has proved popular in towns across the Channel in recent years. By cutting pesticide pollution, we can kick-start the joined-up thinking that prevents us getting sick, reduces medical costs and helps with the recovery of our natural flora and fauna that plays a pollinating role in our Kent food security. This initiative aligns so well with the work of the Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy that is being launched this winter. We're doing our best to help!".

The photo shows (L-R) Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave, Mr Nick Mole, Cllr Rick Blackwell and Cllr Pete Findley.



CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN—COMPILED Spring 2025 part 3 Action May 2025- April 2027

We recognise Natural Solutions to Climate Change include protecting and enhancing carbon-capturing, flood-absorbing, woodlands, grasslands, and wetlands; that community resilience to climate change includes the protection of food-growing land. Action Plan developed by the Council's Climate Emergency Working Group.

Recently Completed
Started and ongoing
Agreed at CEWG an proposal to be put together or made to relevant committee

Putting climate mitigation and resilience at the heart of decision making

Activity	Intended outcome	Led By	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments / contacts
1.1 Develop new, comprehensive Local Resilience Plan due to expected extreme weather events & lessons learned during pandemic	To be better prepared to help (vulnerable in) community cope with power or broadband outages, shortages, heatwaves, flooding, etc	Clerk / KALC Rep SWG	Template to be developed during and after DDC workshop for level 1 councils (due March/July 2025 but postponed by DDC) Link in with Deal Town Council regarding working together on a resilience plan to avoid duplication.	Officer time Councillor to attend workshop	After DDC resilience workshop Feb 2026 ? Long Term Ongoing	https://www.kentregion.co.uk/improving-community-resilience Implications of Community Governance Review 2026/7
1.2 Get a new Carbon Audit done in Jan 2027	Awareness which activities have most emissions GHGases and to show we have achieved WTC net zero without carbon offsetting by 2027.	Officer	To source a carbon audit and quotation.	Officer time	Jan 2027	Full council provided with update 6 March 2024 on carbon audit impact report of Walmer Parish, after SWG did carbon literacy training Dec 2023. Territorial 8.45t CO2e Consumption 15.3t CO2e both per household DDC want to unload some car parks, likely only Borrow Pit in Walmer. (Implications of Community Governance Review 2026/7)
1.3 Liaise with DDC / KALC / NALC about LGReorganisation : new EK Unitary Authority from 2027.	Find out what extra powers level 1 councils / WTC may have as result of Local Govt reorganisation				Decisions start Jan 2026	Info & Training sessions and information can be found at: https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/climate-change https://www.carbonfootprint.com/carbonacademy_sbn.html https://www.cse.org.uk/resources https://carboncharter.org/events/carbon-literacy-training-3/
1.4 Offer training to councillors / officers	Awareness among all members of council & officers					

Buildings

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
2.1 Get Energy Performance Certificate done on 62 The Strand, publicly owned WTC premises	Find out energy performance of WTC premises, to guide cost effective energy saving plans.	Officer/ Cllr SWG	Renew in 2035	£210 for EPC	Completed April 2025	IR Check of No 62, possible installation of curtains. Score- C (68) Previous in 2014-E (121)
2.2 Improve energy efficiency of WTC (2.7 refers)	Lower bills, warmer staff, improved energy efficiency so smaller carbon emissions.	Officers	Agreed 5 Nov 2025 Full Council		To be completed 31 Jan 2026	
2.3 Leaflet & offer with Energy Saving service with Thermal Imaging Camera service & give aways	Continue to help residents improve energy efficiency of their homes.	Officer	Redesign and confirm new leaflet for IR camera scheme. External Home Visits Dec, Jan & Feb	Officer Time	Autumn 2025 & ongoing	DDC offer of give aways, add to leaflet.
2.4 Get TIC images of front, rear and side skylights of 62 The Strand	To add to the information from EPC and guide decisions on saving energy, guide future decisions	Officer	Take pictures when colder weather comes in	Officer Time	By Dec 25	

