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Dated 27th February 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend the **COUNCIL MEETING** of **WALMER TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Wednesday 5th March 2025 Walmer Parish Hall, Dover Road, Walmer.**

At 7.30pm.

**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: -

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council, committees and sub committees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings. While those attending meetings are deemed to have consented to the filming, recording, or broadcasting of meetings, those exercising the rights to film, record and broadcast must respect the rights of other people attending under the Data Protection Act 1998. Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast any meeting of the Council or a committee is responsible for any claims or other liability from them so doing.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Update on various matters from the Chairman.

5. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of the 5th February 2025.

Attach 2

6. REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

To receive a report on the actions from the last meeting

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 DDC/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 December 4, 2024. Attach 3
- b. Finance & General Purposes – No minutes to report.
- c. Walmer in Bloom - Minutes from January 14, 2025. Attach 4
- d. Events Committee – No minutes to report.
- e. Planning Committee – minutes from January 8th, 2025. Attach 5
- f. Climate Emergency Working Group — No minutes to report.

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 and Environment from the meeting February 26th, 2025.
- b. Walmer in Bloom from the meeting held January 14, 2025.
- c. Planning Committee from the meeting held February 11th, 2025.

10. REPORT OF THE CLERK

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters received.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT

For noting:

- a. Bank balances. Attach 6
 - b. Monthly statement for February 2025.
- To decide
- c. Recommendation from A&E on increasing the 2025/26 budget for water testing kits. Attach 7

12. BIODIVERSITY GRANTS

Attach 8

To decide on recommendations from the Amenities and Environment Committee for the award of grants to:

- a. Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts.
- b. Marke Wood Gardeners

- 13. OUTDOOR GYM** Attach 9
To receive an update on the project.
- 14. LANDMARK CENTRE**
To receive a presentation from the trustees of the Landmark Centre.
- 15. CONFIDENTIAL TO BE HELD UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (admission to meetings) ACT 1960**
To move to a private session to hear matters of a confidential nature.
- 16. INSURANCE** ENC 1
To decide on quotes for insurance of the council.
- 17. LEGAL ADVICE** ENC 2
To receive legal advice and decide on next actions.
- 18. LANDMARK CENTRE**
To discuss the presentation from the Landmark Centre.
- 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
2nd Apr 2025 7.30pm.

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 they 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 their 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 5th February 2025 – 7 pm at The Baptist Church Hall, Kelvedon Road, Walmer.

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

Officer Present: Roland Aldred, Town Clerk

491. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Lee and Crockford offered apologies that were accepted.

492. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bond declared a VAOI in respect of item 494 as his wife may use the upgraded facilities at Tides for business purposes.

493. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

494. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Bond reported:

- i. That KCC had been unsuccessful in becoming one of the first tier of authorities to join the new devolved council structure. This was only announced today so we await further information. This means County Council elections will be held this year.
- ii. It is looking increasingly likely that Tides will remain open for tennis and sports hall bookings from March 2025 to January 2026.

495. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January 2025.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Eddy

For 12

Against 0

Abstain 1

496. REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

No reports given as items are covered elsewhere in the agenda.

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

- i. No members of the public were present.
- ii. No members of Dover District or Kent County Council had a report to give.

498. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

Cllr L Ludwig updated that although no specific reports for Walmer were made, there has been an increase in rogue traders in the area.

499. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

- i. To receive any reports and any agreed minutes as follows:
 - a. Amenities & Environment – No minutes to report.
 - b. Finance & General Purposes – from 27th November 2024.
 - c. Walmer in Bloom Minutes from 5th November 2024.
 - d. Events Committee – from 3rd December 2024.
 - e. Planning Committee – No minutes to report.
 - f. Climate Emergency Working Group — No minutes to report.

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

Proposed Cllr Friend

Seconded Cllr Grist

For 13

Against 0

Abstain 0

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

- a. Finance & General Purposes from the meeting held January 22 2025.
- b. Walmer in Bloom from the meeting held January 14 2025.
- c. Events Committee from the meeting held January 28 2025.

