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Dated 3rd January 2024

To All Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the **COUNCIL MEETING** of **WALMER TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Wednesday 10th January 2024 at No 8 The Strand Walmer, Kent. At 7pm.**

Roland Aldred
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive any apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Attach 1

3. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following: -

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4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Update on various matters from the Chairman.

5. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of the 8th November 2023. Attach 2

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

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

i) To agree to suspend the meeting for up to 15 minutes to allow discussion with members of the electorate of the Parish of Walmer present at the meeting on items of the agenda. Any items not on the agenda that members of the public wish to speak on will be noted for consideration of including on a future agenda.

ii) To receive a report from the DCC/KCC Members for Walmer.

8. CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

To receive a report from the Police on crime and anti-social behaviour in Walmer.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS + MINUTES

i. To receive any reports and any agreed minutes as follows:

- a. Amenities + Environment – minutes from Sept 27th 2023. Attach 3
To hear a proposal to include Cllr Simpson as part of the membership of the A&E committee
- b. Finance + General Purposes – minutes from Oct 18th 2023. Attach 4
- c. Walmer in Bloom – no minutes to review.
- d. Events Committee – minutes from Nov 21st 2023. Attach 5
- e. Planning Committee – minutes from Oct 10th and Nov 14th 2023. Attach 6+7
- f. Climate Emergency Working Group – No minutes to attach.
- g. Public Engagement Working Group – no meeting held.
To hear a proposal to include Cllr Waite-Gleave as part of the membership of the Public Engagement Working Group.

ii. To receive any comments about the draft minutes on Walmer Town Councils website. The following draft minutes are available on the website.

- a. Amenities + Environment – minutes from Nov 22nd 2023.
- b. Finance + General Purposes – minutes from Nov 29th 2023.
- c. Events Committee – minutes from Dec 5th 2023.
- d. Planning Committee – minutes from Dec 12th 2023.

10. REPORT OF THE CLERK

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters received.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT

For noting:

- i. Bank balances. Attach 8
- ii. Monthly statement for November and December Attach 9+10
- iii. To authorise the payment of £21,915.30 to Dover District Council for the Toilet Grant.

12. INVITATIONS & EVENTS

None received.

13. KCC FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION

- i. To review KCC's Flood Risk Management policy and to decide if Walmer Town Council wishes to make any comments. (See <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/local-flood-risk>.)
- ii. To receive a verbal report from Cllr Waite-Gleave on the "Motion for the Ocean" and make a decision on signing up to the motion. Attach 11

14. TRAINING REPORT ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

To receive a report from Cllr Waite-Gleave on the KALC training course Standards in Public Life. Attach 12

15. TRIM TRAIL

To receive recommendations from Amenities and Environment Committee on the trim trail project. Attach 13

16. CHURCHILL AVENUE

To receive reports on the Churchill avenue project and decide on action about taking up DDC's offer for the land. Attach 14

17. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

To receive recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes on the Budget and Precept for 2024/25 and to make a decision on the precept requested. Attach 15

18. TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

To receive a report from the clerk on working with the carnival association on the teddy bears picnic. Attach 16

19. STONEY PATH

To receive quotes for clearing the land at Stoney path. ENC 1

20. POP UP SURGERIES

To receive a written report from the Public Engagement Working Group on running pop up surgeries. Attach 17

21. FUTURE OF WALMER TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

- i. To receive a report from Cllr Bond on future of Walmer Town Council offices. Attach 18

- ii. To receive a report from the Clerk on the potential reassignment of No 8 the Strand and request delegation to the Clerk and Chairman to sign paperwork authorising the reassignment.

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19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th February 2024.

Declarations of interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered 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 in 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 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 that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an 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 the 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.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interest (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on matter under consideration

Note to the code:

Situations in which a member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the wellbeing of a Member, relative or close associate, employer ect. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer ect would probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.



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DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Walmer Town Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at No 8 The Strand, Walmer.

Present Councillors: Cllr T Bond (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Ludwig, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr T Grist, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr A Friend, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr Waite-Gleave, Cllr Findley and Cllr P Jull.

Officers Present: Roland Aldred, Town Clerk

323. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Murray, Lee and Simpson offered apologies that were accepted.
Cllrs Murphy and Vinson of DDC/KCC offered apologies.

324. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs L Ludwig, P Ludwig and Friend declared a VAOI in respect of item 343 as the Landlady is known to them. Cllr Friend declared a DPI on item 336.

325. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded all those present of the openness and transparency statement.

326. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported

- i. October saw the Walmer In Bloom presentation it was a fantastic event that was well received by all in attendance. The Chairman thanked all involved in the organisation of the presentation especially Mrs Sue Le-Chevalier.

327. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 4th October 2023.

RESOLVED: That minutes be approved subject to removing Cllr Murray as attending as he offered apologies that were accepted.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Eddy

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

No matters were brought for discussion.

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

i. Electorate

- a) A member of the public asked if the policy under item 338 is approved will the Chairman be enforcing this during meetings. The Chairman confirmed he would enforce the policy.
- b) A member of the public questioned the signage that had been put up on the adventure golf site and expressed concern that the paddling pool may eventually become a facility that required payment to use. The Chairman asked the Clerk to look in to what updates Dover District Council had on the signage and to speak to them about what conditions were in place around operating the paddling pool.
- c) A member of the public expressed concern about the Council paying for 2 properties. The member of the public was very clear that they would like to see the council return to No 8. The chairman advised that all options were being considered and the Council were pulling a report together for Members to make a considered decision upon. Further the member of the public asked if there could be a standing item on No 62 for updates to be given. The Chairman agreed.

- ii. Cllr Bond responded to a question from Cllr Eddy about the Waste and Recycling Centres that although the news had reported that KCC would not be closing Deal Household Waste and Recycling Centre, no vote had been taken. The Clerk was asked to request a report from DDC/KCC members who are unable to attend meetings.

330.CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

Cllr Crockford advised that she will be attending the next Dover Police - District Town & Parish Council Meeting in December.

331.COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

i. To receive any reports and any agreed minutes as follows:

- a) Amenities + Environment – minutes from June 28th, 2023.
- b) Finance + General Purposes – minutes from July 26th 2023.
- c) Walmer in Bloom – minutes from July 18th 2023.
- d) Events Committee – minutes from August 22nd 2023.
- e) Planning Committee – minutes from September 12th 2023.
- f) Climate Emergency Working Group – No minutes to attach.
- g) Public Engagement Working Group – no meeting held.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note the minutes of all the above committees.

Proposed Cllr Friend

Seconded Cllr Eddy

- ii. To receive any comments about the draft minutes of meetings taken place since the last council meeting

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note the draft minutes of all the above committees and no comments were received.

Proposed Cllr Eddy

Seconded Cllr Friend

332.REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported

- i. The Clerk and one of the Hawkshill Volunteers checked over the common following the storm damage was cosmetic and the volunteers will be able to clear up the damage.
- ii. Dover District Council contacted the office to advise that they will be seeking support with the Marine Road Toilet once again for next financial year. More information on level of financial assistance being asked of us and the opportunity for members to decide on the proposal will be available when discussing the budget as we haven't as of yet received this.
- iii. The Clerk had a very productive meeting with Deal Town Council's Clerk, items members had put in the report of the previous meeting were discussed and possibilities for collaboration are open. Quarterly meeting between the two clerks will be held and a line of communication will be kept open.

