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Dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend the **COUNCIL MEETING** of **WALMER TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Walmer Parish Hall, Dover Road, Walmer.**  
**At 7.30pm.**

**Roland Aldred**  
**Town Clerk**

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#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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:

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| a. Amenities & Environment – No minutes to report.   |            |
| b. Finance & General Purposes – Minutes from 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025.                 | Attach 3   |
| c. Walmer in Bloom - Minutes from 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025 .                            | Attach 4   |
| d. Events Committee – minutes from 17 <sup>th</sup> June and 23 July, 2025.                | Attach 5+6 |
| e. Planning Committee – minutes from 10 <sup>th</sup> June and 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025. | Attach 7+8 |
| f. Climate Emergency Working Group — minutes from 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025.             | Attach 9   |

ii. To receive any comments about the draft minutes on Walmer Town Council's website. The following draft minutes are available on the website:

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| a. Finance & General Purposes – Minutes from 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025.       |  |
| b. Walmer in Bloom - Minutes from 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025 .                 |  |
| c. Events Committee – minutes from 20 <sup>th</sup> August , 2025.              |  |
| d. Planning Committee – minutes from 12 <sup>th</sup> August , 2025.            |  |
| e. Climate Emergency Working Group – minutes from 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025. |  |

**10. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters received.

**11. FINANCIAL REPORT**

For noting:

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| a. Bank balances.                          | Attach 10 |
| b. Committee budgets.                      | Attach 10 |
| c. Monthly statement for July/August 2025. | Attach 11 |

**12. GRANTS**

To decide on grant application from Cinque ports football club.

Attach 12

**13. OUTDOOR GYM**

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the outdoor gym project.

- 14. BANK ACCOUNTS** Attach 13  
To receive a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee on opening a new bank account.
- 15. DRILL FIELD ACCESS ROAD** ENC 1  
To receive a details and costs of potential solutions to the issues of access on the Drill field access road and to make a decision on next steps.
- 16. PRESS/MEDIA POLICY** Attach 14  
To note the press and media policy.
- 17. PROJECTOR** Attach 15  
To receive a recommendation from the Amenities and Environment Committee on the purchase of a projector.
- 18. PLAYING PITCH AND OUTDOOR SPORTS STRATEGY** Attach 16  
To make representations on Dover District Councils' Playing Field Strategy.
- 19. CHAIRMAN'S BADGE** Attach 17  
To receive a written proposal for the purchase of a Chairman's badge.
- 20. 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.
- 21. DRILL FIELD LEASE** ENC 2  
To decided on presented terms of the lease.  
a. Lease terms all members of the working party agree on.  
b. Lease term split decision Term 1.  
c. Lease term split decision Term 2.  
d. To agree to make changes and send to solicitor for checking before sending back to the rugby club.
- 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
1<sup>st</sup> October 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – 7.30 pm at Walmer Parish Hall, Dover Road, Walmer.**

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

**Officer Present:** Roland Aldred, Town Clerk

**126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr K Lee.

**127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**128. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

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

**129. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr T Bond reported:

- i. He had attended the Armed Forces Day memorial.
- ii. Along with the clerk had attended a meeting with Dover District Council as requested by the Council to discuss the outdoor gym project.

**130. MINUTES**

Members received the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Eddy

For 13

Against 0

Abstain 1

**131. REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The Clerk reported the AGAR had been submitted to the external auditor.