RESOLVED – To note

Proposed Cllr Eddy

Seconded Cllr Friend

For 13

Against 0

Abstain 0

500. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported:

- i. There has been an increased number of reports of dog fouling to the office in the last few weeks. Reports have been made to DDC.
- ii. The Notice board at St Saviours Church has fallen off. Work will be needed to repair the glass and to re-attach the board to the wall as the current board on which it was attached is rotten.

502. MEETING DATES

Members received a draft of meeting dates for 2025/26.

RESOLVED – To accept the draft dates subject to any reviews of dates if clashes occur with Deal Town Council.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr P Eddy

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

503. GRANTS

Members received recommendations from the Finance & General Purposes Committee in response to Grant requests from:

- i. The Deal Society

Application for a grant of £100 towards the printing of their leaflet advertising Heritage week.

RESOLVED – To approve the Grant.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Deal and Dover Tennis CIC

Application for £500 towards the cost of a free tennis lessons for children at Marke Wood scheme.

RESOLVED – To approve the Grant.

Proposed – Cllr Findley

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 2

- iii. Air Ambulance charity Kent, Sussex and Surrey

Application for £500 towards the operating costs of the Kent Air Ambulance

RESOLVED – To approve the Grant.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Friend

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

504. OUTDOOR GYM

Members received a Gantt Chart of the proposed target timescale for the project. It was noted that as a lot of the items on the project are outside of Walmer Town Council's control these may require adjustment as the project progresses. Members received a verbal report from Cllr L Ludwig into the project and work undertaken by the working group.

RESOLVED – To approve the spending of £366 to Dover District Council, to allow the licence to be prepared for Walmer Town Council to review.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Blackwell

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

505. DDC TOILETS

Members received a written report with an updated proposal from Dover District Council on the financial support requested for public toilets in Walmer.

RESOLVED – To agree to the latest proposal that does not include support for the toilets in Marine Road and agree that the Clerk can pay £23271.58

Proposed – Cllr Friend
Seconded – Cllr Richardson
For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

506. LOCAL RESILIENCE PLAN

Members received a written report from Cllr Waite-Gleave on the Local Resilience plans that the Kent Resilience Forum are championing.

Noted

507. CONFIDENTIAL TO BE HELD UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (admission to meetings) ACT 1960

RESOLVED – To move into a private session to discuss items of contractual or Human Resources nature.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 0

508. OFFICE FRONTAGE

Members received 4 quotations for painting of the front of the office.

RESOLVED – To agree to the quote from BT Decorating.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Jull

For 12 Against 0 Abstain 1

509. HR MATTERS

Members received a written report as requested at the last meeting on staff pay levels.

Noted

510. MARKE WOOD PLAYPARK PAYMENT TERMS

Members received a written report answering questions the Finance & General Purposes Committee has posed in risk levels of prepaying the financial support agreed for Marke Wood Play Park.

RESOLVED – To accept the option proposed by Dover District Council to pay 50% straight away and 50% midway through the build and to authorise the clerk to do so.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Blackwell

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 2

511. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th March 2025 – 7.30pm – Walmer Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.00 pm.

Signed: Date:



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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

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

Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

410. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lee, Simpson and Findley and were accepted.

411. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

412. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

413. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr Waite-Gleave.

Seconded by Cllr Blackwell.

For 7

Against 0

Abstain 0

414. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

Cllr L Ludwig reported that she has met with the appointed representatives of the Rugby Club. A recent e-mail has been received from the residents of the old church regarding parking issues and she will be picking these up with the Rugby Club.

415. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

416. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a verbal update from the Clerk on the priority items on the HIP.
- ii. Members raised no new items for consideration for the HIP

417. STONEY PATH

Members received a written report from the Clerk updating them on the Stoney Path project progress.

AGREED

To move forward creating a wildflower meadow with a path all the way around the outside of the area. Later trees may be added once ownership is progressed.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For 7 Against 0 Abstain 0

418. NOISE AT THE MUGA

Members received a written report as requested at the September meeting detailing the requirements and options in relation to noise of a MUGA.

AGREED

To ask Cllr L Ludwig to explore with the Rugby club possible uses of the MUGA.

Proposed – Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

For 7 Against 0 Abstain 0

419. UK PROSPERITY FUND

Members received a verbal report about the availability of funds for the UK Prosperity Fund.