333.FINANCIAL REPORT

- i. Bank Balances

Members received the bank balances

Bank Balances as at 31/10/23

	£
Lloyds bank	77,835.79
	£
Unity Trust current	33,637.63
	£
Unity Trust Deposit	229,320.78
	£
Total	340,794.20

ii. Monthly Finance report

Members received the July and August monthly financial reports

Financial update for month of September 2023

Balance at start of month

£361,122.06

Payments		Amount
Who	For	
Staff	Salaries	£3,772.72
HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£1,300.22
KCC LGPS	Pensions	£1,477.83
Julie Williams	First Aid-Events	£700.00
Veolia	Rubbish Bags	£117.60
Cllr J Murray	Expense Claim	£26.99
Bandstand Bakery	Sports Spectacular Catering	£36.30
Mrs M Johnson	Insurance payment	£296.66
Hopkins	Defibrillator maintenance	£366.90
RS Components	IR Camera Maintenance	£116.40
EDF	Gas Bill	£11.63
KM Media Group	Brocante Advertising	£386.40
Marc One Security	Brocante Security	£756.00
Charity Payments	Brocante Charity Payments	£225.81
EDF	Electricity Bill	£238.96
Edge IT	IT Services	£62.40
Walmer Baptist Church	Hire of Church Hall	£30.00
Grant Payments	Grant Payments	£800.00
KALC	Introduction to Local Councils Course	£38.40
Business Stream	Water Bill	£62.79
Business Stream	Water Bill	£143.99
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£3.00
Mitec	Telephones	£139.38
Unity Bank	Handling Charge	£0.50
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£34.35
Total		£11,145.23

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Balance at end of month

£352,405.08

This month spend

-£8,716.98

% of yrs precept for month

3.54%

Total net spend YTD

-£71,039.03

% of precept YTD

28.86%

Last year

-£17,983.82

% of precept for month

7.69%

Total spent LYTD

-£140,481.21

% of precept LYTD

60.06%

RESOLVED – Members agreed to note the bank balances and monthly finance update.

Proposed Cllr Friend

Seconded Cllr Eddy

iii. To Authorise a payment over £2000

Members were asked to consider a invoice for £9040.88 from Dover District Council for Walmer Town Councils share of the elections.

RESOLVED – Members agree to the payment.

Proposed Cllr Jull

Seconded Cllr Friend

334. INVITATIONS AND EVENTS

- i. Walmer Parish Churches – Remembrance Day service – 12/11/23 -11am – Cllr Simpson will be attending
- ii. Dover District Nature and Climate Forum – Quarterly – The forum will be to enable wider collaboration, support and enable further community involvement in schemes and projects locally.

RESOLVED – The Clerk will attend the first meeting of the forum to help to complete the Terms of Reference after this Cllr Findley will be appointed as Walmer Town Councils representative.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

335. GRANT APPLICATION

Members received a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to award a grant to The Goodwin Sands Conservation Trust.

RESOLVED – To award a grant of £400 to the Goodwin Sands Trust.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Findley.

336. DOVER DISTRICT COUNCILS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY

Cllr Friend left the room for this item

Members received a written report from Cllr Waite-Gleave on recommendations on how to respond to the Green Infrastructure survey.

RESOLVED – To accept Cllr Waite-Gleave's recommendations and add one additional recommendation that Dover District Council designate Betteshanger Park the park with a BOA status to grant a level of protection against development.

Proposed – Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

337. RESERVES POLICY

Members received a written report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommending a reserves policy to adopt.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to adopt the Reserves Policy.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

338. DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY/CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

Members received a document recommended by the Human Resources Committee authored by the SLCC on Dignity and Work and a Civility and Respect Pledge which could be signed up to.

RESOLVED The Clerk to amend the section “we have a training policy in place” to “we will have” and correct a grammatical error in the pledge. To implement the policy and sign up to the pledge.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Friend

339. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the yearly Christmas lights competition.

RESOLVED – Cllr P Ludwig volunteered to judge the Christmas lights competition.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Jull

340. ANY BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA

A special meeting to be held to allow members to brainstorm ideas in private to be held in January.

341. Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960

To move in to a private session due to the need to discuss confidential items.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Jull

342. STAFFING MATTERS

Members received a written report from the Human Resources Committee to delegate responsibility for reviewing probation to the Chairman and the Clerk.

RESOLVED – To delegate the responsibility to the Chairman and Clerk.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr Eddy

343. No 8 THE STRAND

Members received a written report from the Clerk about the rent review on No 8.

Cllr Waite-Gleave called for recorded vote.

RESOLVED – To agree to the increased amount of £7000pa in rent.

Proposed Cllr Jull

Seconded Cllr Richardson

For – Cllrs Jull, Richardson, P Ludwig, L Ludwig, Crockford, Bond, Findley and Grist.

Against – Cllrs Eddy and Waite-Gleave.

Abstain – Cllrs Friend and Blackwell

344. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 10th January 2023, 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 21.10 pm.

Signed: Date:



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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7pm at 8 The Strand, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Jull, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr R Blackwell and Cllr L Ludwig (ex officio).

Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

251. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies from Cllrs Lee and Findley were received and accepted.

252. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs P and L Ludwig declared a VAOI in respect of item 258 as they are allotment tenants.

253. 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 Govt Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

254. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 2023.

AGREED: That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr Jull.

Seconded by Cllr Waite-Gleave.

255. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

No items.

256. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present, the Chairman stated that should any member of the public arrive he would take the item later in the agenda.

One member of the public (Mr White) arrived but had no questions.

257. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. To receive a copy of current Highways Improvement Plan.

NOTED

Proposed: Cllr Eddy

Seconded: Cllr Richardson

- ii. Any additions to the HIP:

- a. Liverpool Road lighting.

Cllr Eddy gave details of a request from a member of the public received to put in lighting on Liverpool Road near to the Meadowside Centre. The member of the public has a relative in the Meadowside Centre and when they go out for walks, as there is no pavement feels that it is dangerous, and that lighting would help.

AGREED – To add Liverpool Road lighting between Grams Road and Meadowside to the HIP.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

- b. Any other additions to the HIP.

Clerk presented a request from a member of the public requesting double yellow lines where Trafalgar Drive meets North Barracks as the removable bollard is an emergency vehicular access. Members discussed the item and requested more information from the Fire Authority about the issue.

- iii. Cycle Paths

Members received the report from Cycle Friendly Deal and reviewed the contents, some updating to the report in respect of new cycle storage was required. The Clerk was tasked with putting together a list of cycle racks and storage facilities within Walmer, Cllrs P Ludwig, L Ludwig, Cllr Waite-Gleave, Mr White offered to help with this. Further work on cycling provision needs to be completed.

AGREED – To add to the Highways Improvement Plan, a request for a cycle route along Granville Road joining up the Skylark Trail with National Cycle Route 1.

- iv. Re-establishment of the Cycle Forum

Members discussed the Cycle Forum that had not functioned since lockdown. Deal Town Council have appointed a Councillor to the Forum, should it be re-established, and the question was put to Members whether or not Walmer Town Council would want to put a member forward.

AGREED – That Cllr L Ludwig contact Deal Town Councillor Cllr L Craggs in regard to the forum.

258. STONEY PATH

Members received a report from Cllr P Ludwig about the proposal for the Stoney Path. Five options were explored, and costings provided for each option.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council that option 5 the Orchard, Woodland or Meadow area be taken as the route to further investigate. Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr Findley and the Clerk to do further investigation on these options.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

259. NO 62 THE STRAND

Members received a written report from the Clerk about options around No 62 and the future office space.

AGREED – No further action be taken until after the potential Community Governance Review is completed in 2025/26 as this may have a major bearing on the requirements for Walmer Town Council's office.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

260. DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT GUIDE

i. Walmer Design Guide

Members receive a verbal report from Cllr Eddy on the Walmer Design Guide, previously created approximately 20 years ago. The Design Guide gave useful information on facades of the houses in Walmer, this could be used by developers to guide them when designing developments.

AGREED – With the amount of work involved in producing this along with the limited usefulness of the guide in today's planning process, Members decided not to progress this any further.

21.00 hours was reached during this item.

AGREED – To extend the meeting by 15 minutes to complete items on the Agenda.

Proposed: Cllr Eddy

Seconded: Cllr Waite-Gleave

ii. The Environment of Walmer.

