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**MINUTES**

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.**

**Present Councillors:**

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr D Richardson and Cllr P Ludwig.

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr P Jull was absent at the start of the meeting

**487. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Ludwig, M Simpson and S Waite-Gleave.

**488. 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.

**489. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr P Ludwig declared an OSI in relation to items 498 and 499 as an allotment holder. Cllr P Findley declared a VAOI in relation to item 491 as he is connected to the group.

**490. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.

**AGREED-** That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr D Richardson.

Seconded by Cllr P Ludwig.

For - 5

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

**491. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING**

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail had been received from Dover District Council regarding the letter written about the alarm cords. DDC will be conducting investigations to how this service can be improved to an acceptable standard.

**492. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**493. GRANTS**

Members received a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group for a Bio Diversity Grant to be awarded to Walmer and Deal action for Swifts.

**AGREED**

That the Amenities and Environment Committee recommend to full Council to award the grant of £498.76 to Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts.

Proposed by Cllr P Ludwig.

Seconded by Cllr D Richardson.

For - 5                  Against - 0                  Abstain – 0

**494. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

**NOTED**

- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.

- a. Members received a written report on public correspondence regarding issues of parking at the bottom of Salisbury Road. Near the junction with Dover Road cars and lorries are parked in such a way as to reduce the road to a single lane. Should two lorries be parked on either side of the road this may be an issue for emergency services. Members reviewed options but these are limited, resident did not want to see double yellow lines and the road is sufficiently wide that emergency services vehicles should not be blocked (any blocking of the road by parking is an offence which the police will deal with).

**AGREED** – To not add this to the HIP as there are no options for how to take this forward.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 5                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

- b. Members received a written report about the lighting in alleyways between Salisbury Road and Church Street and Salisbury Road and Dover Road. The alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street the lighting has been clogged up by over grown vegetation making the alleyway dark. A report had been made on KCC portal and work had taken place on the day from KCC. Alleyway between Salisbury Road and Dover Road had a couple of areas where the surrounding light was not bleeding in to the alleyway leaving dark areas. KCC members have been in contact today to advise that they are reviewing with officers if their members grant can be used to fix this situation

**NOTED** – No further action required Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.

- c. Members received a written report of a resident's issues with accessing their drive in St Marys Road.

**AGREED** – Resident is in contact with Cllr Murphy of DDC and members have asked the clerk to support the resident.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 5                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

- d. Members received a written report of an issue in the alleyway between Belmont and Station Road. The alleyway is partially unlit and there is a step down from a kerb in the unlit part creating a trip hazard. A report has been made to KCC PROW to review.

**AGREED** – Should KCC respond negatively to the request for additional streetlighting to ask the Clerk to try to get agreement from the owners to get reflective paint put on the kerb to indicate the trip hazard.

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr D Richardson

For - 5                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

- e. Members received a written and verbal report on issues of exiting Admiralty Mews. Previously there was a mirror plate on a BT pole opposite the exit that allowed users to see cars approaching from the south, this mirror has been broken and is not replaceable.

**AGREED** – To ask the Clerk to contact DDC parking services requesting that the junction is reviewed for safety purposes.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 5                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

- iii. New items to be considered at next meeting.  
No items were brought forward.

#### 495. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT

Members received an updated version of the accessible kerb report, the updates took in to account the agreed improvements with KCC removing a substantial number of items within the original report.

**AGREED** – To ask officers to work with Mr Knott to review further major road in Walmer for accessibility issues and once this is completed to prioritise the existing and new issues for bringing back to the committee.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr D Richardson

For - 5                  Against – 0                  Abstain – 0

#### 496. BATHING WATER

- i. Members received a written response from Southern Water to questions posed at a meeting in November 2025.

**NOTED** – Members to consider answers and e-mail the Clerk requesting any items that they consider requiring further discussion on the next agenda.

- ii. Members received a response from the Government to a letter requesting greater testing of coastal waters.
- iii. Members received a response from the Government to a letter asking for the role of water companies to be expanded within the planning application process.  
Members considered the contents of both letters from the Government as positive.

**NOTED**

**497. DEFIBRILLATORS**

Members received a written report from the Clerk on the location of defibrillators in Walmer and how the NHS and public can access information about locations through websites.

**NOTED** – Members requested that the Clerk add a link to Defib finder on the Walmer Town Council website.

**498. ALLOTMENT TENNANCY/PESTICIDE FREE**

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group regarding an amendment to the tenancy agreement banning the use of chemicals.

**AGREED** – To delegate to the Clerk the writing of an additional term to the allotment tenancy stating that WTC is looking to reduce the use of chemicals on the allotments and would welcome any comments. Members to be given sight of the new term by e-mail before this is sent to plot holders for comment.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 4                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

Cllr P Ludwig did not vote on this item

**499. ALLOTMENT CHARGES**

Members received a recommendation for the cost per square metre of the Allotment plots.

**AGREED** – To hold the price at 48p per metre

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For - 4                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

Cllr P Ludwig did not vote on this item

**499. DDC ACCESIBLE BEACH PROJECT**

Members received a draft design of the accessible beach project DDC are proposing and which asks for comments on the design along with a request from DDC for additional funding for shown improvements of £5k.

Members discussed the design at length and took in to account the opinion of Mr Knott as a representative of the Speaking up Group. The project members agreed was a fantastic idea, however the lack of social space was a little disappointing.

**AGREED** – To recommend to Full Council to offer the requested £5000 to DDC with the recommendation that it improve the projects social spaces to reflect more the Bexhill Beach garden project.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 3                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 2

The meeting was closed at 21.30

**500. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026.

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Signature

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Date

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