2.5	Compare current energy supplier with other suppliers sourced from renewables & low carbon generation.	Enable Council to switch to cost-effective 100% renewable (or at least low carbon) energy supplier	Town Clerk	Renewal in 2027	N/A	Annually	Done: 2025
2.6	Seek partner to help us provide rainwater harvesting / butts to residents & community groups where suitable	To recycle rainwater for use in gardens.	Officer	Get information about water harvesting	Officer Time	2026	SWG to check with DDC and check Churchill Ave.
2.7	Install solar panels at office, improve thermal efficiency with alterations to windows and front of office.	Cut energy bills and make WTC premises more energy efficient thereby increasing the resale value of the publicly owned asset in a prudent manner.	All CEWG team of Cllrs & officers	Investigate grants.		2026 / 7	Planning application 22/01443 includes 6 solar roof panels, Extension of rear room, insertion of new rooflight, alterations to shop front including window & door and 2 cycle stands.
2.8	Collect information about area in Walmer Parish with past experience of flooding or future potential for flooding.					2026	KRF looking for parish flood wardens.
2.9	Planning committee to be aware of Advice Kent Fire Service/Resilience Forum, fire breaks needed round developments edge of settlements (wildfires)	ask for safer planning conditions on developments in and around Walmer	Officer / SWG	Advice to be put on planning committee agenda	yearly reminders	Long Term Ongoing	
2.1	Planning cttee to be aware new historic England Advice on energy efficiency & solar on Listed buildings & in Conservation areas	help residents overcome barriers preventing them saving energy	Officer / SWG	Advice to be put on planning committee agenda	reminders when needed	Completed	https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/

Transport & support for active travel (walking & cycling)

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
3.1	Promote cycle hire from Walmer-based business(es) on our website	Officer	Put link on our website (like DealTC does) to https://www.hut55.co.uk/bikehire	Officer Time	Near Future	Link has been added to website, The Sustainable page is under construction.
3.2	Promote car-sharing platforms and community transport volunteers	Officer	Creation of sustainable travel page. On our website. Make poster to put up on community notice boards.	Officer Time	By September 2025	Poster to be completed Website Completed
3.3	Liaise with A&E cttee on making 'Walking /cycling safer & 'irresistible'.	Cllr SWG	Liaise with Walmer road safety and speedwatch groups	Cllr Time	Long Term Ongoing	Gram's Rd / Station Rd junction likely to be big issue if / when development of Ray's Bottom arable field goes ahead.
3.4	Liaise with KCC to install more EV charging spaces for residents without drives	Officer	Contact KCC regarding places for EV points as well as funding.	Officer Time	Long Term Ongoing	Looking at possibility of adding charge points to top of Court Road, and to upgrade to faster chargers at Rugby club.
3.5	Office & better cheaper train and bus	Cllr SWG	Liaise with KCC (responsible for managing platform) to improve public toilets & enviro		2026	British Toilet Association Legalise Loos Campaign

Explore interest of DDC / DTC in small electric hopper bus to link Walmer 3.6 residents/ visitors with Boundary Rd, southern Walmer & Deal Castle at weekends	Reduce use of private ICE car in very congested Walmer at weekends.	Clr SWG	If DDC / DTC / KCC / new UA interested – then see how WTC can support within limits our resources. Speak with Residents association Wellington Parade about possibility; route to be limited to Boundary Rd to Deal Castle to avoid pinch points.	2026 if local business SME/CIC interested	
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Restoring Nature, enhancing natural carbon capture (including foreshore and coast)