Members discussed potential uses for this as a survey to see where Walmer had moved to from the Baseline, which was the original Environment of Walmer book produced 10 years ago. Further options of just investigating Walmer Town Council land were explored further.

AGREED – To research further information into costs and the requirements to produce this.

Proposed: Cllr Eddy

Seconded: Cllr P Ludwig

261. BUDGET

Members received a copy of a proposed budget to complete.

Heading	Sub Heading	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/5
Allotments	Campbell road repair	1000	1000
	Utilities	600	900
	Repair works	1000	1000
	Emergency works (trees/hedging)	1000	0
	MUGA	1300	650
Projects	HIP	8000	8000
Publicity and promotion	Notice Board refurbishment	1000	1000
Stoney path	Works	2000	9000
Tree planting	Tree planting	4000	0

AGREED – To recommend above budget to F&GP committee. The Stoney Path budget would include the tree planting budget and Walmer Town Council would attempt to get money from the UK Prosperity Fund for the Stoney Path Project.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

262. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting: 22nd November 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15.

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Signature

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Date



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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Wednesday, 18th October 2023 at 8 The Strand, Walmer

Present: Cllr P Jull (Chairman), Cllr M Eddy, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr D Richardson, and Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Officer(s) Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

304. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Friend, Murray and Lee offered apologies and were accepted. Cllr Waite-Gleave offered apologies as she would be arriving late.

305. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations were made.

306. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

The Chairman reminded all present of their responsibilities under the Local Government Audit and Accountability act in respect of the public attending and recording meetings.

307. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting on the 26th July 2023 were received. Small changes to the relationships Members have with the various outside bodies require updating.

RESOLVED – To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record after the amendments of the meeting of the 26th July 2023 meeting.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Ludwig

308. COUNCIL FINANCE UPDATES.

- i. To receive the current year update on the Council's spending vs the budget for full year 2023/2024.

Members were presented with a written report on the current financial spending of the council for quarter 1 of 2023/24.

NOTED – Members agreed to note the report.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded Cllr Ludwig

- ii. To agree and approve the chairman signing the reconciliation as at 30/09/23.

Members received copies of the bank statements as at 30/09/23 and a copy of the reconciliation from the Council's financial software.

RESOLVED – To approve the Chairman signing the bank reconciliation.

Proposed – Cllr Simpson

Seconded - Cllr Eddy

309. RESERVES POLICY.

Cllr Waite Gleave arrived during this item.

Members received a written report on a reserves policy.

RESOLVED – To recommend the a policy to Council. A number of changes were made to the proposed policy removing the Legal reserve, amending the Election reserve to £6,000 and adding a Quadrennial tree survey reserve.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Simpson

310. GRANTS.

- i. The Goodwin Sands Trust

Members received an application for a grant from the Goodwin Sands Trust to be used to get expert approval on a report.

311. Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Members voted to move in to a private discussion to allow members to discuss whether or not to award the grant

RESOLVED – To move to a private session

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Ludwig

313. GRANTS.

- i. The Goodwin Sands Trust

RESOLVED – For a recommendation to be made at Full Council for the Grant to be Awarded.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded - Cllr Ludwig

313. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

29th November 2023.

The meeting ended at 20.00hrs

Chairman:

Date:



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Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at No. 8 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm

Present: Mrs Marguerite Beard-Gould; Cllr Tony Grist; Cllr Louise Ludwig, and Mr David Thompson.

Officers Present: Lynne Simmons – Administration officer.

354. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Richardson and Cllr Friend offered apologies due to work commitments.
Cllr Simpson offered apologies due to family reasons.

355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

356. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present of the terms of openness and transparency.

357. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2023.

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

Proposed by: Cllr Grist

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

358. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None.

359. UPDATE ON CAROLS ON THE GREEN EVENT PLANNING

- i. Members received a verbal report from The Chair.

Preparations are continuing with a meeting scheduled this week between Warden House School Choir and Mr G Harvey (conductor). A KCC grant has been awarded to Walmer Town Council for £600 in support of the event.

- ii. Advertising costs for the Carols on The Green event have been sought from two local magazines as requested, The Community Ad and The Outlook. Costs are confirmed as follows:

The Community Ad will place our event in their November 23 issue within the "What's On" section free of charge.

The Outlook have quoted a discounted cost of £87 plus VAT for a quarter page advert in their November 23 publication.

RESOLVED. All members agreed to approve the cost of advertising for the event.

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr Grist

- iii. Members discussed the staffing and volunteer requirements for the event. The officer was asked to email all members of the Council to request if members are available to support the event. This item will be discussed at the next Events meeting on Tuesday 5th December 23.

360. UPDATE ON EVENT PLANNING FOR 2024.

- i. Members discussed the Childrens Festival update report.

The Childrens Festival date has been moved to Saturday 29th June 2024 due to the unavailability of Walmer Green on Saturday 6th July 2024.

RESOLVED. All members agreed the change in date.

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Mrs Beard-Gould

Councillors discussed the entertainers and activities who have been used in previous years who have all confirmed their availability and charges for Saturday 29th June 2024. A suggestion was put forward to also extend an invitation to the local Fire Brigade to attend with a unit, as an additional attraction in 2024. Cllr Ludwig offered to make contact initially with the Fire team to check their availability.

The officer was actioned to investigate other local arts and crafts solutions if we are unable to secure Little Gulls for the event.

The "Save The Date" flyer was discussed as a tool for early communication with local primary schools, PTAS, nurseries and childrens' centres. Two further suggestions were made by members to firstly look at the possibility of adding the Kent Kite Flyers logo onto the document and secondly that we also send the flyers to local cubs/scout groups.

The officer was actioned to contact Kent Kite Flyers to seek permission for using their name or logo and to add the local cubs/scout groups on the mailing list for the flyer.

RESOLVED. All members agreed to move forward with the suggestions made and to secure bookings for 2024 with the organisations discussed.

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Mrs Beard-Gould

Members discussed pitch pricing for Food Vendors for both Childrens Festival in 2024 and Brocante for 2024. The following proposal was made to standardise the pricing points for 2024:

Vendor Category	Childrens Festival – 4 hour event	Brocante – 8 hour event
Ice cream van	£50	£80
Others	£100	£150 (Drinks Only)
		£180 (Hot Food & Drinks)

RESOLVED. All members agreed to set food pitch pricing at above levels for 2024.

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig

Seconded by: Mrs Beard-Gould

- ii. Members discussed the Applause Rural Touring performance options and suitability for The Childrens' Festival. Members felt both shows contained an educational aspect and would fit well within the ethos of the festival. An observation was made with regards to how the timing of the shows would work in conjunction with other performances on the day and that consideration ought to be given to a properly constructed events programme.

The Chair proposed that both Applause shows were booked for the 2024 festival as a trial, at a total cost of £600.

RESOLVED. All members were in favour.

Proposed by: Mrs Beard-Gould

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig.

- iii. Members discussed the options and quotes obtained for First Aiders/Medics for Childrens Festival (CF) and Brocante (B) in 2024.

RESOLVED. All members were in favour of booking Wantsum Medical Group Ltd (P Wave) at a cost of £342.92 (CF) and £503.44 (B).

Proposed by: Cllr Grist

Seconded by: Mr Thompson

- iv. Members discussed the options and quotes obtained for portable toilet hire for Childrens Festival and Brocante in 2024. Additional signage, improved communication to pitch-holders and toilet location changes for Brocante were also discussed.

RESOLVED. All members were in favour of booking with Toilets+ for both events given they are already known to us and offered best prices.

The option agreed for Childrens Festival: 2 standard toilets and 1 disabled toilet £295.

The option agreed for Brocante: 3 standard toilets and 1 disabled toilet £360.

Proposed by: Mr Thompson

Seconded by: Cllr Grist

- v. The officer provided a verbal report on Brocante 2024.

- vi. Members discussed some general items around events for 2024 with no specific ideas for an additional event at this time.

