



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL
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Dated this day 15th February 2024

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr P Findley
Local Residents: Mrs S Le Chevalier, Mr D Thompson, Mrs D Bogue, Mrs A Late

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee to be held on **Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at No 8 the Strand at 19.00** to transact the business set out below.

Mr Roland Aldred
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023/24**
- 2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023/24**
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. 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.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2024

Attach 1

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

7. HAWKSHILL

Management Issues

- I. To receive a verbal report from Mr D Thompson
- II. Update on KCC Historic Treescapes Grant for Hawkshill Hedging.
- III. Update on moth catching evenings
- IV. Update from Admin regarding the Hawkshill Leaflet

8. YORK AND ALBANY

To receive an update on the Peace Garden from Mrs Bogue and Mrs Late

Attach 2

9. BUDGET

To note updated budget for 2024

Attach 3

10. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2023

(A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

To receive an update on:

- a) Fixed Planters
 - (i) Planter Handover Ceremony for Ripplevale School
 - (ii) To discuss recruitment of volunteer to tend planters
- b) To select campaign colours for 2024

Attach 4

(B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

To note updated copy of the campaign key activity dates for 2024.

Attach 5

(C) SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

To note update on poster competition

11. MARKE WOOD

To approach the possibility of new Picnic Benches added to Marke Wood.

12. PURCHASES

Query from Cllr Ludwig for possible new purchases for Walmer In Bloom

Attach 6

13. VOLUNTEERS

Cllr Ludwig to approach regarding opportunities to increase volunteer recruitment.

Attach 6

14. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19th March 2024



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), Cllr L Ludwig and Cllr P Ludwig
Co-Opted Members: Mr D Thompson, Mrs A Late

Officers present: J Miles (Administration Officer)

400. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Cllr S Waite Gleave was put forward for temporary chairman of the committee for this meeting.

RESOLVED – Cllr Waite Gleave elected as temporary chairman

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

401. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Findley, Mrs S Le Chevalier, Mrs D Bogue

402. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

403. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr L Ludwig

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

None

405. HAWKSHILL

- i. To receive a verbal report from Mr D Thompson
 - a. Volunteers had a total of 100+ hours over 13 sessions since the last meeting.
 - b. Minimal trash found and removed, little to no theft of plants.
 - c. Several bouts of strong winds meant that the car park needed to be cleared of broken branches and other debris.
 - d. The plateau bank has been strimmed
 - e. The mature roots of several nuisance plants have been dug out to prevent regrowth.
 - f. The plateau has had further cuts by Gazen Salts with assistance from Hawkshill volunteers who helped with clearing up and preparing the way. members from the group have also said they would like to continue working on Hawkshill as volunteers.

- g. The cut grass has been raked up, packed and is now being stored in the shed.
 - h. Benches that needed repairs and maintenance have been completed
 - i. Holes found in numerous areas were filled to prevent accidents
- II. The first pages of the Hawkshill Management plan have been distributed to the committee by Steve Coates, the majority of the work being done is an update from the versions done between ten and fifteen years ago. There have been numerous improvements of the site in that time with Mr Coates cataloguing and ensuring that a list what has been completed is known. Mr Coates will also continue the survey on a yearly basis.
The Committee gave its thanks Mr Coates for all of his work and his continued targeted management plan that will be used over the next decade.
The committee agreed that the Environment at Walmer booklet update is not required at this time due to the original's publication less than ten years ago.
- III. Mr Hunter of the Kent moth group has informed admin that they have a meeting coming up at the end of February and will ask if anybody can help. He will also post the request on their facebook page.
- IV. The Hawkshill leaflet is ready for distribution, admin to produce leaflets for committee members to distribute to the public. Several A4 poster versions with QR codes to be produced for Hawkshill.
- V. Walmer In Bloom committee have agreed that there will be no picnic benches installed at Hawkshill Freedown. It was decided that it would cause issue with the balance between nature and leisure sides of the green space, the current benches have been deemed as sufficient.
- VI. New volunteers are needed for Hawkshill Freedown, it is believed that resilience needs to be built into the group, as well as the possibility of having both weekday and weekend groups. Mr Thompson to consider a deputy to help lead the team.
- VII. WIB to recommend to Full Council that the hedgerows throughout the Freedown to be repaired using the KCC Historic Treescapes Grant. Mr Coats, Mr Thompson and Cllr Findley to look into the locations required including the freedown and hills abutting the pathways and roads.
- VIII. Two logs used as part of the barrier at the top of hill have begun to rot. Admin to look at costs for replacements.
- IX. All requested purchases have been given to the Hawkshill volunteers.
RESOLUTION – Noted.
- X. Walmer in Bloom committee have decided that the committee will not enter into a partnership with 'Building Relations' a public relations company working chiefly with property developers. Admin to contact the company with decision.

406. FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

407. YORK AND ALBANY

- I. A report was given by Mrs Late
 - i. Management plan has been started and referred to the pointers given by Cllr Peter Findley, admin to forward copies of available management plans to Mrs Late.
 - ii. An open day was suggested for late May/early June
 - iii. The Blackboard will be completed and installed in spring
 - iv. Hedging and paths are currently being cut completely with a future cut of 1/3 per year as done at Hawkshill. Possible use of the Hawkshill lawnmower in the future.
 - v. Five fruit trees have been applied for from the Tree Council's Golden Orchard scheme (ended 7 Jan 2024). The application by Cllr Waite-Gleave and has been successful, they should be delivered by the first week of March.
- II. Committee informed that the UK Prosperity Fund applications for York and Albany have been submitted.

RESOLUTION – Noted.

- III. Committee given costs for arboricultural survey at York and Albany. Cllr Waite Gleave to contact Joanne Daniels, the Tree Conservation officer at DDC regarding the TPO status of trees.

RESOLUTION – Noted.

408. BUDGET

- i. Members received a copy of the 2024/25 budgets.

RESOLUTION – Noted.

- ii. All budgets for WIB to be added to further agendas.

409. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2023

A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

- a) Admin to look into costs for the replacement of two fixed planters

410. TIME LIMIT

At this time, vote was taken to continue meeting past the 21:00 limit

RESOLVED-Council meeting to continue.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

409 (CONT)

B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

- a) Members received an updated copy of the campaign’s key activity dates for 2023

RESOLUTION – Noted.

- b) York and Albany Open day to be added to the list of key activity dates

C) SCHOOL/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- a) WIB Competition specifications submitted to committee members for distribution to local schools.

RESOLVED – Specification to be sent out to local schools as soon as possible.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

411. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Any future inclusion to be sent to Admin to add to next agenda

412. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7:00pm at 8 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 21:10

Signed _____

Dated _____

WALMER PEACE GARDENS COMMITTEE MEETING

5 February 2024 at 9am

Present: Dawn, Angie, Sarah and Clare. Unable to attend: Lauren, Scott, Brian and Nigel.

Agenda

- Fruit trees
- WIB meeting update
- Open day date
- Management plan update
- Gardening update

Fruit trees

Our thanks go to Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave. Letter received from The Tree Council to say that following our application a Golden Orchard 5 tree pack has been reserved for us to mark their 50th Anniversary. Delivery in early March, supply and weather permitting. Dawn has contacted Geraldine. We have received a kind offer of help to plant and maintain the trees by a local tree surgeon. Also, we would love to involve local children at the planting event.

WIB meeting update

Angie shared details from the WIB meeting held on 16 January.

Open Day

We have a provisional date for the Open Day...1 June 2024. This is subject to a discussion with other members and research into any possible local event clashes.

Management plan update

Work in progress – Dawn.

Gardening update

Clare gave an update. Busy tidying beds and maintenance. Suggested date to encourage others to come along, Saturday 17 February.

Dawn has created a spreadsheet as reference – scheduled monthly gardening tasks, wildlife sightings and planned meetings.

Next meeting to be scheduled to coincide with the arrival of the fruit trees, early March.

D Bogue

WALMER IN BLOOM 2024/2025 Budget

ITEM	2023/2024 Budget	2023/2024 Current
FLORAL DISPLAYS	£1,085.00	£0.00
PLANTING		
Hanging basket plants	£920.00	
Planters	£120.00	
EQUIPMENT		
Hanging Baskets & Brackets		
KCC Permission	£45.00	
New Planter		
Delivery of new Planter		
PLANTER REPAIRS		
Repairs		
CONTRACTORS' COSTS	£3,700.00	
Watering & maintenance (19 Weeks)	£3,500.00	
Collect Baskets	£150.00	
Plant bedding		
Removal of baskets	£50.00	
COMPETITION COSTS	£315.00	
Mrs J Doulton	£50.00	
S & SE in Bloom	£100.00	
Downs Donation	£25.00	
Prizes	£100.00	
Presentation event – food etc.	£40.00	
Sea Scout Hut		
CONTINGENCY	£300.00	
SPEND - Committed	£5,400.00	£0.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£5,400.00	£5,400.00
Difference	£0.00	£5,400.00