### 132. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

- i. No questions were posed from members of the public present.
  - ii. Cllrs M Paul sent in a report that the Clerk read out:
    - a) Cllr Paul confirmed that the committees he will sit on are Regulation, Kent Flood Risk and Water Management, Governance and Audit and Transport and Environment.
    - b) That he had attended a Flood Risk and Water management meeting and requested that both the EA and Southern Water attend and explain the brown flag status of the beach and suggested remedies.
    - c) That he was looking for suggestions for a £600 grant for a children's project.
    - d) That if any members of Walmer Town Council had any questions he would be happy to consider taking these to committee.
- Cllr C Vinson of Dover District Council was present and reported:
- a) There has been a cabinet reshuffle at DDC
  - b) The cabinet have voted to pause the parking strategy for review as it was felt the data used was not as complete as it should be.
  - c) DDC are carrying out a survey of Hackney Carriage (taxis). Members have all received a copy of the survey by e-mail.
  - d) There is no progress on the footpath on Dover Road that goes through the Pugin Church, KCC are still being chased to get this fixed.
  - e) Cllr Vinson answered questions on the recent notice on Marke Wood that it was an agreement to extend the lease and no part of Marke Wood was to be sold.

### 133. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

Cllr E Crockford reported that she had met with PC Bramble. On the subject of the vandalised bust stops, the culprits have been identified, and action is being taken. There is an additional pot of money available locally to deal with anti-social behaviour. There appears to be an increase in theft of pedal bikes in the area, one of which was caught on CCTV, but no report was made so no action could be taken. The Police are encouraging everyone to report any crime. The local constabulary has been tasked with increased visibility to that end they are looking to add 4 additional officers.

### 134. 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 – No minutes to report.
  - c. Walmer in Bloom - Minutes from 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.
  - d. Events Committee – minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.
  - e. Planning Committee – minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.
  - f. Climate Emergency Working Group — minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**RESOLVED** – To accept the minutes of the committees.

Proposed – Cllr A Friend

Seconded Cllr M Eddy

For 14

Against 0

Abstain 0

Cllr L Ludwig reported that the Walmer in Bloom nominations had now closed, and a test of the voting system had been sent out to all members, she asked that members use the test system and pass back any feedback they had. Cllr L Ludwig also reported that the South East in Bloom judge had visited for judging, there were positive comments made, and we await the outcome of the judging.

- ii. To receive any comments about the draft minutes of meetings taken place since the last council meeting.
  - a. Planning – minutes from May 13, 2025.
  - b. Walmer in Bloom - Minutes from 25th June, 2025.
  - c. Events Committee – minutes from 17th June, 2025.
  - d. Planning Committee – minutes from 10th June, 2025.
  - e. Climate Emergency Working Group — minutes from 16th June 2025.

**RESOLVED** – To note

Proposed Cllr A Friend

Seconded Cllr M Eddy

For 14

Against 0

Abstain 0

### 135. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk reported:

- i. The Children's Festival is on this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, last year we had 9 organisations attending this year we have more than 20.
- ii. That along with Cllr S Waite-Gleave he had attended an EGM of KALC to discuss devolution. At this stage nothing is confirmed but in November the 12 Districts, County and Medway unitary will make submissions for what they believe the best make up for the new unitary councils will be. This is likely to include "Shadow Elections" in 2027 where the current district councillors will be asked to serve for one more year without elections and in 2027 voting will be for the unitary members who for one year will shadow the current administration while putting together the plans to take over from 2028.
- iii. The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with Town/Parish Councils and Dover District Council on devolution. Little new information was available at this time. The next major landmark is November where the plans for the makeup of the new Unitary Councils need to be delivered. To meet this target as required tenders are being reviewed to appoint an auditor to review the makeup of the new Unitary Councils.

### 136. FINANCIAL REPORT

- i. Monthly bank balances.

Members received the bank balances

Bank Balances as at 30/05/25

Charity Bank	£100,000.00
Redwood bank	£100,000.00
Unity Trust current	£48,909.18
Unity Trust Deposit	£238,121.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>£487,030.85</b>

## ii. Monthly Finance report

Members received the May2025 monthly financial report.