The officer was actioned to include on a future Events meeting agenda a point to enable consideration of the inclusion of a council stand at future events.

The officer was also actioned to obtain prices for additional larger banners for advertising events (minimum 10x3 ft).

361. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 5th December 2023 @ 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 18.39pm

Signed

Date



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.00pm at No 8, The Strand, Walmer

Present: Councillors:

- Cllr J Murray (Chairman)
- Cllr P Findley
- Cllr M Simpson
- Cllr E Crockford
- Cllr Mrs L Ludwig
- Cllr K Lee
- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
- Cllr T Grist
- Cllr R Blackwell

Officers present: Roland Aldred (Town Clerk) John Miles (Administration Officer)

286. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bond offered apologies that were accepted.

287. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

288. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

289. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 12th September 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.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr Grist

290. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

A letter to Dover District Council Planning was written by the Chair regarding the Betteshanger application, no reply has been received to date.

291. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
23/00987	2 Gothic Close	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Extension to garage and its conversion to annexe (garden room demolished)
23/00934	73 Salisbury Road Walmer CT14 7QL	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, balcony with glass balustrade to front, insertion of 4 rooflights, external walls rendered and cladding; alterations to windows/doors (existing conservatory and chimney to be demolished)
23/00997	24 The Strand Walmer CT14 7DX	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DOV/23/00485 (Erection of roof extension) to allow amendments to fenestration and raising of parapet wall
23/00988	Snatchwood St Clare Road Walmer CT14 7QB	Certificate Proposed Granted	None	Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for a single storey side extension
23/01045	285-287 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NS	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Increase height of existing front wall, insertion of letter box and 2m high gate
23/00569	30 Ravenscourt Road Walmer CT14 7EX	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a two-storey side and single-storey rear extension to include an annexe for ancillary use

292. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

i. **DOV/23/00994- 14 Herschell Square, Walmer, CT14 7SG**

Erection of single storey rear extension
RESOLVED- No Objection.

ii. **DOV/23/01117- Wood End, Hawksdown, Walmer, Kent**

Crown raise to 5 metres and cut back from the property to give 2 metres clearance of one Sycamore the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 3 of 1971
RESOLVED- No Objection.

iii. **DOV/23/01075-3 Harvey Avenue Walmer CT14 7DW**

Erection of rear veranda and replacement double doors with bi-folds
RESOLVED- No Objection.

iv. **DOV/23/01152- Pebbles, 72 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AB**

Extension over garage to facilitate conversion to ancillary accommodation.
RESOLVED- Objection.

Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds

1. The building is not attached to the residence as laid down in the application.
2. The construction will cause overdevelopment on the location as this is a new dwelling that is not replacing an earlier one.
3. The location of the new construction may cause continuing access issues for the public throughway next to the property.

293. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th November@ 7pm

The meeting closed at 19:40

Signed Dated



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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm at No 8, The Strand, Walmer

Present: Councillors:

- Cllr J Murray (Chairman)
- Cllr P Findley
- Cllr E Crockford
- Cllr Mrs L Ludwig
- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
- Cllr T Grist
- Cllr R Blackwell

Officers present: Roland Aldred (Town Clerk) John Miles (Administration Officer)

345. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Bond, Simpson and Lee offered apologies that were accepted.

346. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Waite Gleave and Ludwig declared a VAOI in regard to application DOV/23/01157-Site at Cross Road, Deal. Both have entered a comment on the Dover Planning Portal as residents that use the area.

347. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

348. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 10th October 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.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

349. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

No matters arising.

350. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
23/00994	14 Herschell Square Deal CT14 7SG	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey rear extension
23/01054	29 Granville Road Walmer CT14 7LQ	Grant Consent	No Objection	T1 and T2 Sycamore and T3 Poplar - re-pollard to previous pruning points at approximately 7metres, all subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959
23/01000	27 Granville Road Walmer CT14 7LQ	Grant Consent	No Objection	T1 - Overall crown reduction by up to 4 metres of one Purple Norway Maple the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959
23/00909	81 Canada Road Walmer CT14 7EJ	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey side/rear extension
23/01093	13 York and Albany Close CT14 7RR	Grant Consent	No Objection	Overall crown reduction by approximately 3 metres of one Whitebeam (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 2 of 2015
23/01117	Wood End, Hawksdown Walmer CT14 7PN	Grant Consent	No Objection	Crown raise to 5 metres and cut back from the property to give 2 metres clearance of one Sycamore the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 3 of 1971

351. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

i. DOV/23/01157 – Site at Cross Road Deal

Variation of Condition 29 (off-site highway works) of planning permission DOV/20/01125 (outline application for the erection of up to 100 dwellings (with landscaping, appearance, layout and scale to be reserved) to vary the timing of the implementation of the approved highway works.

RESOLVED- Strong Objection

Comments:

Walmer Town Council strongly objects to the varying of Condition 29 for the following reasons.

- Pedestrian safety: Due to the lack of suitable paving and throughways there is a risk to non-vehicular foot traffic including pedestrians, wheelchairs, horses and prams/pushchairs.
- Infrastructure: Local infrastructure is insufficient for the requirements of the new housing, all infrastructure will need to be completed including roads, pathways and effective drains before houses are sold.
- Planning Conditions: Planning conditions are to be obeyed and carried out by the construction company.

Walmer Town Council also would like to put forward a condition to be added to any permissions or conditions granted by Dover District Council for this application.

- No properties at this location are to be sold by the developer until the supporting infrastructure has been completed.

ii. DOV/23/01188- 46 Herschell Square Walmer CT14 7SU

Erection of dwelling with formation of vehicular access (existing garden building to be demolished)

RESOLVED- No Objection.

- iii. **DOV/23/01221- Overglen St Clare Road Walmer CT14 7QB**
Installation of roof mounted solar panels, erection of single storey rear and side extension and first floor extension. Insertion of ground floor window, rooflight and replacement windows
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- iv. **DOV/23/01227- Church House 1 Church Street Walmer Kent CT14 7RX**
Crown reduce by 2.5 metres overall of one Yew (T3) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 8 of 2015
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- v. **DOV/23/01264- 325 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NX**
Erection of single storey front/rear plus first floor rear extensions and alterations to windows (Part Retrospective)
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- vi. **DOV/23/01271- 25 Granville Road Walmer CT14 7LQ**
Pollard at approximately 9 metres in height of one Sycamore the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- vii. **DOV/23/01284- 34 Salisbury Road Walmer CT14 7QQ**
Extension of front dormer window with pitched roof and cladding, and insertion of pitched roofs to bow front windows.
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- viii. **DOV/23/01253 - Electric Sub Station North East Of 5 Maxwell Place Walmer CT14 7XU**
Re-pollard one Lime the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 5 of 1988
RESOLVED- No Objection.
- ix. **DOV/23/01285- Ashdon Hawksdown Walmer CT14 7PJ**
Crown raise to 5 metres of one Ash (T1) and one Sycamore (T2) both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 3 of 1971
RESOLVED- Unable to Consider Application

Comments: 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.

352. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- i. **Across road from 27 – 33 Station Road, Walmer CT14 7QS**
Total: 5 x trees.
1x Hornbeam (fastigiata variety); 1x ginko ; 1x oak (columnar) ; 1x sycamore; 1x wild cherry & 4 shrubs (bay laurel, holly & elder)
- ii. **York and Albany Close, Walmer**
Total: 9 x trees
Beech (No 1), Sycamore (No 5); Reddish (black?) Sycamore (No 6), group of 3 hornbeams (No 12), whitebeam with few red berries (No 13), 2x Sycamores (No 15). All these street trees very established and in their prime. (These street trees may already have TPO)

iii. **Southern edge of Drill Field, opposite 29 Cornwall Road, Walmer CT14 7SA**

Total: 8 x Trees

1 x Chestnut, 1 x Hazel, 1 x Sycamore, 1 x Silver birch, 2 young oak trees, an older sessile (?) oak and (?) an elm (?).