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
4.1 Support / publicise White Cliffs Countryside Partnership – restoring nature work on Foreshore	Encourage Native Species – reduce invasive species.	Officers/Cllrs	Officer to publicise on our website & FB page	Officer time	Long Term Ongoing	Check WCCP website- Contact Alfie
4.2 Take over management of Churchill Ave Green Space from DDC	Creation of community orchard / peaceful green space for residents young & old	Clerk / Cllr SWG	Continue to liaise with DDC officer Nicola Fairhurst and Ed Craske Keep potential volunteers updated.	Land was offered by DDC at 3 yr lease peppercorn rent July 2023	2026	Hope to have status of space confirmed by end 2025. To consult with volunteers, draft plan, Sept. Start work Nov 2025.
4.3 Encourage edible vegetable growing, & rainwater harvesting	To help with community resilience, if / when shortages occur	Clerk	Maintain wildlife friendly category in WIB, proposal to be made to Walmer in Bloom		2026	
4.4 Tree & hedge planting	Explore if KCC offering more plants. DDC interested in short hedge (low-growing labour-saving species) eastern edge of Marke Wood.	Officer	Talk to DDC/KCC about grants.	Officer time	2026	
4.5 Fruit Trees offer for front gardens	Extra carbon capture throughout the parish and residents' wellbeing.	Officer / Cllr SWG	Agree money for project in Budget		2026	Young's Nursery- fruit trees at cost. £5 donation from those want them. Budget request for 2026/2027 of £880 Sale or Return? (Ramsgate TC bought at £11 each)
4.6 Test seawater using services of accredited Laboratory	Provide raw data of findings to complement data obtained by regulator – evidence to push for less pollution of our coastal waters	Officer / Cllr SWG	Place order with laboratory	Officer time; budgeted cost of tests to be done April, July, Sept Oct. (EA do weekly tests May to Sept at Deal pier).	Long Term Ongoing	Action 2025 Review at Jan 2026 meeting, if Swimfo App still shows local sea-bathing water quality as 'poor'.
4.7 Work to retain carbon-capturing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WIB / Hawkshill cttee.	Extra carbon capture throughout the parish and residents' wellbeing. Retain carbon-capturing, flood absorbing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WIB / Hawkshill cttee.	Officers / Cllrs PF & SWG & WIB Cttee & A&E	Updated management plan Hawkshill Freedom (SO). Recommendations on planning applications involving TPOs. Apply for new TPOs where possible. WTC Tree policy agreed at full council 6 Nov 2024	Review with DDC tree officer and DDC parks and open spaces as appropriate.	Long Term Ongoing	We advocate for natural solutions to climate change at DAC-KALC and DDC C&NForum. WTC owned Hawkshill Freedom includes globally rare chalk downland habitat.
4.8 Set up meeting PAN officer and DDC at DealTC Make all areas mown / managed by DDC in Walmer free of chemical pesticides especially glyphosate. Encourage allotment holders to go pesticide free.	End the use of chemical pesticides on all green areas within Walmer. Also encourage our allotment holders not to use chemical pesticides. To protect both human health and biodiversity.	On agenda May 2025 DDC C&N Forum	Keep putting the case to DDC Parks and Open Spaces every 6 months. Liaise with other level 1 councils in the district.	Officer and Cllr Time	Meeting with PAN officer 27.11.2025	Help available from Pesticide action network. pan-uk.org.uk By March 2026 for Allotments On agenda April 2025 DDC C&NForum Use contacts website pan-uk.org.uk Pesticide Action Network & Pesticide Free Towns - Nick Mole in Dover.

4.9	Work with Kent Wildlife Trust and DDC to upgrade the protective designation of WTC owned Hawkhill Freedown from LWS (exSNC) to LNR	Improved protection for carbon-capturing grassland wildlife rich chalk downland in planning law.	WIB cttee and Cllr P Findley	Put forward a proposal to Walmer in Bloom	Up to £330 for KWT officer time	What are Community Governance Review implications ?
4.1	Promote wildlife friendly community small grants	Small grants to allow groups to improve biodiversity in the area	Town Clerk	Allow for and authorise small grants for A&E.	No	Maximum £1500 per year
4.1.1	Walmer Peace Garden; wildlife friendly greenspace	Support wildlife friendly community garden and volunteers	WIB cttee		Ongoing	Volunteers of WPG (project started in 2022) with support of coopted CLLR Sarah Fisher.