Payments			Receipts		
Who	For	Amount	Who	For	Amount
British Gas	Gas	£ 32.05	Eventbrite	Brocante Payments	£36.09
Red Dog	Hawkshill fence repair	£ 220.00	Eventbrite	Brocante Payments	£36.10
Red Dog	Stony path cutting	£ 525.00	KC's Confectionary	Pitch at Children's festival	£50.00
APEX	Office Cleaning	£ 160.00	Eventbrite	Brocante Payments	£6.76
East Malling Trust	Training	£ 215.00			
White Cliffs	WIB Trophy	£ 110.00			
HFE signs	WIB banners	£ 310.49			
British Gas	Electricity	£ 71.10			
Scottish Water	Water	£ 76.15			
Interactive Entertainment	Circus skills for Childrens festival	£ 504.00			
Mr P Ludwig	WIB and hawkshills expenses	£ 140.40			
Mitec	Telephone and internet	£ 124.80			
SWCAA	Allotment membership	£ 5.00			
HFE signs	WIB corrugated signs	£ 106.81			
Scottish Water	Allotment water	£ 233.81			
Bank charge	Bank charge	£ 3.00			
Walmer Churches	Notice board overpayment refund	£ 110.00			
Viking	Stationary	£ 7.14			
HMRC	income tax	£ 1,828.35			
KCC	WIB fee for hanging baskets	£ 41.00			
Viking	Stationary	£ 71.27			
Junk Orchestra	Fee for children's festival	£ 895.00			
Staff	Wages	£ 5,554.52			
KCC	Pension	£ 2,260.71			
Unity	Bank charge	£ 1.00			
Unity	Bank charge	£ 11.55			
DDC	Pre planning advice	£ 87.50			
Easily	SSC certificate	£ 14.51			
Baker Ross	Pebbles for Children's festival	£ 115.67	Total		£128.95
Décor Discount	Paint	£ 40.49			
WH Smiths	Voucher Prizes for WIB	£ 40.00			
B and Q	Electric bushcutter for hawkshill	£ 299.99			
Total		£14,216.31			

Last year

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

Proposed Cllr M Eddy

Seconded Cllr A Friend

For 14

Against 0

Abstain 0

### 137. GRANTS FOR BANDSTAND CONCERT

Members received a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The recommendation is to approve delegation to the Clerk, and Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes committee to decide on grant applications for the Royal Marines Association to feed bandsmen and volunteers at the Royal Marines memorial concert. This would be set to a maximum of the level of the small grant for future applications.

**RESOLVED** – To agree recommendation

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For 14

Against 0

Abstain 0

### 138. OUTDOOR GYM

Member received a verbal report from Cllr T Bond on the meeting the Chairman and Clerk attended at Dover District Council about the amendments in policy that meant Walmer Town Council would now have to pay a rental amount of £2-£3k per year for the siting of the outdoor gym. A meeting was requested with the Leader of Dover District Council, who set up a meeting with 2 senior officers to discuss the issue. Dover District Council's position during the meeting is that Walmer Town Council would have to pay a rent and that up to 50% of this rent could be returned under a grant, this would have to be applied



for every year but could be agreed for up to 5 years after this a new agreement would need to be made.

The members of Walmer Town Council were disappointed to hear the position of Dover District Council on this subject. Members felt that an exception could be made in the case of the Town Council providing a service which also fits in with the district's strategy at no cost to the district.

**RESOLVED** – To move forward with the planning application and ask our local District Councillors to pick up the idea of an exception.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 14                  Against 0                  Abstain 0

### **139. TOWN AND PARISH CHARTER**

Members received a copy of the Town and Parish Charter for review.

**RESOLVED** – Members support the Town and Parish Charter and asked the Clerk to convey this as a comment.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For 14                  Against 0                  Abstain 0

### **140. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION**

Members received a written FROM Cllr S Waite-Gleave on a proposal to take to KALC asking KALC to support the idea of 4 Unitary Councils rather than 3. Members noted that the process felt like it was moving at a pace and due to submissions still be discussed and prepared that they did not have all the information.