RESOLVED- To support applications.

353. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th December@ 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:03

Signed Dated

Bank Balances as at 31/12/23

Lloyds bank	£ 77,835.79
Unity Trust current	£ 30,530.90
Unity Trust Deposit	£ 195,762.83
Total	£ 304,129.52

Balance at start of month

Payments		
Who	For	Amount
Staff	Salary	£4,630.24
DDC	Refund of Walmer Green Payment	-£492.00
HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£1,226.86
KCC LGPS	Pensions	£1,376.78
Hof Media	Carols Concert Advertising	£104.40
Wheel 2 Wheel Display Team	Deposit-Children's Festival	£140.00
Mitec	Telephone Charges	£148.45
Public Works Loan Board	Payment for Loan	£7,563.40
EDF	Electricity Bill	£127.84
EDF	Gas Bill	£21.40
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£3.00
DDC	Local Elections	£9,040.88
Staff	Expenses claims	£165.95
Goodwin Sands Conservation Trust	Grant	£400.00
Mr D Halpin	Window Cleaning	£12.00
Mrs M Beard Gould	Expenses claim	£20.00
E-on Next	Electricity Bill	£83.46
Mazars	External Audit	£756.00
Edge IT	Annual Fees	£1,437.98
SLCC	Training	£180.00
Mrs M Johnson	Repairs to No 8 The Strand	£985.00
Total		£27,931.64

This month spend	-£26,440.69
% of yrs precept for month	10.74%
Total net spend YTD	-£109,090.60
% of precept YTD	44.32%

This month spend

% of yrs precept for month

Total net spend YTD

% of precept YTD

Receipts		
Who	For	Amount
Deal and Betteshanger Rugby club	Rent for The Drill Field	£890.95
KCC	Grant For Carols Concert	£600.00
Total		£1,490.95

Last year

% of precept for month

Total spent LYTD

% of precept LYTD

-£26:318.37

11.25%
-£184,560.53
78.91%

Balance at start of month

£314,353.51

Payments	Who	For	Amount
	Viking	Stationary	£41.98
	Staff	Salary	£4,644.82
	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£1,237.20
	KCC LGPS	Pensions	£1,383.75
	Mrs M Johnson	Rent for no 8 The Strand	£1,750.00
	Gazen Salts	Hire of equipment for York and Albany	£62.00
	KALC	Training courses	£91.20
	White Cliffs Symphonic Orchestra	Carols Concert	£400.00
	Toilets Plus	Deposit for toilets for Future events	£200.00
	Viking	Stationary	£46.68
	Mitec	Telephone Charges	£163.94
	Wantsum Medical Group	Deposit for first aid for Future events	£101.56
	EDF	Electricity Bill	£138.31
	EDF	Gas Bill	£48.06
	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£3.00
	Applause Touring	Shows for Children's Festival	£600.00
	Batchelor Coop	Staff Payroll	£191.27
	Business Stream	Water Bill	£142.15
	Cllr L Ludwig	Expenses Claim	£31.44
	Cllr J Murray	Expenses Claim	£50.40
	Dallas Events Services	Marquee and chairs for Carols Concert	£432.50
	Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£30.00
	Total		£11,790.26

£304,129.52

-£10,223.99

4.15%

	-£119,314.59
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48.48%

Receipts			
Who	For		Amount
Openreach	Wayleave Payment		£80.11
Unity Bank	Credit Interest		£1,486.16
Total			£1,566.27

-£18,037.44

7.71%

-£202,597.97

86.62%

November 2023

Motion for the Ocean (Coastal Council, England)

The Local Government Ocean Recovery Declaration

Dr Pamela Buchan¹, Emily Cunningham² and Nicola Bridge³

A model motion to help local authorities play their part in realising a clean, healthy and productive ocean and all of the direct economic, health and wellbeing benefits it will bring



What is the Motion for the Ocean?

Local authorities are working hard to bring about a brighter future for the communities we serve. We work to boost local economies, improve community health and wellbeing, and to protect and enhance local biodiversity. We know that the health, wellbeing and prosperity of coastal, estuarine and maritime communities is dependent on a clean, healthy and productive marine environment – yet too often we consider these issues separately, rather than thinking about it in a joined-up way.

Developed by leading ocean experts, Dr Pamela Buchan, Emily Cunningham and Nicola Bridge, the #Motion4TheOcean has been created to enable local authorities to tackle these potentially competing ambitions of economic development, community health and wellbeing, and a healthy marine environment in a more holistic way. The motion aims to help councils and the communities we serve to “think ocean” and ensure the development of the blue economy delivers the recovery of our ocean and reducing socio-economic inequality in our coastal, estuarine and maritime communities.

The motion aims to help councils embed this new way of thinking at the highest levels of local decision-making, so it is not the responsibility of one team, but of the whole council. Councils of all tiers in England and Wales, along with the Local Government Association, have declared an urgent need for ocean recovery using a locally adapted Motion for the Ocean as can be seen on the dedicated webpage: [Motion for the Ocean](#) (see Appendix I). We look forward to seeing which council will be next.

Why is it important for councils to pass a Motion for the Ocean?

We recognise that our ocean and climate are in a state of emergency and that the communities we serve are on the frontline. An ocean in crisis is not only bad news for our climate, but also for our fishing, tourism, and marine industries, and for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of our coastal, estuarine and maritime communities. There are many opportunities for economic development in the marine environment, but these must be harnessed in a regenerative, rather than damaging, way.

Delivering the pledges set out in the Motion for the Ocean would yield new jobs and opportunities, more resilient coastal economies, and happier, healthier people; as well as a cleaner, healthier and more productive natural environment. A healthy ocean is an essential ally in our fight against climate change and blue carbon could play an integral role in helping us meet our net zero targets.

We have developed a Model Motion for the Ocean for inland councils which should be considered as a template to be adapted to local circumstances. We encourage local councils to adapt the pledges and wording, with the caveat that the ambition must not be reduced. **We are happy to support in this process.**

For any support, please contact: [Pamela](#) | [Emily](#) | [Nicola](#)

¹ Dr Pamela Buchan, marine social scientist and former Plymouth City Councillor

² Emily Cunningham, marine and coastal expert and formerly led the LGA Coastal Special Interest Group

³ Nicola Bridge, ocean literacy specialist and Head of Advocacy and Engagement at the Ocean Conservation Trust

Model 'Motion for the Ocean' for Coastal Local Authorities

This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

This Council pledges to:

1. Report to Full Council within [12] months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in [COUNCIL AREA].
2. Embed ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets, procurement and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning; regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon neutral and climate resilient future.
3. Ensure that local planning supports ocean recovery, working closely with the Marine Management Organisation to embed strong links between the Local Plan and the [area] Marine Plan to support ocean recovery.
4. Ensure that our nature, biodiversity and climate strategies, such as the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, recognise how land and rivers connect to and impact the ocean and strive to support ocean recovery through a source-to-sea approach.
5. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver improved water quality and increased sustainability in marine industries, and to develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity; including the local fishing industry and the vital work of [local] IFCA.
6. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in [COUNCIL AREA], including:
 - a. Ensuring all pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school - striving to include home-schooled children
 - b. Promoting sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences for all residents.
 - c. Through these actions, embed understanding of the "source-to-sea" approach and how all people, wherever they live, impact and are impacted by ocean health.
7. Use the Council website and other communication channels to update on ocean recovery progress, and signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities and marine citizenship pledges.
8. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:

- a) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
- b) Working with coastal, estuarine and maritime communities to co-develop marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes in local placemaking.
- c) Appointing a dedicated Minister for the Coast.
- d) Embedding ocean and civic literacy into the national curriculum.
- e) Stopping plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle and support the solutions needed to address the threat posed by historic coastal landfill sites.
- f) Improving the water quality of our rivers, estuarine and coastal waters leading to the ocean to benefit nature and the health and wellbeing of all UK residents, including by stopping the regular pollution of our rivers and seas.
- g) And by listening to marine and social scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
 - i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.