Hawkshill 2024/25

ITEM	2023/2024 Budget	2024/2025 Budget
Cut - Oct	£ 900.00	£ 500.00
Cut - Apr	£ 900.00	£ -
Removable bollards	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Tree cutting AP management plan	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Tool replacement	£ 300.00	£ 1,000.00
Planting	£ 700.00	£ 700.00
SPEND - Committed	£ 13,800.00	£ 13,200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£ 14,000.00	£ 13,500.00
Difference	£ 200.00	£ 300.00

York and Albany 2024/25

ITEM	2023/2024 Budget	2024/2025 Budget
York and Albany management	£ 1,500.00	
Signs		£ 750.00
Grass Cutting		£ 150.00
Tree Works		£ 500.00
Planting		£ 200.00
Tools		£ 300.00
Water Butt		£ 40.00
Green Waste Scheme		£ 58.00
SPEND - Committed	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,998.00
TOTAL BUDGET	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,000.00
Difference	£ -	£ 2.00

Possible colour suggestions for WIB 2024 campaign

SWG

3 colour combo, purple / bright pink; white /silver & pale green-colours of Women's suffrage movement.

LL

Yellow and blue for the Ukraine war

SLC

I like the idea of the suffrage colours, although white flowers need to be chosen carefully. The strong winds bruise white petals very easily. Small white flowers could work?

PL

2024 is the 50th Anniversary of the Rubik cube - 6 colours

Red,Blue,Yellow,White,Green and Orange - we could have some really wow colours. And within those colours we can still support our other causes in some individual planters

Admin

RNLI- 100th anniversary

Red/Yellow/Blue/Orange

WALMER IN BLOOM – KEY ACTIVITY DATES 2024

Members select summer planting quantities	January
Quotes Spring/Summer Planting requested	January
School Poster Competition runs for 5-6 weeks. -	Late Mar-Early Apr
Final judging for Poster Competition.	April meeting
The Downs CE School & Parochial CE School presentation. At presentations, deliver publicity material for distribution.	End July
Floral displays mounted on lampposts along The Strand and on seafront.	3rd week in June
Poster Competition press release to local media.	Mid June
Delivery of publicity flyers to shops, library etc/press release local media advertising Local Garden Competition.	Mid May
York and Albany Open Day	May-June
Business Prize collection	July
Preliminary judging week commencing	26 th June
Final judging- Janine Doulton	6 th July
Press Release – Local Garden Competition results.	Mid July
Presentation date at Sea Scout Headquarters.	October
Floral displays taken down.	Third week in September

Email from Cllr L Ludwig- 1st Feb 2024

1. In light of the issues with water, I would like to propose that we purchase or acquire some water butts or methods to trap rain water to help with the watering of the big planters. This could involve the reuse of suitable containers rather than buying new plastic products. Not only will this save the use of our valuable water supply but also this will be a positive step towards our green credentials for when we next enter the S&SE in Bloom competition. We could ask the allotment holders & other community gardens for ideas for where we could source unwanted things- The Deal Plant Swap Facebook could be a start point.

2. I would also like to propose that where possible we choose drought loving and plants that pollinators like. This could help the 'corridor' that Cllr Peter Findlay wants to create for pollinators towards Betteshanger Country Park. We could have simple informative labels in the planters identifying the plants, & that they are being tended by community volunteers etc.

I'm sure people will have some great ideas. Perhaps we could have some sunflowers in places around the parish? The office if staked well! How about asking the certificate/award winners from Walmer in Bloom?

3. Compost making - can we use our sites to make compost for the flower bed at Gothic Close and the planters? Would this assist the waste from York and Albany? (Sandown castle Garden has several compost bins).

4. Volunteers.

Following on from the leaflet distribution can we discuss ways to increase the opportunities for volunteers? Eg Facebook and website campaign and a Volunteers Event, where we can showcase the projects that people may want to volunteer for, eg Hawkshill, Planters, Churchill Av, Orchard at the allotment, Marshalls at Events, 'Hay making' events and when we need a big team of people, as well as helping in other ways with time, expertise etc. Could we combine the contact with schools (for poster competition & Children's festival), with a request to pass information on to the parents and carers?