**RESOLVED** – To agree to Cllr S Waite-Gleave sending the proposal to Dover area KALC for discussion and should it be accepted taking this further to the KALC AGM in November

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr J Murray

For 7                  Against 3                  Abstain 4

### **141. CONFIDENTIAL TO BE HELD UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (admission to meetings)**

#### **ACT 1960**

To move in to a confidential session.

**RESOLVED** – To move in to a confidential session.

Proposed – Cllr A Friend

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For – 14                  Against – 0                  Abstain - 0

### **142. DRILL FIELD LEASE**

Members received written review of the proposed new lease.

**RESOLVED** – To ask members to take away the proposed lease and review terms and make any comments by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to the Clerk. The Clerk will set a new meeting of working party including Cllr L Ludwig to review the comments.

Proposed – Cllr T Bond

Seconded – Cllr A Friend

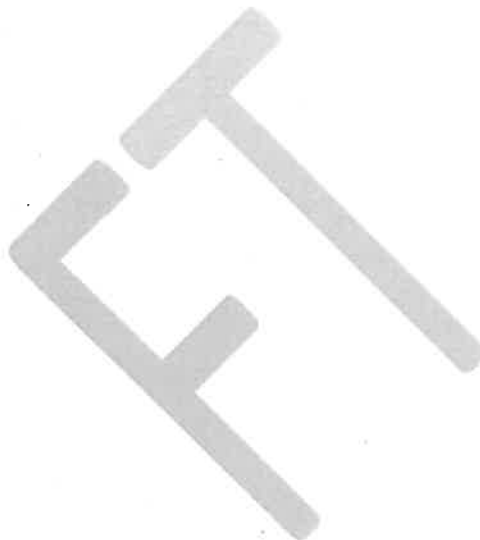
For – 13                  Against – 1                  Abstain - 0

**142. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed: ..... Date: .....





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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer**

**Present:** Cllr P Jull, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr A Friend, Cllr P Findley and Cllr L Ludwig (ex officio).

**Officer(s)** Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

### 660. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Murray, Richardson, Waite-Gleave, Lee and Eddy offered apologies that were accepted.

### 661. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr M Simpson declared a OSI in regard to item 667 i.

### 662. 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.

### 663. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 were received.

**RESOLVED** – To accept to minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 5

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

### 664. COUNCIL FINANCE UPDATES.

- i. To receive an update on the 2024/25 financial position vs the budget vs 2023/24 financial position for the councils spend.

- ii. To note the bank reconciliation up to 30/04/24

**RESOLVED** – To note the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr Simpson

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

### 665. GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Members heard an application for a small grant from a representative of:

- i. Deal Branch RMA – To support the feeding of the bandsmen and volunteers for the memorial concert

- ii. Deal Community Carnival Association – To provide entertainment and treats at the Teddy Bears Picnic.  
Members received a grant application from
- iii. 2235 Deal Squadron Air Cadets – To purchase 2 new laptops for professional training of young people.

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

Members voted to move into a private discussion to allow members to discuss the awarding of the grants.

**RESOLVED** – To move to a private session

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Jull

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

**667. GRANTS.**

Members considered the grant applications from item 665

Cllr Simpson left the room

- i. Deal branch RMA

**RESOLVED** – To recommend to Full Council to award a grant of the requested £500

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Friend

For - 5

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

Cllr M Simpson returned

- ii. Deal Community Carnival Association

**RESOLVED** – To recommend to Full Council to award the requested grant of £600.

Proposed – Cllr Findley

Seconded – Cllr Friend

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

- iii. 2235 Deal Squadron Air Cadets

**RESOLVED** – To recommend to Full Council to award the requested grant of £329.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

Members requested the clerk prepare a paper for Full Council in July to recommend giving the Clerk in agreement with the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes committee delegated power to decide on applications from the RMA for food for the bandsmen and volunteers as the grant is applied for annually.