Glossary

A **Blue Economy** is one which uses ocean resources sustainably or even regeneratively whilst improving community wellbeing and social equity. It is not simply marine or maritime economic activity or "blue growth".

Ocean literacy is where a person understands the ocean's influence on them and their influence on the ocean. For example, an understanding that the ocean stores carbon and an understanding that what they put down the drain can impact on ocean health. It can also include learning how to be an active marine citizen.

Marine citizenship is exercising the right to participate in the transformation of the human-ocean relationship for sustainability. This means taking individual and collective responsibility to consider one's own and society's impacts on the ocean; and exercising rights as a marine citizen, e.g. writing to a local Councillor to ask them to take action for ocean recovery; or promoting or making local, national or international policy changes.

Example context

The health of our ocean is inextricably linked with our climate and with human health, wellbeing and prosperity. A healthy ocean is fundamental in regulating the global climate system and is an essential ally in our fight against climate change. The ocean absorbs more than 90% of the excess heat in the climate system as well as absorbing around 20% of annual carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions generated by human activity.

However, decades of irresponsible marine exploitation and pollution have led to significant levels of degradation, and this together with the detrimental impacts of our changing climate on marine ecosystems has led to national and global recognition that the world ocean is in crisis. An unhealthy ocean does not absorb or store carbon as effectively as a healthy one, further worsening the impacts of the climate crisis.

The UK government's recent Marine Strategy assessment confirms that our marine environment is not healthy. An ocean in crisis is not only bad news for our climate, but also for our local fishing and tourism industries and for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our coastal communities.

In [COUNCIL AREA], like the rest of planet, we are witnessing the ocean crisis first-hand. Fish stocks continue to collapse from permitted and illegal overfishing and poor water quality is impacting seafood and safe bathing. Our beaches are covered in litter with each tide, much of it plastic, though this is just the tip of the iceberg of the amount of litter in our oceans. Marine microplastics have been found in all marine environments and in the bodies of many species, including humans and the species of fish we regularly eat.

Our residents are on the frontline of climate change and are being disproportionately impacted relative to inland communities. The impact of the climate crisis on the ocean is profound, from rising water temperatures and changes in ocean chemistry, to sea level rise and increased storminess, including in our local waters. This is changing what seafood is caught locally, accelerating the erosion of our coastline - increasing the risk to infrastructure and properties, and increasing the risk of flooding and storm damage.

Urgent action is needed to halt these devastating changes and recover the health of our ocean to enable it to deliver the full range of benefits, including climate regulation, carbon storage in estuarine, coastal and marine habitats, coastal protection, a thriving local economy, clean safe recreation and happy, healthy coastal, estuarine and maritime communities. We must play our part in recovering the health of the ocean.

In [COUNCIL AREA], the ocean is at the heart of our heritage and economy. From the maritime and marine expertise around the [Name of] Port, to the millions of visitors who come to the [COUNCIL AREA] to experience the sight, sound and feel of the ocean. The ocean can play a vital role in our economic recovery and we must strive to develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers both ocean recovery and local prosperity. We must ensure that ocean recovery is embedded in our relevant strategic decision-making, policymaking and budget-setting; as well as being considered in future strategies and plans, including those seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

At present, not everyone has the opportunity or means to access and enjoy the ocean. Even within [COUNCIL AREA], there are people of all ages who have never experienced the joy of our ocean. First-hand experience of the ocean is essential if people are to be motivated to play their part in protecting it, whether that is through disposing of their litter responsibly, recycling what they can or volunteering in ocean conservation with local organisations. Helping individuals develop their ocean literacy (understanding of the relationship between people and the ocean) is an essential part of this motion, as is individual and collective marine citizenship (promoting and demanding an ocean recovery through local, national and international policy changes).

Local authorities cannot solve the ocean crisis alone, but we can – and must – play our part.

Appendix I

Councils that have passed a Motion for the Ocean as at November 2023 with links to their Motion wording.

- [Plymouth City Council](#), 22 November 2021
- [Falmouth Town Council](#), 10 January 2022
- [South Tyneside Council](#), 13 January 2022
- [North Norfolk District Council](#), 9 February 2022
- [North Devon Council](#), 23 February 2022
- [Monmouthshire County Council](#), 3 March 2022
- Seaton with Slingley Parish Council, 16 March 2022
- [Seaham Town Council](#), 22 March 2022
- [Torridge District Council](#), 11 April 2022
- [Portsmouth City Council](#), 17 May 2022
- [Devon County Council](#), 27 May 2022
- [Blandford Forum Town Council](#), 25 July 2022
- [Teignbridge District Council](#), 26 July 2022
- [Blackpool Council](#), 20 November 2022
- [Isle of Wight Council](#), 19 July 2023
- [Canterbury City Council](#), 20 July 2023
- [North Somerset Council](#), 19 September 2023
- [Havant Borough Council](#), 20 September 2023
- [Newark & Sherwood District Council](#), 17 October 2023
- [Lewes District Council](#), 20 November 2023
- [Cornwall Council](#), 28 November 2023

In addition to the local Councils who have individually declared, the Local Government Association also got behind the Motion for the Ocean on 29th September 2022. [LGA Ocean Recovery Declaration](#)

The Motion for the Ocean is supported in kind by the University of Exeter, LGA Coastal SIG, and the Ocean Conservation Trust.





Item: Standards in Public life Training.

Date: 13/12/23.

Meeting: January Full Council.

From: Cllr Waite-Gleave.

The training includes video clips (youtube) from the Committee on Standards in Public Life on the values underpinning Codes of Conduct and disclosure of personal interest (the 7 Nolan principles of : Selflessness, Integrity, Honesty, Accountability, Objectivity, Openness and Leadership). An excellent 60 minute training package I would recommend to all fellow councillors, it is a means of helping us avoid accusations of preferential treatment of friends or family in the future. The principle of Accountability covers the need for scrutiny and questioning at full council of any actions undertaken by committees or working groups. I have been interested in the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Life for some years and I know I share this interest with experienced fellow councillors on WTC, e.g. Cllr Bond and Cllr Eddy, who have served on this and other councils for many years before 2023. On a related subject, it is good that both the previous 2019 – 2023 council and the current council 2023-2027 have been interested in signing up to the SLCC's Dignity at work policy and signing up to its Civility and Respect Pledge, and that this was voted through, on 24 Oct 2023 in HR cttee, and agreed by Full Council in the November meeting.



Item: Trim Trail.

Date: 13/12/23.

Meeting: January Full Council.

From: Amenities and Environment Committee.

At the November meeting of the Amenities and Environment Committee, a review of the "Trim Trail" project was started. Further information on viability of location and the make up of the equipment is being looked in to as a result of the review.

One recommendation that the Amenities and Environment committee wished to make to full council was to move away from the idea of a trail of machines to a grouping of machines.

The initial idea of a trail was decided upon as it gave a more unique selling point, it would allow users to experience more of Walmer. The Castle to Castle served to effectively mark out travelling one mile (a useful exercise sometimes recommended by doctors). The Trail would improve fitness on travelling between machines. Having the machine spaced out it was felt that this would have less effect on residents living on the seafront by the individual pieces of equipment.

Members of the Amenities and Environment Committee discussed this and recommended a grouping of machines for the following reasons:

- Usage – a grouping of machines will encourage fitness groups or classes to use the equipment as they will be able to have multiple users in the same location which increases the opportunities for usage.
 - Social aspect – allows for gatherings of people to work on the equipment together.
 - Maintenance – closer together allows for easier maintenance.
 - Type of usage – members felt that a grouping would more likely be used for actual exercise where a trail would likely see more children playing on the equipment.
 - Avoids bottlenecks – with more equipment in one place there would not be as much of an issue of waiting on people finishing to use a piece of equipment.
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At this stage Dover District Council have given permission for WTC to install a Trail but we await to hear if they would be amenable to a grouping.

