



WALMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Walmer Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th June 2021 at Deal Parochial C of E School, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr J Murray (Chair), Cllr M Eddy (Vice-Chair), Cllr T Byfield, Cllr P Heath, Cllr J Lonsdale, Cllr G Bearman, Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould, Cllr P Jull, Cllr P St Ange, Cllr B Gardner, Cllr D Thompson

Officers Present:

Richard Styles, Clerk

6170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier.

Cllr C Weale.

6171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

6172. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman read out the Council statement and policy on openness and transparency.

6173. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr James Murray reported the following: -

- Reminded Cllrs and staff that when they are sent on training courses or attend outside bodies on behalf of the council, they should report back about what they learnt and where appropriate, the effectiveness of the course.

6174. MINUTES

Members received the report of the Chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy.

Seconded by: Cllr Bearman.

6175. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED:

- WPC had called for volunteers to become Cllrs for some time (August 2020), but there had been no response even from invited individual's vacancy needed to be filled. The council website will carry information and local press will be asked to publish information calling for volunteers to go on a list, so that vacancies can be filled quickly in future.
- KCC advised WPC on the efficacy of the improvement to Hawkshill carpark and was doing other work in the area, and the work will be done under s136, of the LGA 1972 due to the specialist nature of the work.

6176. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

- i) Mrs Fisher asked if there were any changes to do with the York + Albany Field. The Chairman replied that there were no changes, and the proposal to build starter homes for local young people was ongoing.
- ii) Cllr Bond gave a report on KCC, in which he said that KCC, was allocating cabinet and cttee places and that he had retained his former positions. In reference to DDC, he said that DDC cabinet was being reduced in number by the removal of one post.
- iii) The DDC bin collection service which had caused concern, because of its failings, was an internal reorganisation and that matters are being put right.

6177. COUNCIL VACANCY: CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Mrs Sarah Fisher as the sole candidate gave a presentation of her history and the skills which she could bring to the Council.

Having heard Mrs Fisher's presentation, the Council

RESOLVED:

'Walmer Council hereby co-opts Mrs Sarah Fisher on to the Council, as a member of the Council, with all rights and requirements pertaining to a Councillor. In accepting the position of Councillor, Mrs Fisher, agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct operated by Walmer parish Council and agrees to declare all relevant interests.'

Proposed by: Cllr Bearman.

Seconded by: Cllr Thompson.

6178. COMMITTEE PLACES

Members approved allocations to fill committee vacancies.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Jull – Walmer in Bloom, Events and Planning.

Cllr Fisher – Amenities + Environment, Events and Planning.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy.

Seconded by: Cllr Beard-Gould.

6179. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

- i) PCSO Herod gave a report on items of interest since the last report.
 - There is now a renewed police presence in Deal located at the Fire and rescue station
 - A team of special constables and speed watch volunteers will be carrying out speed checks in the area.
 - Parking issues in Walmer could not be dealt with by the police except in cases of obstruction.
 - PCSO Herod had met with Cllr Weale and discussed various initiatives on reducing ASB by young persons in the area and some proposals may be suggested soon.
- ii) Councillor Surgeries: the matter would be reviewed at the July Council meeting after the Govt reopening decision, due on the 21st of June 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

6180. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received the report of the Chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 May 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

6181. WALMER IN BLOOM

Members received the report of the chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 Apr25 May 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

6182. AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Members received the report of the chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

6183. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that the DDC monitoring office had written regarding the paperwork on declarations of interests etc. WPC had submitted all its paperwork, but the Clerk said that if any Cllr needed to update their declarations of interests, they should contact him, when convenient.

6184. FINANCIAL REPORT

i) Members received the report of the Responsible Financial Officer and considered and approved payments and orders as detailed.