**RESOLVED** - To ask the Clerk to prepare a paper of recommendation to the Council.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Findley

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

**668. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

July 24, 2025

**The meeting ended at 19.25.**

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**Chairman:**

**Date:**



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**Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 6.00 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)

Cllr P Ludwig

Cllr D Richardson

Cllr S Waite Gleave

**Guest:** Mrs S Wilks

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

**104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford, Mrs D Bogue and Miss A Late.

**105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted.

**106. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with minor changes to 47.I and 48.B.II

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

**107. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER**

None.

**108. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- I. Chairman informed the committee that the South and South East In Bloom judging was completed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. RHS judge Barty Meredith-Hardy was escorted around by Cllrs L and P Ludwig and Admin. Mrs S Wilks assisted during the tour of the Rose Garden at Marke Woods, Mrs D Bogue also assisted during the tour of the Walmer Peace Garden. A short tour of Hawkshill was also conducted informing the judge of some of the local discoveries including Pyramidal Orchids. An information pack was put together by Cllr L Ludwig and Admin for the judge.

**109. ADMIN REPORT**

- I. **NOTED:** Committee was given an update of actions from the last meeting. A query was made about gaining an information board for the Mark Wood Volunteers similar to that obtained for the Walmer Peace Gardens.

- **Actions:** Admin to contact DDC regarding information boards and permissions to install at Marke Wood.

## 110. CAMPAIGN 2024

### A. WIB CAMPAIGN

- I. The final SSEIB competition results should be available during September.
- II. **RESOLVED** – Admin to produce a poster/advertisement for volunteers with the tag line ‘Can you keep Walmer In Bloom?’, to include photos and a way to sign up. Admin to have them completed and ready by the Children’s Festival on 5th July and to put on the website.

Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

Ripplevale School to be contacted to find out if they are able to replace any of the planters this year.

- **Actions:** Admin to contact Ripplevale School to find out if they are in a position to produce new planters this term.
  - Admin to create poster as above.
  - Cllr Waite Gleave to meet with Mrs S Wilkes regarding the Upper Walmer/Grams Road planter, to catalogue any repairs and repainting that may be needed.
- III. New plants are needed for the council planters, it has been noted that they would need to be pollinator friendly, drought friendly and perennial if possible
    - **Actions:** Members to research the best suited plants for the planters, those they would like to see that come into the categories of pollinator friendly, drought friendly and perennial.  
Chairman to make contact with Jackie Young of Young’s Nurseries, about the available types of suitable plants.
  - IV. Committee was updated by admin regarding the current nominations for the WIB campaign.
    - **Actions:** Admin to put out press release online and website.  
Admin to send list of 2024 nominations to members.  
Cllr L Ludwig to complete required photo list for nominations.  
Admin to produce more photos and forms for Cllr L Ludwig to deliver to nominees.  
Admin to confirm who has been approached by those nominating and those that have not.  
Admin to print out photos of all 2025 nominations for sorting into potential new categories.
      - Small Display
      - Large display
      - Non-Residential
      - Wildlife Friendly Display
      - Hanging Baskets
- Admin to set up categories on website for photos for voting.  
Admin to set up voting form on website.

Cllr Waite Gleave left the meeting at this point.

- V. Ways to contact nominees was mentioned in 110.A.IV

### B. WIB PRESENTATION

- I. Members were presented with the draft certificate for the Garden competition winners.

Resolved: Changes to be made to the certificate before printing, all winners will receive one certificate, the overall winner will also be awarded the new shield.

**RESOLVED** – Certificate to be redesigned and completed before the end of the judging period.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Admin to edit the draft certificate.

- II. Prizes are to follow the same as last year's Walmer In Bloom, one prize of £25 per winner from Young's Nurseries.

**Resolved:** Vouchers are to remain at the same price and from the same retailer.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- **Actions:** None

- III. There was no update available from Cllr Richardson regarding the presentation for the campaign winners, she is still working on the possibility of a smaller presentation at Walmer Castle.

- IV. **Action:** Time to vote poster- create a poster with a white banner across poster (new ones) and ask Walmer Batteries about as vinyl print to go over the banners.

#### 111. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

No items put forward; items can be sent into the office for consideration.

#### 112. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, at 18:00.

The meeting closed at 19:45.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_





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**Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at No. 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Tony Grist; Cllr Diana Richardson, Cllr Adrian Friend, and Cllr Elinor Crockford.

Officers Present: Roland Aldred – Town Clerk.

Cllr Crockford was not present at the start of the meeting.

**93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Simpson and Cllr L Ludwig offered apologies which were accepted.

**94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No interests were declared.

**95. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

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

**96. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

**97. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**98. EVENTS BUDGET.**

Members received the Events Budget for 2025/26.

**RESOLVED.** To note the budget.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

**99. EVENT PLANNING CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2025.**

- i. The officer provided a verbal update on the advertising for the event. Officers have met with Mr Hawkes, the DJ, for the event, who will make announcements during the event about performances due to start. Both Invicta Martial Art and Kooth will not be attending. A large bin has been ordered from DDC at a cost of £275.56. Cllr Grist made an appearance on Deal Radio To

advertise the event. For Health and Safety reasons cable covering will be required, we are attempting to borrow these, if not Walmer Town Council will need to purchase 18m of cover.

**RESOLVED.** Members delegated to officers to spend £120 on cable coverings should it be necessary to purchase coverings.

Proposed by Cllr Richardson

Seconded by Cllr Friend

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Members reviewed the most recent version of the site plan and were happy with the layout.

**NOTED.**

- iii. Members received an update on volunteers for the event.

**NOTED**

Cllr Crockford arrived at the meeting

- iv. Members received a verbal report along with images and costings for the requested purchase of a branded gazebo.

**RESOLVED.** Members agreed to purchase a beige 3x3 extreme forty series gazebo from GazeboShop at a cost of £416 plus VAT.

Proposed by Cllr Richardson

Seconded by Cllr Crockford

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

**100. EVENT PLANNING BROCANTE 2025.**

Members received a verbal update from the officer on the planning for Brocante. All general pitches are now sold, and a waitlist has been started. There are two charity pitches remaining (one of which we are talking to an organisation about taking), any charity pitches not sold one month before will be offered to the waitlist. Two additional bins have been ordered from Dover District Council at a cost of £551.12. The Poster advertising the event has been sent to the Community Ads magazine for their July edition.

**NOTED**

**102. FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS 2025**

Further discussed ideas around a volunteer awards ceremony. Members felt that there should be 15-20 awards. The event should be a yearly program. Nominations should come from the public. Nominations should take place around Christmas time with the award ceremony in February, food should be provided, and entertainment should be looked at. There should be youth categories with the awards. Members asked officers to contact the Rugby Club for costs to hire their clubhouse, Cllr Richardson is also following up with Walmer Castle as another potential venue.

**103. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 5.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.15pm.

Signed .....

Date .....



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**Minutes of the Events Committee held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at No. 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Tony Grist (Chairman); Cllr Mark Simpson, Cllr Adrian Friend, and Cllr Diana Richardson.

Officers Present: Lynne Simmons, Events Officer.

Cllr Richardson was not present at the start of the meeting.

**163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr L Ludwig offered apologies which were accepted.

**164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No interests were declared.

**165. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

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

**166. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

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

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Grist

For 2      Against 0      Abstain 1

**167. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**168. EVENTS BUDGET.**

- i. Members received the Events Budget for 2025/26.

**NOTED.**

- ii. Members discussed the need to purchase new radio communication equipment due to the age and battery related issues of the current radios used for events.

**RESOLVED** – Members agreed to the purchase of 6 new Motorola two-way radios at a cost of £189.99 plus VAT.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Simpson

For 3      Against 0      Abstain 0

**169. EVENT PLANNING CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2025.**

- i. The officer shared a report containing post event feedback received from participants, Facebook and from attendees at the event. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with comments such as "What a successful event, I have never seen so many happy children enjoying themselves on Walmer Green before".