Members to decide



Item: Churchill Avenue.

Date: 13/12/23.

Meeting: January Full Council.

From: Amenities and Environment Committee.

Churchill Avenue UNR (Urban Nature Reserve)

The neglected green space behind 36 Churchill Avenue has been on WTC radar to be converted in to a UNR. DDC have agreed to a transfer to WalmerTC from DDC initially on a licence agreement. Our clerk has received from DDC officer Robert Reid-Easton in November, details of transfer process DDC propose.

It is slightly bigger than the size of a football pitch and has great promise as an urban nature reserve, (according to survey by Kent Wildlife Trust for WTC in 2022). Recommendation is for WTC to work with community to improve/ make an amenity space, cared for, in interests of, and by, residents, young and old. We have the example of the York and Albany peace garden that a residents' community group started, enhancing as a wildflower meadow with woodland patches in 2023, with seating for the public, in liaison with, and the support of, WTC.

At the WTC full council meeting in Oct 2023, council voted delegated power to CEWG to engage / consult with public about the project. We held a first meeting with residents about this on Sat 25th Nov, in the Scout Hall on Balfour Road. (Thanks to all 7 councillors who attended). 10 members of public came, some constructive concerns were expressed, those attending were generally positive about the project and some volunteered to help form a community group, and reported an overgrown access to site behind 152 Downs Rd, that could be brought back into use. CEWG proposes two or more public meetings in the new year. Attached a copy of the leaflet Cllrs Waite-Gleave & Blackwell put through letter boxes in the 3 streets surrounding the site 17Nov. Headteachers of Downs & Deal Parochial primary schools and 2nd Deal scout / guide group have been emailed seeking meeting / suggestions on how schools might like to be involved (following guidance from clerk).

DDC have agreed to allow us to operate a UNR at the site initially on a licence with a peppercorn rent of £1 per year, and will explore the possibilities of transferring the land over to WTC.

Recommendation:

To finalise the transfer of management of land behind 36 Churchill Avenue from DDC to WTC; to continue to engage with residents, schools and youth groups in vicinity so that a 'Churchill Avenue meadow community group' comes together in spring 2024.



Item: Budget 24/25 explanations.
Date: 16/11/23.
Meeting: Finance and General Purposes.
From: Cllr Jull and Roland Aldred.

Background information

Inflation

Inflation is currently running at 4.6% (CPI) and has been between 4.6-9.8% this year. Last year we WTC made some provision for inflation in its precept calculations which has offset any issues caused by inflation.

Attempting to guess where inflation will go and how long it will last is a fruitless exercise, however, we have attempted to build in some allowance for it, even though whatever is decided may be inadequate, it will at least offset some of the extra cost.

Activities

Due to the large number of new Councillors and the need to review activities spending has slowed this year vs previous years.

Other factors to consider

For 2023/24 the previous Clerk was able to negotiate with DDC to no longer support Marine Road Toilets which saved £14k in cost, the latest request from Dover District Council is to include Marine Road in the amount requested by Dover District Council. The F&GP committee has delegated the Chairman of the council and committee along with the Clerk to meet with DDC to discuss this. The amount of £14.5K has been removed from the budget and would have to be taken from reserves if members decided to adopt the budget but later decided to fund the Marine Road toilets.

A decision was taken for WTC to continue to work with local volunteers to improve the site at York and Albany Close.

Staffing

The HR committee has worked on a review of staffing levels. Currently WTC is running at 2.37 FTE. This has brought about the planned reduction in staffing costs.

Below are the explanation related to the budget (see over comments are vs previous years budget)

Expenditure

Administration – A decrease in overall budget this would be due to savings on meeting rooms and small savings on subscriptions and travel expenses.

Allotments – small increase due to increased costs for utilities for Campbell road.

Audit fees – small increase to allow for increase in costs.

Capital Expenditure – Removed from 24/25 as no planned capital expenditure.

Election expenses – Proposing £3k one quarter of a election cycle.

Events – increase of £2.5k to go toward additional activities at the Childrens festival.

Grant and Donations – No changes

Hawkshill – increase in budget of £4.7k for works relating to updated management plan.

Land Management – slight decrease due to removal of emergency works this will be covered by general reserves. An increase to the York and Albany budget has been proposed to allow for work to improve the area, Volunteers will continue with the day to day maintenance of the site.

Office premises – running cost of both offices included as WTC decides its plan for the future.

Professional and Legal – Increase in budget due to increasing IT costs.

Projects and Activities – increase of £22.7k. Major increase is in the budget for supporting the toilets with £15k being assigned to Marine Road which DDC have again asked us to support. Addition £6.3k increase in Toilets at Granville Road and Marke Wood (last year we took 2021/22 costs as budget for 2024/25 we have a confirmed cost). WIB has an increase of £700 for the year not having had an increase in budget for more than 5 years.

Publicity and Promotion – Increased by £500 under advertising and public consultations to cover the cost of one public consultation leaflet being distributed.

Staff salaries – Reduction of £10.1k savings in staff costs (£7k), payroll (£600) and training (£2.5k).

Stoney path – increase of £7k for planting.

Contingency – removed for 2024/25.

Climate Emergency - Increase of £6.5k. £2k for project at Churchill avenue, £4k for water refill stations, Swift boxes and Beebombs make up rest of increase.

Tree planting – Remove budget for 2024/25 saving £4k.

Income

Events – reduction due to not operating food festival and sports festival of £840.

EV points – estimated income of £500.

Recommendation of F&GP – To accept budget proposal for total budget of £251,535 and to recommend requesting a precept of £ 249,190.00 with the remainder of the budget being taken from unallocated funds. This would represent a 0% increase in Walmer residents council tax based on the new 24/25 tax base.