AGREED

To contact the management of the fund and find out if there are funds available to support two water fountains on the toilets on the seafront.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 6 Against 1 Abstain 0

The meeting closed at 19.45

420. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Feb 26, 2025.

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Signature

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Date



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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 14th January 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm.

Present:

- Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)**
- Cllr D Richardson**
- Cllr P Ludwig**
- Cllr S Waite-Gleave**
- Mrs D Bogue**
- Miss A Late**

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

439. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received Cllr E Crockford, Cllr P Findley

440. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted

441. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with one minor change to Entry 345.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

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

None

443. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- I. The Brushcutting course was completed by six volunteers at Hawkshill Freedown.
- II. Information was given to volunteers on course regarding Health and Safety Reports, PPE and Servicing of the tools. Cllr P Ludwig and Admin to review and put processes in place.
- III. Chair submitted article to local press praising the volunteers at Hawkshill Freedown.

444. ADMIN REPORT

- I. **NOTED:** Report has been forwarded to the committee members.
- II. Admin to confirm the date of the removal of the green waste from the Walmer Peace Gardens.
- III. Chain replacements for WIB baskets forwarded to committee members.
RESOLVED: Chain replacement to go ahead immediately.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

445. CHANGE OF NAME FOR COMMITTEE

- I. **RESOLVED:** The current name for the Walmer In Bloom committee will not be changed
Proposed by: Cllr Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

446. HAWKSHILL

- I. **RESOLVED:** That a woodland path will not be installed at Hawkshill Freedown due to the following reasons
 - Hawkshill is a conservation area
 - The preservation of the wildlife corridor with the increase of development is even more important.
 Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

447. TRAINING COURSES

- I. A training course regarding dry and living hedge planting has been suggested, Cllrs L and P Ludwig to confirm.
- II. Any further ideas to be brought to following meetings.

448. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- I. An update regarding the peace gardens was received from Mrs D Bogue.
 - a. The new header was received by the WPG committee for the notice board.
- II. Compost bins are no longer required by the peace gardens.

449. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2024

FLORAL DISPLAYS

- I. To confirm quotes from Youngs and Chapmans.
RESOLVED: The quote from Young's Nursery to be accepted for the WIB campaign 2025
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- II. **RESOLVED:** The quote from Chapman Landscape to be accepted for the WIB campaign 2025
Proposed by: Cllr Richardson
Seconded by: P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

- III. Councillors to consider if they have any ideas, otherwise Youngs to be asked for flower types.

KEY ACTIVITY DATES

- I. **Noted:** Changes to be made to key activity days through March to May

SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- I. **RESOLVED:** A letter written by Cllr Richardson with a template for an entry form will be forwarded to the local schools. Four winners- two from each school will be decided on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

WIB PRESENTATION

- I. Cllr Richardson and Admin to research costs for presentation possibilities at Walmer Castle and Sea Scout Hut.

450. SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

- I. **RESOLVED:** Chair and Admin to look into each of the possible categories for SSEIB.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 1

- II. Admin to contact RHS Judge regarding Walmer In Bloom.

451. MEETING DATES

- I. **RESOLVED:** Dates confirmed and meetings to be moved to 17:30
Proposed by: Cllr Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

452. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- I. Colours for the WIB Campaign

453. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 17:30

The meeting closed at 20:30

Signed _____

Dated _____



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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 8th January 2025 at 7.00pm at Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Present: Councillors:
Cllr J Murray (Chair)
Cllr R Blackwell
Cllr T Grist
Cllr T Bond

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

430. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

431. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted

432. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

433. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Resolved- Noted

434. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

- i. **Proposed:** Cllr Grist
 - ii. **Seconded:** Cllr Murray
- For:4 Against:0 Abstain: 0

435. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None Received

436. PLANNING DECISIONS

24/01104	Trinity Homes St Clare Road Walmer Kent CT14 7PX	Grant Consent	No Objection	Reduce the height by a maximum of four metres, reduce the length of the north facing branch arising at height ten metres above ground level by a maximum of 2.5 metres, reduce the length of the north facing branch arising at height twelve metres above ground level by a maximum of 2.5 metres and reduce the length of the south facing branch arising at height eight metres by a maximum of 1.5 metres of one Corsican Pine (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 8 of 1993.
24/01090	25 Archery Square Walmer CT14 7JA	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of raised rear terrace with insertion of french doors.
23/01377	Walmer Lawn Tennis And Croquet Club Pavilion Archery Square Walmer Kent CT14 7HP	Grant Planning Permission	No Comment- Walmer Town Council is unable to comment due to insufficient information based on a surprising lack of a Heritage statement for a proposed building within a conservation area.	Erection of single storey clubhouse with canopy linking to existing changing rooms (existing clubhouse to be replaced) and alterations to materials of existing changing rooms roof (re-advertised further to receipt of tree survey)
24/01014	8 Greenacre Drive Walmer CT14 7UQ	Grant Consent	Objection- Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. The tree in question is not damaged or diseased and under threat of dying. ii. Leaf drop is not a reason to cut down a healthy tree	Fell one Horse chestnut the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965.
24/01183	25 Granville Road Walmer Deal CT14 7LQ	Grant Consent	Objection- The proposed reduction on a healthy tree will needlessly damage the tree and will change tree into a virtual stump which will alter and damage the visual aspect of the street.	Crown reduce back to previous reduction points of one Sycamore (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.

437. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

I. **DOV/24/01284- 10 Belmont, Walmer, CT14 7QU**

Cut back selected limbs to give 2 metres clearance from building of one Silver Birch the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 18 of 2009.

Resolved: No Objection .

Proposed: Cllr Bond

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

II. **DOV/24/01206- Castle Cottage 30 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AB**

Erection of single storey side, rear link and rear extensions, associated external alterations, and new pedestrian access (existing outbuildings to be demolished)

Resolved: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Grist

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

III. **DOV/24/01297- 120 Dover Road, Walmer, CT14 7HT**

Re-pollard to a height level with the smallest tree of nine Limes the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2013.

Resolved: Objection- Walmer Town Council strongly opposes the proposed pruning of eight Lime trees at 120 Dover Rd, Walmer [planning application 24/01297] on the following grounds.

- If carried out the proposed work would needlessly reduce the height of the trees to an unacceptable level.
- A reason given for the pruning is that in summer the trees reduce the natural light available to rooms fronting the building.
- According to the approved plans the majority of the rooms on this frontage are bedrooms with one identified as a cinema.
- There are according to the approved plans only two ground floor rooms which may have reduced natural light.
- This appears to make the reason given for the application {that natural light would be improved} pointless and inaccurate because if the building was constructed according to the original plans the remaining trees would still reduce natural light to the ground floor. – not enough grounds to significantly lower the height of eight TPO protected trees at a time of environmental concern.
- Paragraphs 3 4 5 and 6 of the original planning approval notice all stress the importance of the trees to the local environment.

In addition Paragraph 7 of this notice reminds us of the importance placed upon these trees by the DDC Planning Authority.

7. Existing trees, shrubs and hedgerows identified for retention within the development site or existing trees growing on an adjacent site, where excavations, changes to land levels or underground works are within the crown spread, shall be protected in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 using the following protective fence specification:

· Chestnut paling fence 1.2m in height, to BS 1722 part 4, securely mounted on 1.7m x 7cm x 7.5cm timber posts driven firmly into the ground. The fence shall be erected below the outer most limit of the branch spread or at a distance equal to half the height of the tree, whichever is the furthest from the tree, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

· The protective fencing shall be erected before the works hereby approved or any site clearance work commences, and shall thereafter be maintained until the development has been completed.

· At no time during the site works shall building materials, machinery, waste, chemicals, stored or piled soil, fires or vehicles be allowed within the protective fenced area. · Nothing shall be attached or fixed to any part of a retained tree and it should not be used as an anchor point.

· There shall be no change in the original soil level, nor trenches excavated within the protective fenced area.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the area and to adequately integrate the development into the environment.

As part of Walmer Town Councils work to improve the environment and reduce the effects of vehicle emissions along the busy Dover Rd this council has invested significant funds in planting trees along the Dover Rd.

If approved this application would set this work back.

Proposed: Cllr Bond

Seconded: Cllr Grist

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. DOV/24/01317- 272 Dover Road CT14 7NP

Erection of two storey and first floor rear extensions with alterations to windows and doors

Resolved: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Grist

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

438. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th February 2025 @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 19.25

Signed Dated

Bank Balances as at 26/02/25

Charity Bank	£100,000.00
Redwood bank	£100,000.00
Unity Trust current	£39,007.24
Unity Trust Deposit	£55,600.14
Total	£294,607.38



Item: Water testing Kits.

Date: 13/02/25.

Meeting: Amenities and Environment Feb 2025.

From: Roland Aldred.

The January meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group reviewed available Water testing kits. It was previously agreed as part of the budget agreement to allocate £500 toward purchase of water testing kits for use on sea at Walmer.

Following a review of available kits, a suitable kit that was accredited was selected. The cost of these kits would be £840, therefore the Climate Emergency working Group recommends increasing the 2025/26 budget for Water Testing Kits from £500 to £840 with the additional £340 coming from unallocated reserves. The additional money will allow us to purchase approved testing kits.

Recommendation of Amenities and Environment
To increase the budget to £840.

Options

1. To recommend increase in budget to £840 to Full Council.
2. To make no changes and request that Climate Emergency Working Group seek an alternative solution within the £500 set budget.

Members to decide

The following applications have been reviewed by the Climate Emergency Working Group and the Amenities and Environment Committee

Applications for a Biodiversity Grant

Applicant	Details of project	Amount applied for	Relevant Documentation provided	A&E recommendation
Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts	To provide 9 new nesting boxes and information leaflets on swifts	£473.79	Yes	To approve £473.79
Marke Wood Gardners	To provide new plants in Marke Wood	£304.85	Yes	To approve £304.85



Project Scope Document

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Project Leaders	Cllr Louise Ludwig, Cllr Paul Ludwig, Cllr Diana Richardson
Project Aims & Key Deliverables	
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Project Benefits	
<p>The following are all benefits arising from this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will encourage and promote the numerous health benefits of physical activity. • It will improve fitness and mobility across the local community as well as creating opportunities for social interaction, thereby having a positive impact on mental well being. • It will be free to all users. No membership fees required, providing a cost effective alternative to the traditional indoor gym business model, and will remove the financial barrier to participation in sport. • It will contain equipment suitable for all users and across all age groups, with particular consideration given to the provision of flexible equipment, suitable for use by disabled users, women and older age groups to widen the appeal of the gym concept, increasing participation in these key user groups. • It is designed for unsupervised use, so can be used at a time to suit all individuals as it remains accessible 24/7, 365 days of the year. • It will create additional facilities for local community clubs, and community organisations to use free of charge to complement their existing training programmes. • It will create additional facilities for social prescribers and others to offer innovative and new programmes to widen participation in sport in the community. • The proposed beach location close to existing popular facilities maximises accessibility, visibility and creates a recreational focal point for the local community. • It promotes being outdoors in the fresh air. Exercising outdoors allows people to connect with nature, whose busy schedules often prevent them from enjoying the outdoors. There are many benefits to exercising outdoors in the fresh air - it is proven to lower blood pressure, reduce stress and enable better sleep. 	

- It supports the UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines which state that adults should try to be active every day and aim to do at least 150 minutes of physical activity over a week through a variety of activities. It creates an additional no cost opportunity for residents to achieve these guidelines.

Project Scope

In Scope

- Installation of suitable base and flooring, including safe surface suitable for gym usage.
- Installation of equipment to support cardio, strength and cross training.
- Instruction/guidelines displayed for correct use of all equipment.
- Introductory training and taster sessions offered when gym opens.
- Ongoing maintenance of all installed equipment.
- Annual safety checks on all equipment.
- Ongoing promotion and advertising of the gym.
- Evaluation of impact post implementation, ongoing monitoring and review of usage.
- Assessment of future development needs to ensure community health continues to benefit and community engagement is maintained.

Out of Scope

- No organised ongoing schedule of classes or gym training will be offered directly by Walmer Town Council.
- No ongoing, onsite staffing of gym by Walmer Town Council.

Project Assumptions

DDC planning application will be approved.

DDC Licence to Use will be granted.

Final project plan will be approved by Walmer Town Council.

External funding grants are available and can be applied for to support project.

Continuing support from community stakeholders to ensure success.

Project Constraints

Time:

The pace at which the project is able to progress is dependant upon external organisations which may impact planned delivery timescales.

Weather and environmental factors may have a potential impact on timeline/ delivery of gym.

Cost:

Project funding remains dependant on securing sufficient external grant funding to deliver the vision.

Risks:

Beach location gives rise to potential for unknown issues beneath shingle on beach which may have time and /or financial impacts.

Resources:

Dedicated resources required from small office team to oversee and deliver project.

Quality:

Equipment is required to have sufficient protections against coastal erosion factors and be supplied with adequate warranties.



Walmer Beach Outdoor Gym DRAFT Funding Strategy

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Funding Required	
<p>Walmer Town Council has set aside £44k of council funds to support the development of this community facility, which is planned for delivery during the financial year 2025/26.</p> <p>Further funding from external organisations will be required to realise the full potential and benefits of this facility, particularly to support the purchase of the individual items of equipment needed to fully meet the needs of all community users.</p>	
Research	
<p>Research has been undertaken to explore opportunities for grant funding as well as other avenues open to public sector funding.</p> <p><u>Dover District Council</u> has been approached with regards to the availability of S106 funding and other potential sources of funding. A review of the planning paperwork for the Wellington Paddocks development suggests that there is an amount of £33.9k specified as a Developer Contribution re <i>"Outdoor Sports Contribution towards the costs of increasing the capacity of recreational sites within Deal"</i>.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled with the new DDC Principal for Playing Pitch and Outdoor Strategy (Grace Dennis) for Tuesday 4th March. The Outdoor Gym and S106 funding is on the agenda for this meeting along with other items.</p> <p>Discussions with the Community Development team at DDC are ongoing and will continue to fully explore all avenues.</p>	



KCC: Active Kent & Medway (formerly Kent Sport).

The appropriate fund for this project is the Capital Grant Scheme for Sport which grants support for developments to new or existing sports facilities. This fund is currently closed to applications. Kent Active have confirmed that it is currently closed whilst they await confirmation of new financial year budgets from KCC. They are expecting some budget from April 1st 2025 but are anticipating this to be heavily reduced. The average funding award from this fund has previously been circa £3k.

KCC: Kent 4 Community

We have signed up for access to an online search engine provided by KCC called GrantFinder.

An online search using this tool gives 18 potential results of which just 2 are a reasonable fit for this project. Many of the grant funding opportunities available are either too specific eg for communities within 10 miles of landfill sites or are aimed solely at voluntary and charitable sectors.

A search of the numerous grants listed on the Sports And Play Construction Association website revealed no new grant funding opportunities other than those already identified.

A search of find-government-grants.service.gov.uk database resulted in no relevant grant funding options.

A variety of online searches have been undertaken across multiple websites – over 50 sites have now been researched for grant funding. The results of these searches demonstrates that there are many opportunities for grant funding for charities, the voluntary sector and community groups. However, the grant funding options for Parish/Town Councils to support new sports facilities/ equipment appear to be limited.

Other Options

There are a number of organisations who for a fee (“no win no fee”) handle the grant funding process from cradle to grave eg 4Grants.co.uk. This has not been explored as an option at this time.

Crowdfunding also appears to be an increasingly mainstream way of fundraising. It is actively supported by Sport England and KCC, who have dedicated webpages and offer grant support for projects alongside crowdfunding. Sophie Ward (KCC Active Kent & Medway – Strategic Lead Partnerships & Community) has also advised that “Sport England (movement fund) are supporting capital projects, but at the moment the majority they are funding seem to be with a caveat of crowdfunding.”

Current Grant Funding Opportunities

Sport England – The Movement Fund

Launched in 2024 – offers crowdfunding pledges, grants and resources to improve physical activity opportunities for the people & communities who need it the most. If a project aligns with their priorities funding is available up to £15,000 per project.

Our project aligns well with their reported priorities, with a caveat of not being in the first quartile according to their Place Need Classification. However they also state projects are of particular interest if providing opportunities for groups facing barriers to activity (low incomes, disabled people, older people, those living with long term health conditions).

They also welcome projects which encourage positive experiences in physical activity, involve the community, prioritise environmental sustainability and are a good use of public money. Their Active Design principles fit well to our project in terms of location, accessibility and activity for all.



National Lottery Community Fund – Lottery Awards For All

Funding is available to deliver a new or existing activity, or to support organisations to change and adapt to new and future challenges. Projects should involve the community in the design, development and delivery of the activities planned.

Projects can be funded if they will do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities*
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities*
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage*
- support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.*

It's important to note the following statement with regards to the funding of sports projects:

“When we assess sports, arts and heritage projects, we’re looking for projects where the main aim is to strengthen your community in some way.

What we mean by strengthening your community:

We know most sports, arts and heritage projects are good for communities generally. But we’re looking for projects that do a little more. Maybe it helps the community with social isolation. Or the project might aim to move young people away from anti-social behaviour.”

Funding is available from £300 to £20,000.

National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities

Changes are expected to this funding from Spring 2025. As well as responding to what communities say is important to them, the funding will be re-focused on four key missions via their Missions Framework:

Communities Come Together,

Communities help children and young people thrive,

Communities are healthier,

Communities are environmentally sustainable

Funding is available for £20,001+ for larger projects. Applications are still open but the recommendation is to wait for detailed updated guidelines before submitting an application to ensure the project meets the revised priorities.

KCC: Combined Members Grants

For 2024/25 each County Councillor was awarded £3.6k as dedicated funds to support local community projects. The purchase of equipment and sports projects are listed as suitable activities for support. Further information is available on “Framing Kent’s Future”, the strategy which applications for grant funding should support and endorse.

There is no information publicly available at this point in time on the monetary value of allocated funding for 2025/26.

It is also worth noting that DDC have a similar scheme with District Councillors also having a smaller pot of funding available to award grants for community projects.

Summary

From the research undertaken to date, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that it is an extremely challenging market for the award of grant funding for sports facilities and equipment, other than to support grassed pitches or MUGA type facilities. The financial picture looks increasingly competitive with less funds available to meet demand from budgets, some of which are anticipated to reduce in 2025/26.

Many organisations are choosing to direct their available funding to local community groups, voluntary sector and charities only.

The national funding organisations such as Sport England and National Lottery are directing their funding to places and people who need it most, with a key theme of “strengthening communities” embedded throughout their strategies.

The “best fit” funding streams for this project are the Sport England Movement Fund and Lottery Awards for All. We can expect these funding streams to be highly competitive and as they are effectively both sourced from National Lottery funding, it may not be possible to achieve awards from both funds. We shall need to provide financial data to support our applications, and we should expect our financial position to be scrutinised as part of this process.

To maximise our chances of success of gaining an award from either of these funding streams, our applications will need to:

- Evidence demand and community involvement in the design and development process.
- Support the same key user groups and required outcomes which the funding prioritises.
- Demonstrate sustainability - provide evidence of how usage and impact will be monitored effectively.
- Address barriers around an established perception of outdoor gyms: of being under-used or not utilised by the target demographic.
- Identify a specific item(s) of gym equipment for each application which best fits the funding stream’s priorities and objectives.

To support a community partnership approach, the working party has developed a Community Involvement Action Plan which will shortly be underway. This plan includes many of the local groups who have already provided informal feedback on the initial outdoor gym concept and will also enable us to benchmark and learn lessons from other successful outdoor community gyms. It is also our intention to work in partnership with the Community Development team at DDC who should be able to provide key operational knowledge, support and links to local community groups.

S106 funding remains a separate key potential source of funding which needs to be pro-actively followed up.

The Kent Active Capital Grant Scheme for Sport, assuming it opens once again for applications from 1st April 2025, is another option for consideration, but is likely to achieve a relatively small funding award.

Consideration should also be given to approaching Walmer & Deal KCC County Councillors and DDC District Councillors to seek contributions from their dedicated funds following the targeted approach outlined above, to support us with the purchase of a specific item of equipment.

Consideration should also be given to approaching Deal Town Council to identify if they would be willing to contribute given the outdoor gym is likely to also benefit Deal residents, eg by purchasing a specific item of equipment for inclusion in the gym.

Consideration should also be given to a staged approach for the ongoing development of the gym, where additional equipment can be added at a later stage ie in future financial years. The viability of this approach can be dealt with in the Tender Specification which will be written shortly.