



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm at No 8, The Strand, Walmer

Present: Councillors:

Cllr J Murray (Chairman)
Cllr T Bond
Cllr Mrs L Ludwig
Cllr T Grist
Cllr R Blackwell
Cllr K Lee

Officers present: **John Miles (Administration Officer)**

370. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Crockford, Simpson, Findley and Waite-Gleave offered apologies that were accepted.

371. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received

372. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

All those present were reminded of the Rights and Obligations under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

373. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 12th December 2023, were approved as a correct record, and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

374. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

No matters arising.

375. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
23/00239	Electricity Sub Station Walmer Science College Salisbury Road Walmer Kent	Prior Approval Not Required (28 days)	No Objection	Installation of a substation in accordance with Part 15 Class B(a) of The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted development) (England) Order 2015, Statutory Instrument 2015 No.596
23/01284	34 Salisbury Road Walmer CT14 7QQ	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Extension of front dormer window with pitched roof and cladding, and insertion of pitched roofs to bow front windows
23/01271	25 Granville Road Walmer CT14 7LQ	Withdrawn	No Objection	Pollard at approximately 9 metres in height of one Sycamore the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.
23/01264	325 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NX	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey front/rear plus first floor rear extensions and alterations to windows (part retrospective)
23/01227	Church House 1 Church Street Walmer Kent CT14 7RX	Grant Consent	No Objection	Crown reduce by 2.5 metres overall of one Yew (T3) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 8 of 2015
23/00984	Anchors Hawkshill Road Walmer CT14 7LN	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection. Walmer Town Council asks Dover District Council to look carefully at plans for the new west facing window due to concerns that it may overlook the property next door.	Erection of a two storey rear extension, external cladding, solar PV panels to roof, replacement roof, balustrade and terrace over front porch, erection of an outbuilding, rear path, replacement windows, drainage, and formation of a vehicular access and parking (existing garage to be demolished)
23/01325	4 Granville Road Walmer CT14 7LU	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of two storey/single storey rear and 2 side extensions with rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion (existing side extensions and conservatory to be demolished)
23/01285	Ashdon Hawksdown Walmer CT14 7PJ	Grant Consent	Walmer Town Council are unable to consider this application due to the incomplete nature of the application form. Complete information is required including a map of where the trees are as well as pictures and exact locations of trees.	Crown raise to 5 metres of one Ash (T1) and one Sycamore (T2) both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 3 of 1971
23/01280	50 Station Road Walmer CT14 7QS	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey rear/side extensions, front porch, rear dormer window to facilitate a loft conversion, double doors/access gate to front (existing garage to be demolished)

376. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

i. **DOV/23/01373- Roman Landings Adventure Golf, Promenade, Walmer, CT14 7DN**

Installation of go-kart track for electrically operated karts (retrospective)

Resolved- No Objection- 3 For: 2 Abstain

Proposed: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded: Cllr Grist

Comments: Walmer Town Council have discussed several concerns with the location that need to be checked by DDC.

1. Charging of electric carts has been done overnight in an unmanned building, this building also contains an amount of flammable liquid that could cause harm. WTC also believes that both the Health and Safety Executive and Kent Fire and Rescue Service should be informed.
2. Parking in the area has continued to grow due to the golf and kart track and councillors have been informed by residents of parking difficulties for both residents and local businesses especially during the summer.
3. The kart track has been relaid using four inches of tarmac over an already existing surface, the rest of the golf course has also had a substantial amount of topsoil removed and replaced with hardcore. The contract indicates that if the business was to leave due to collapse before the end of the contracted time, it would need to be returned to its previous state. It is not believed this would be possible with the current state of the location.
4. WTC believe that the issues with this location should be looked into by Planning Enforcement as soon as possible for both these and other already known problems.

ii. **DOV/23/01387- 6 Granville Road, Walmer, CT14 7LU**

Erection of single-storey west side extension, part two-storey/single-storey east side extension, glass balustrade/roof terrace and external alterations (existing side extension to be demolished)

Resolved- No Objection- Unanimous vote.

Proposed: Cllr Grist

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

Comments- Walmer Town Council would like for Dover district council to check this application due to a possible overlook from the rear balcony into the next-door garden.

iii. **DOV/23/01410 - 21 Walmer Castle Road Walmer CT14 7NG**

T1 Beech - removal of one lower limb and overall crown reduction by up to 2 metres; T2 Horse Chestnut and T3 Beech - overall crown reduction by up to 2 metres; T4 Copper Beech - target prune back one limb to provide line clearance, all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965.

Resolved- No Objection- 4 For: 1 Against

Proposed: Cllr Grist

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

iv. **DOV/23/01453 - Hawkshill Farmhouse , Hawkshill Camp Road, Walmer, CT14 7PT**

Erection of single storey rear extension and detached car port with storage unit and log store

Resolved- No Objection- Unanimous vote.

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Bond

Comments: Walmer Town Council would like to add a condition that any damage done to the private road owned by WTC which allows access to the Hawkshill residences by contractors' vehicles during this construction is repaired by the applicant responsible for the work. Because of the isolated location and the limited access, we would also want a construction logistics plan provided before any work commences.

377. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th February@ 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed Dated