Heading	Sub heading	22/23	23/24			24/25 proposed	
		Actuals	Current YTD	Expected for balance of year	Total	Budget	Budget
Administration	General Office Costs	£14,906.77	£1,359.97	£795.00	£2,154.97	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
	Insurance	£2,188.47	£1,988.18	£0.00	£1,988.18	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	Allowances	£8,926.00	£0.00	£7,200.00	£7,200.00	£7,200.00	£7,200.00
	Travel exp	£114.47	£47.52	£150.00	£197.52	£500.00	£300.00
	Office Equip	£903.23	£814.22	£154.00	£968.22	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
	Civic Functions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
	Web	£35.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
	Telecoms	£1,638.56	£951.56	£825.00	£1,776.56	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
	Meeting Costs	£560.00	£193.50	£0.00	£193.50	£1,500.00	£0.00
	Subscriptions	£2,142.72	£1,884.67	£0.00	£1,884.67	£2,600.00	£2,300.00
	Bank Charges	£175.40	£94.10	£95.00	£189.10	£300.00	£250.00
Allotments	Campbell Road	£4,858.92	£141.83	£0.00	£141.83	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	Utilities	£269.59	£759.09	£200.00	£959.09	£600.00	£1,000.00
	Refunds	£407.29	£80.84	£100.00	£180.84	£0.00	£0.00
Audit Fees	Audit fees	£2,018.00	£120.00	£1,000.00	£1,120.00	£1,200.00	£1,300.00
Capital expenditure	Capital expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00
Election expenses	Election fees	£5,308.04	£9,040.88	£0.00	£9,040.88	£5,000	£3,000.00
Events	Childrens Festival	£3,150.22	£3,197.57	£240.00	£3,437.57	£3,500.00	£5,500.00
	Jubilee	£4,171.38	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Best of Kent	£100.00	£2,563.92	£0.00	£2,563.92	£2,500.00	£0.00
	Brocante	£1,960.26	£2,213.91	£100.00	£2,313.91	£2,500.00	£3,500.00
	Christmas carols/ event	£1,719.00	£0.00	£1,775.00	£1,775.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
	Sport Spectacular	£100.00	£1,135.18	£0.00	£1,135.18	£2,000.00	£0.00
	Replacement event 2024 (NEW)		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
	Events general	£1,495.48	£61.51	£0.00	£61.51	£0.00	£500.00
Grants and Donations	General Grants	£2,585.30	£800.00	£1,500.00	£2,300.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
	Green Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
	Capital Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hawkshill	Hawkshill Management plan	£7,777.97	£0.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,800.00	£13,500.00
Land Management	Drill Field/access road/ lighting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	York and Albany	£1,400.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£2,000.00
	Emergency works (trees, hedges ect)	£1,220.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
	MUGA	£2,401.90	£1,282.50	£0.00	£1,282.50	£1,300.00	£1,350.00
Office Premises	Maintenance No 8	£0.00	£0.00	£700.00	£700.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Running Costs No 8	£6,611.81	£5,119.69	£1,825.00	£6,944.69	£0.00	£8,000.00
	Maintenance No 62	£7,925.10	£66.66	£1,000.00	£1,066.66	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
	Running Costs No 62	£1,408.66	£1,469.11	£1,236.00	£2,705.11	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
	PWLB	£15,126.80	£15,126.80	£0.00	£15,126.80	£15,130.00	£15,130.00
Professional and Legal	Legal fees - General	£900.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	HR	£410.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
	IT	£3,131.62	£573.00	£3,170.00	£3,743.00	£1,950.00	£4,000.00
Projects and Activities	Walmer in Bloom	£4,286.14	£5,597.66	£0.00	£5,597.66	£4,700.00	£5,400.00
	A&E (highways improvements)	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00
	DDC Toilets	£34,814.93	£0.00	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£24,000.00
	Volunteer Warden	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	New project	£3,971.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Publicity and Promotion	Newsletter fees (public Consult)	£1,771.50	£172.00	£200.00	£372.00	£1,000.00	£1,500.00
	Noticeboard refurbishment	£762.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Staff Salaries	Salaries and Pension	£122,525.11	£75,331.75	£29,918.00	£105,249.75	£100,000.00	£93,000.00
	Training staff/cilrs	£1,736.41	£527.65	£300.00	£827.65	£5,000.00	£2,500.00
	Payroll processing	£739.70	£480.74	£332.00	£812.74	£600.00	£0.00
Stony Path	Convert into Allotment	£4,350.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£2,000.00	£9,000.00
Contingency	Contingency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,000.00	£0.00
Climate emergency	Beebombs	£148.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£287.00	£425.00
	Thermal Camera	£870.05	£102.60	£0.00	£102.60	£100.00	£110.00
	Swift boxes (NEW)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£440.00
	Water Refill Stations (NEW)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00
	Churchill Avenue (NEW)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
	Canada road EV	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tree planting*	Tree planting	£1,200.88	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00
Total		£290,224.18	£133,298.61	£90,065.00	£223,363.61	£257,717.00	£254,155.00

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Income		22/23 Actuals	23/24 YTD	Projected 23/24	24/25 Forecast
Bank Interest		£1,065.58	£1,945.41	£4,445.00	£4,000.00
Events	Childrens	£800.00	£314.10	£314.10	£300.00
	Brocante	£5,503.61	£5,607.20	£5,607.20	£5,600.00
	Best of Kent	£2,700.00	£680.00	£680.00	£0.00
	Carols on The Green	£500.00		£0.00	£0.00
	Sports	£0.00	£160.00	£160.00	£0.00
	Jubilee	£1,031.22		£0.00	£0.00
Allotments	Allotments	£3,370.96	£5.00	£2,640.00	£2,640.00
Drill field	Drill Field rent	£873.48		£890.95	£1,000.00
Hawkshill	Wayleave	£80.11	£0.00	£80.11	£80.00
EV Point	EV income	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	£500.00
Grants & Donations	Received Grants	£90.34		£600.00	£500.00
Total		£16,015.30	£8,711.71	£15,667.36	£14,620.00

Projected Budget £239,535.00

* Tree planting for 24/25 to be carried out at Stony path and Churchill Ave budgets for this are shown in the respective columns



Item: Deal Walmer & Kingsdown Regatta
Date: 12th December 2023
Meeting: Full Council Meeting 10th January 2024
From: Roland Aldred

A meeting was held with John and Rosie Trickey from the Deal Carnival Association at 62 The Strand on 12th December 23. Roland Aldred and Lynne Simmons were both present.

At the meeting John Trickey explained that he is keen to re-build ties with Walmer Town Council and would welcome the return of Walmer Town Council's involvement in the annual Teddy Bears Picnic which will take place on Saturday 20th July 2024 (1.30pm to 5.30pm) as part of the Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Regatta week.

Prior to the COVID19 pandemic this event had always been supported by Walmer Town Council as below:

- The event was opened by the Walmer Town Council Chairman.
- Volunteers from the Council manned the stalls (approx. 5 of them).
- Judging of the event winners.
- Display banners crediting Walmer Town Council for supporting the event.

Walmer Town Council has not been involved with this event since the pandemic and John has now asked whether we would once again wish to participate in this annual children's event once again and would be grateful for a similar level of support as above.

We understand a grant application from the Regatta Association for 2024 may be put forward at a later date.

The Regatta list of events planned for 2026 was also discussed and provisional dates were shared by John. In 2026 the Regatta will celebrate its 200th anniversary and is also the 30th anniversary of the Royal Marines leaving Deal. It will also tie in with the National Schools Association Sailing Regatta which is being hosted by The Downs Sailing club. Walmer Town Council has been asked to consider if we wish to run an event during this time. This will be put forward to the next meeting of the Events committee in January 24.

Members to decide if they wish to support the annual Teddy Bears Picnic event as above.



Item: Pop up Surgeries.
 Date: 21/12/23.
 Meeting: January Full Council.
 From: Cllr L Ludwig.

Following on from initial scoping we would like to arrange 2-3 pop up surgeries at venues in Walmer for 2024.

It will take some negotiation and coordination with potential venues and we will need to set dates that suit them and then publicise and ensure all members are given the opportunity to attend if they wish.

The weather and accommodation size will effect dates chosen, but to date the following premises have expressed interests in allowing our flag and in some cases, where they have it, publicising the events on their own social media platforms.

Jane's Bakery
 The Corner Cafe
 The Sea Cafe

Proposal – to delegate responsibility to the Public Engagement Working Group to organise dates and promotional literature for the Clerk to review for pop up surgeries and to invite all members of Walmer Town Council to attend said surgeries.

Members to decide



Item: Future of the Walmer Town Council offices.

Date: 11/11/23.

Meeting: January Full Council.

From: Cllr Bond.

Walmer Town Council Accommodation – The Future

CURRENT SITUATION

8 The Strand

- The office is suitable for meetings but unsuitable to accommodate both meetings and 3 to 4 staff with associated office equipment.
- There is only 5 years left of the lease.
- Unknown factor to consider is whether the council will be able to renew and if it is possible for how long and at what terms.

62 The Strand

- Unsuitable for public meetings.
- Suitable for an office for 3 people but does not allow for any suitable expansion.
- No risk of evictions as premises owned.
- With the mortgage interest at a rate under 2% and inflation at 5% plus it is increasing the wealth of the town. This situation is likely to persist for the long term.

FUTURE

- Neither property fully meets the future needs of the Council
- The Council has less than 5 years use left of Number 8 for meetings if no action is taken or we are not able to renew the lease.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Do nothing for the next 3 ½ years and leave it to the new council.
2. Wait until it becomes clearer in 2025-26 as to whether councils will be merged by Central government.
3. Have A&E do a paper on the accommodation that is likely to be required for the next 15 years. The paper should ignore the financial implications at this stage because step 2 will be how to achieve the solution we need.

Members to decide