Payments from 1 April 2021 to 27 May 2021

Direct Debit (BUSINESS STREAM RA) (Water)	-£272.61
R.K.Graphics (New Signs)	-£729.60
Dave Halpin (Window cleaner)	-£10.00
SWCAA	-£195.00
NFU Mutual (Insurance for 62 The Strand)	-£404.30
Four Jays Group (Brocante)	-£168.00
Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	-£50.19
Chaps Payment Fee	-£28.00
Chaps Payment - Hardman and Co (Payment for 62 The Str	-£250,000.00
Jan Gale (Brocante Refund)	-£40.00
P Wave Medical Ltd (Brocante)	-£28.40
HARDMANS & CO (Deposit 62 The Strand)	-£8,119.00
HARDMANS & CO (Part Payment 62 The Strand)	-£51,500.00
Dave Halpin (Window cleaner)	-£10.00
Staff Wages	-£574.65
Staff Wages	-£1,021.95
Viking (Office Stationary)	-£39.61
Town of Ramsgate (Clerks Book)	-£119.99
R G Williams (Allotment tap)	-£61.96
HMRC Cumbernauld (Tax & NI)	-£106.08
Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	-£50.19
Came & Co. (Office Insurance)	-£1,169.75
Kent Air Ambulance (Grant)	-£400.00
HARDMANS & CO (Deposit 62 The Strand)	-£23,500.00
HMRC Cumbernauld (Tax & NI)	-£106.08
Staff Wages	-£575.45
Staff Wages	-£1,024.55
SLCC Enterprises (Clerk Job Advert)	-£360.00
M Beard-Gould (Expenses)	-£245.20
DDC (Muga)	-£1,118.88
Office Rent (8 The Strand)	-£1,500.00
KCC (Station Road)	-£2,525.35
SLCC Clerk Membership	-£366.00
Hawkshill Clearance	-£50.00
62 The Strand (Hardmans & Co)	-£10,000.00
Batchelor Coop (Staff Admin)	-£235.20
Edge IT Systems	-£36.00
Website Vision ITC	-£852.00
KALC Membership	-£1,944.00
	-£359,535.99

Receipts from 1 April 2021 to 27 May 2021

HOUGHTON CJ Allotment Payment x2	£90.00
Inward Payment - UNITED KINGDOM DEBT MANAGEMENT	£249,912.50
DONNACHIE M (Brocante)	£50.00
A Barker (Brocante)	£50.00
T Hamilton (Brocante)	£40.00
M Gill (Brocante)	£40.00
ABSOLON SJ (Brocante)	£40.00
E Newman (Brocante)	£40.00
Kathryn Reilly (Brocante)	£50.00
VAN DE PEER LA (Brocante)	£50.00
RYAN MT (Brocante)	£40.00
GOODWIN SANDS CONS (Brocante)	£10.00
PARKES LB (Brocante)	£50.00
WALLACE P A (Brocante)	£40.00
Webb Clive (Brocante)	£50.00
DDC (Precept)	£196,641.00
	£447,193.50

- iii) That the financial position of the Council as at 31 May 2021 be noted as detailed on the summary of receipts and payments and statement of monies available in the Council's bank accounts as shown below:

Nat West Current	£34,309.04
Nat West Bank SIBA	£10,895.82
HSBC Bond	£75,319.41
Unity Bank	<u>£113,882.81</u>
	£234,407.99

RESOLVED: members agreed to note the report, adopt the resolution on governance and approve the payments.

'The Clerk has read the following documents:

- *Council Standing orders.*
- *Council financial regulations.*
- *The Clerk has found that the Council has given the necessary overview in the past and will wish to see all governance documents reviewed in the current financial year. The Clerk will compare all the WPC documents with the model documents issued and updated by NALC/KALC. Any documents which require an update will receive a report and explanation of what is required, with a request to approve any update in the present financial year.*
- *The Clerk undertakes to compile a risk register in the present financial year.*

Proposed by: Cllr Murray.

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy.

6185: ADAPTION/REFURBISHMENT/REPAIR OF NEW COUNCIL OFFICES

- The Clerk gave a report on progress regarding the repair/refurbishment of 62, The Strand, Walmer and issued a summary of the work required and its relative priority. 3 builders have been contacted for quotations using a detailed schedule of works.
- Cllr Lonsdale outlined and explained the quotations for improving the building's carbon footprint and resilience, that had been received. He commented and advised on their relative merits. Cllr Lonsdale suggested that the quotations from Conker and PPL be examined by the Climate Change working group in detail and the best offer between the two contractors would then be selected under a delegated power from the Council.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to delegate the selection of energy survey consultant to the Climate change working group at its next meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr Gardner.

Seconded by: Cllr Eddy.

6185. INVITATIONS & EVENTS

RBLI Armed Forces Day event – Deal- 26th June 2021 – Chairman attending

6186. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7 July 2021.

The meeting closed at 8-40 pm.

Signed: Date: