



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

62 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DP

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Dated this day 9th January 2025

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr P Findley, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson

Non-voting members: Mrs D Bogue, Miss A Late

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee to be held on Tuesday, 14th January 2025 at No 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

**Mr Roland Aldred
Town Clerk**

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024.

Attach 1

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

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- I. To Note: Verbal update from Chairman

6. ADMIN REPORT

- I. To Note: Update from admin regarding actions
 - a. Hanging Basket Quote Update

Attach 2
ENC 1

7. CHANGE OF NAME FOR COMMITTEE

- I. To consider a change of name for the Walmer In Bloom Committee

8. HAWKSHILL

- I. To discuss a suggestion to open up a woodland path.

Attach 3

9. TRAINING COURSES

- I. To discuss training courses for members/volunteers

10. WALMER PEACE GARDEN

- I. To receive an update from the WPG committee members
- II. Update on compost bin or waste removal requirements for WPG

Attach 4

11. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2025

- A) FLORAL DISPLAYS
To confirm quotes from Youngs and Chapmans.
- B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES
To note: Draft copy of the campaign key activity dates for 2025.
- C) SCHOOL AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES
To consider the school poster competition specifications
- D) WIB PRESENTATION
To discuss possibilities for the WIB Presentation

ENC 2

Attach 5

Attach 6

12. SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

- I. To confirm entry into SSEIB Competition.

Attach 7

13. MEETING DATES 2025/2026

- I. To agree on meeting dates for 2025/2026

Attach 8

14. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at 7pm



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing), Cllr D Richardson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr P Findley, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Mrs D Bogue, Miss A Late.

Officers present: J Miles (Administration Officer)

340. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received Cllr E Crockford

341. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

342. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with one minor change to Entry 272:1.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

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

None

344. ADMIN REPORT

I. **NOTED:** Report has been forwarded to the committee members.

II. Cllr L Ludwig to forward information regarding UK Prosperity Fund to other committee members.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

345. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

An update regarding the peace gardens was received from Mrs D Bogue.

I. Quote received from Red Dog Garden Services for the trimming of the hedges.

II. **RESOLVED:** Quote agreed on, admin to advise Red Dog to start as soon as possible.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by Cllr P Ludwig

For 5

Against 0

Abstain 0

III. Hedge cutting may need a tree shredder for use to dispose of hedge cuttings.

RESOLVED: To sanction the hiring of a shredder for 2 days for WPG to limit of £150, admin to contact Jayne Miles regarding possible funding.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by Cllr P Ludwig

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

IV. **RESOLVED:** To purchase a new header board for the Walmer Peace Garden Sign.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by Cllr Findley

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

346. HAWKSHILL

- I. **NOTED:** The ecological/ habitat management plan completed awaiting Cllr Ludwig foreword and acknowledgements before publishing.
- II. **NOTED:** Brush cutter course moved to January; one brush cutter will need to be replaced. Cllr Findlay to forward information about cutters used at Gazeau Salts for consideration.

347. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2024

- I. **NOTED:** Evaluation Plan distributed to members of the committee:
 - a. Possible expansion of the poster campaign with the addition of school entries into the flower competition.
 - b. Template for posters to be considered for ease of entry
 - c. Entries to be returned to the schools at end of competition
 - d. School Presentations to go ahead earlier than before.
 - e. Prizes to be considered closer to the time.
 - f. Several planters require guardians, St Saviours gardeners could be approached for help. Cllr Waite-Gleave to contact Volunteer service to see if they can find a volunteer
 - g. Walmer to enter South and South East in Bloom campaign in 2025.
 - h. Garden competition to have new criteria decided on before the next campaign
 - i. Format & venue of the presentation to be developed. Ideas include cream tea at Walmer castle and publicity at The Childrens Festival.
 - j. A member of the public has approached the committee to donate £100 for the purchase of a trophy in memory of a former entrant and winner of Walmer In Bloom categories.
- II. **NOTED:** Cllr Ludwig to liaise with Mr Chapman to fully understand state of repairs and cost of replacement chains and liaison with Youngs nurseries if appropriate about replacement containers bring back to next meeting.
- III. **NOTED:** As part of 347.I.

348. VOTE TO EXTEND MEETING FOR 10 MINUTES WAS TAKEN

- I. **RESOLVED:** Meeting extended
Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

349. BUDGET

- I. **RESOLVED:** Budget to be modified as requested and forwarded to F&GP.
Proposed by: Cllr Findley
Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

350. CHANGE OF NAME FOR COMMITTEE

- I. Deferred to January Meeting as first item on agenda.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

351. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

I. All issues for inclusion have been accepted for the next agenda.

352. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 19:00.

The Meeting closed at 21:15

Signed _____

Dated _____

DRAFT



Item: Walmer In Bloom Update Report

Date: 3rd January 2025

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

- I. The cutting of the hedges at WPG has been completed and the material removed, costs have been partially affrayed by the UKPF with the rest paid by the Walmer In Bloom Budget.
- II. Header Board for the sign has been received and Cllr L Ludwig has taken it to be mounted
- III. The management plan has been completed and posted on the WTC website.
- IV. One new brush cutter and assorted PPE for the Brushcutter course had been bought and the course will go ahead the weekend of the 11-12 Jan with a full group of six. The cost for the course has been taken in hand completely by the UKPF.
- V. The budget for Walmer in Bloom has been updated as requested and forwarded to F&GP for consideration.
- VI. Marking equipment was sourced and the tools for Hawkshill have now had markings added to ensure others know they belong to the council.
- VII. The press release regarding Hawkshill Freedown was sent out shortly before Christmas to the usual groups.
- VIII. The broken gas pipe identified at Hawkshill has been repaired.
- IX. Chain Replacements have been sourced and costs confirmed for a total of £1361.50, this is cheaper than attempts to acquire new baskets



Item: Hawkshill Pathways.

Date: 08/01/25.

Meeting: Walmer in Bloom January 2025.

From: Clerk .

A member of the public has approached the council offices regarding the opening up of Hawkshill by means of the creation of a woodland pathway/s. One or both of these pathways would be within the boundaries of the woodland, the upper would stretch most of the way from the entrance area and terminating at the car park at the end of Liverpool Road, the second would stretch from the car park most of the way down to the far end of the area owned by the council. See below map for areas.



Currently there are no access points in to the wooded area, the author of the request has asked these to be considered as there are no woodland pathways within Walmer for the residents to enjoy and that the land is publicly owned and therefore should be accessible. The counter point to this would be from a nature point of view that leaving the land to nature increases biodiversity and that any intrusion by people will have a negative effect on the levels of biodiversity on the land.

The paths would require cutting removal of vegetation to create pathways, these would also require maintenance going forward. Additionally stairways or ramps may need to be created to allow access to the woodland areas down the steep due to steep slopes.

In terms of accessing the new woodland walks thought would need to be given to any access point on the road for health and safety reasons.

Earlier management plans indicated that its author was against the inclusion of new woodland pathways, however there was nothing in the updated version to indicate their thoughts on the creation of new pathways.

WALMER PEACE GARDENS COMMITTEE

REPORT

3 January 2025

General maintenance continues.

The hedges and small trees around the perimeter have been professionally pruned and sympathetically reduced to a manageable size. Excellent work by Red Dog Garden Services carried out over 3 days. Some of the cuttings have been used as mulch, others to weave wattle fences. Hazel poles will be used as supports and for creative purposes within WPG. The rest will be taken to be recycled. We are very pleased with the result and our thanks go to Red Dog Garden Services who have been efficient and professional throughout.

In December, we received a kind donation of pre-loved tools.

Working days and committee meeting dates to be scheduled for the year.

D Bogue

WALMER IN BLOOM – KEY ACTIVITY DATES 2025

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| Members select summer planting colours and quantities | WIB Meeting-14 th January |
| Ensure that quotes are confirmed For Youngs and Chapman | WIB Meeting-14 th January |
| Confirm Final WIB Campaign colours | WIB Meeting-14 th January |
| Order Final Colours- Youngs and Chapman | By February 28th |
| SSEIB Application | By February 28th |
| Apply for use of lampposts to DDC and KCC | Early April |
| School Poster Competition runs for 5-6 weeks. | Mid Mar-End Apr |
| Ask Janine Doulton if she can attend | Mid-Late April |
| Final judging for Poster Competition. | Early May |
| Delivery of publicity flyers to shops, library etc/press release local media advertising Local Garden Competition. | Mid May |
| Floral displays mounted on lampposts along The Strand and on seafront. | Mid May |
| York and Albany Open Day (If Applicable) | Early June |
| St Saviour Exhibition Day (If Applicable) | Early May |
| Preliminary judging week commencing | Mid June |
| The Downs CE School & Parochial CE School presentation. | Mid June |
| Final judging- Janine Doulton | End June |
| Press Release – Local Garden Competition results. | End June |
| Floral displays taken down. | End September |



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WALMER IN BLOOM 2025 PUBLICITY IMAGE BRIEF

We are again looking for one strong image which can be incorporated into our publicity leaflet and used on certificates.

Artwork

Artwork should not be computer generated and should preclude the use of stencils. We are especially looking for the originality of a colourful design that the children themselves have created.

The artwork should be such that the image will work well in black or white or in full colour.

Strong borders/lines around the images make it easy to reproduce them in black and white and we test out the shortlist this way before making a decision on the winner.

Size

The image should be submitted on A4 size white paper and be in *portrait* format.

No text is required on the picture.

A template for the entry has been included with this brief

Age Groups

Years 1-3 (KS1)

Years 4-6 (KS2)

All children entering will receive a certificate, and a special prize will be awarded to the winning entrants in each age group from each school. The best image, irrespective of age group, will be selected for use on all publicity materials.

Name/Class/Age

Each entry should be clearly marked on the front with the name, age, class and school of the child.

If the class teacher is able to submit a class list (omitting any child away on the day) this would be very helpful as it is always difficult to decipher a few!

We do aim to get the names right and fully understand that the children and their parents want to have the names on their certificates spelt correctly. We also want to avoid children not receiving a certificate because there was no name on the entry.

Submission of entries

Entries need to be submitted to the Administration Officer, at the address shown on our letterhead, or emailed to info@walmercouncil.co.uk

All entries should be received by **Wednesday 30th April 2025**

WALMER IN BLOOM SCHOOLS POSTER COMPETITION 2025

Name:

Age:

Class:

School:





Item: South East In Bloom Entry Report

Date: 7th January 2025

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

1. Entries to the South and South East in Bloom campaign will need to be forwarded to the organisation by 29th February 2025
2. The categories and cost to enter consist of the following
 - a. Parish In Bloom-£60
 - b. Town 2- £175
 - c. Our community- £60

I would recommend continuing to enter the Parish In Bloom category for this year.

3. Assessments for the campaign will be held between 9 June and 11 July.

Draft list of Dates for Meetings (subject to change)

- Tuesday 20th May
- Tuesday 17th June
- Tuesday 15th July
- **(Tues 6th August- Depending on Presentation)**
- **(Tues 2nd September- Depending on Presentation)**
- Tuesday 11th November- New Budget
- Tuesday 13th January
- Tuesday 17th February
- Tuesday 18th March
- Tuesday 19th May

All to be held at 62 The Strand until further notice.