Reducing Waste / encouraging recycling/ promoting effective recycling

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
5.1	Offer guidance on recycling facilities in CT14 area	Officer	Produce poster / graphic	Officer Time	By Dec 2025	
5.2	Encourage 100% of WTC visitors & hospitality sector to offer zero plastic packaging & alternative to disposable	Cllr SWG	ORDER STICKERS FOR SHOP7 CARE WINDOWS: Cllr SWG to visit, praise actions, enquire their next steps. Check them off list.	£60 worth of WalApp non-plastic stickers	Jan / Feb 2026	
5.3	Promote Deal Repair Café in Walmer. A one-off repair café service at Walmer Brocante in August 2026	Cllr SWG	Contact Deal Repair Café (or individual fixers); book stall	£10 for non-profit stall (annually, 2026, 2027)	Aug-26	Cllr SWG is a fixer with Deal Repair Café
5.4	Promote community litter picks, celebrate school litter picks	SWG	Letters congratulating classes & groups PDC and DWI beach cleans etc		Long Term Ongoing	
5.5	Work with DDC to install water filler close to Sustrans 1 shared cycle / walking path, outside Marine Rd toilets.	SWG / Officer	Budget agreed July 2023. DDC agreed autumn 2025 (after project on hold while waiting for share of toilet upkeep to be agreed with DDC because sensible installation location is outside toilet).	Officer time. Note: £4000 Allocated in WTC budget for 2 x water fillers since July 2023	Jan / Feb 2026	(DDC sent funding application to WTC March 2025, rejected) Toilet maintenance costs agreed Jan 2025.)
5.6	Continue to reduce use of paper ; encourage councillors to use own (reconditioned) IT tablets, etc. Use QR codes where suitable	Officer	Office uses recycled paper for agendas and other paperwork Reduction in agendas may be possible.	Officer Time		It is not sustainable to spend money buying new tablets for councillors. Complete switch to QR codes would exclude some members of the community. Reduction of hard copy agendas has begun, use of recycled paper primarily for all white paper printing. Suitable used paper also used as notepaper.
5.7	Put up shelf for projector & get projector for cttee room WTC premises	Officer		Projector & high shelf	Completed Sep 25	To note: if we continue to use Walmer PH for full council meetings, secretary of WPH supplies projector for use at WPH.
*See Entry 1.1						

Influencing others /Sharing good practice

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
6.1	Work with DDC Climate & Nature Forum sharing good practice.	Cllrs SWG / PF	Clerk discussed TORs Dec 2023. Cllrs attending quarterly from May 2024		Ongoing	https://www.dover.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/ Change/Dover-Climate-Nature-Change-Forum-2024
6.2	WTC stall at Deal ITC Climate Action Day Nov 2025	Officer preparation & cllr time RB & SWG			Completed Nov 2025	Possible repeat in Nov 2026
6.3	Support DDC actions to attract providers of CAR CLUBS to district and to CT14				Minuted Oct 2025 at DDC C&NF	
6.4	Work with DAG-KALC on resilience, mitigation and adaptation projects				Ongoing	
6.5	Support Downs Sailing club especially on NSSR	All				

Deal Rugby Club, Walmer. 2x 7kW Chargers

Commissioned on 07/10/2021

				Finance			
Sessions		Average Session Duration (minutes)	Energy (kWh)	Energy Cost	Annual fees	Revenue (Exc Vat)	Net Profit 30% Share
Jan-25	36	144	672	£141.12		£282.24	
Feb-25	39	234	983	£206.43		£412.86	
Mar-25	23	332	574	£120.54		£241.08	
Apr-25	32	482	962	£202.02		£413.66	
May-25	30	286	488	£102.48		£204.96	
Jun-25	27	448	864	£181.44		£352.43	
Jul-25	35	368	923	£193.83		£392.09	
Aug-25	41	309	872	£183.12		£390.86	
Sep-25	22	470	690	£144.90		£282.22	
Oct-25	58	297	1471	£308.91		£635.50	
Nov-25	74	240	1706	£358.26		£739.81	
Dec-25	74	384	2019	£423.99		£877.66	
Total	491	3994	12224	£2,567.04		£5,225.37	£2,658.33
2025	TOTAL	2066	51476	£10,637.10	£3,361.12	£18,967.50	£4,969.29
							£693.29

O&M cost per charger per year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Maintenance & Servicing	£263.00	£277.47	£305.49	£275.00	£275.00
Software Licence	£81.00	£85.46	£94.09	£81.00	£81.00
Financial Handling	£12.00	£12.66	£13.94	£12.00	£12.00
Total for one year per charger	£356.00	£375.59	£413.52	£368.00	£368.00
Standing charge	£19.32	£104.47	£110.30	£69.54	£69.35
Transaction fees	£12.38	£158.40	£227.85	£166.42	£96.82
Total charged per year	£209.90	£1,014.07	£1,165.19	£971.96	£902.17

*Jan-Sept

Profit share Paid	
Date range	Amount
Oct 21 - July 24	£511.07
Aug 24 - Dec 24	£182.22
Jan 25- Jun 25	£146.27
Jul 25 - Dec 25	TBC



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- Secondary glazing film,
- Self-adhesive draught excluder rubber tape,
- Self-adhesive draught excluder foam tape,
- Damp traps with absorbent beads
- Radiator heat reflector foil

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