Members also undertook a "What went well/ What can we do better" exercise which generated the following outcomes:

- The officer was actioned to investigate the possibility of branded WTC wristbands to hand out to families with small children. These wristbands, commonly used at outdoor festivals, can be used to record parental contact details inside the wristband to help in the event of a lost child.
- The officer was actioned to write to Applause Rural Touring to advise how much everyone enjoyed the Caspian's Storm shows and that we would very much like to work with the same theatre group in 2026, especially if they are able to develop a different show.
- The officer was asked to contact the Wheel2Wheel display team to book their shows for our event in 2026.
- It was agreed that a handheld megaphone should always be available as back up for site-wide public communication, regardless of other PA/sound systems on site.
- An additional catering vendor should be sourced for 2026.

**RESOLVED** – Members agreed to move forward with the above actions/decisions for 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Simpson

Seconded by Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- ii. Members considered a provisional date for the event in 2026.

**RESOLVED** – Members agreed that Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 should be booked with Dover District Council.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Grist

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

**170. EVENT PLANNING BROCANTE 2025.**

- i. Members received a verbal update from the officer on the planning for Brocante.

The officer shared the agreed site plan with members and advised that Dover District Council had not raised any concerns/feedback with regards to our preferred one-way car parking solution utilising the exit close to Cambridge Road along The Beach.

**NOTED.**

A member of the public has purchased a charity pitch for £10 but has not responded to two email requests to supply a Charity Registration number.

**RESOLVED**- A proposal was made for the officer to send a further email asking the ticketholder to provide a Charity Registration Number within 7 days. If this is not received the ticket should be cancelled and refunded.

Proposed by Cllr Simpson

Seconded by Cllr Friend

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

The officer was actioned to email Cllr Waite-Gleave to ask for an update with regards to the Deal Repair Café and if it was still their intention to attend the Brocante.

**NOTED.**

**RESOLVED** - Members agreed that if there are any remaining Charity pitches unsold three weeks prior to the event, these should be offered to the next members of the public on the waiting list.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Simpson

For 3    Against 0    Abstain 0

Members discussed the possibility of offering some Defibrillator training sessions to members of the public during the event. The officer was actioned to email the Deal First Responders contact to see if this was something they would be able to deliver.

**NOTED.**

The officer shared with members that DDC Licensing had emailed on 9<sup>th</sup> July to advise that “street trading consent” is required for this event. An email response was sent asking for further information given that the event has been taking place for more than 20 years and we had not previously been informed this was a requirement. The issue remains unresolved despite extensive efforts to contact both the Licensing team and the DDC Event Management team this week on the officer’s return from annual leave. To date there has been no response from either team.

Information available online indicates that there is a potential cost attached to the consent which for an “Occasional Street Market” amounts to an annual fee of £1,250.

**RESOLVED** – Members agreed to delegate further decision-making responsibility to the Chairman and Officer given that the event is now only four weeks away. It was also agreed to pay if necessary, up to £1,250 for the cost of the consent, subject to the agreement of full council.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Simpson

For 3    Against 0    Abstain 0

Members discussed the requirement for suitable volunteers to support at the event and what steps could be taken to show our appreciation for the support provided.

**RESOLVED** – Members agreed to increase the daily food and drinks allowance for volunteers to a maximum of £20.

Proposed by Cllr Grist

Seconded by Cllr Simpson

For 3    Against 0    Abstain 0

Cllr Richardson arrived at 18.33pm to join the meeting.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Simpson requested permission to put forward a proposal for an event in 2026 as he had to leave the meeting at 18.45pm. The Chairman agreed to hear his proposal at this point which would otherwise have been heard under item 171 point ii.

Cllr Simpson shared that he had attended the recent Armed Forces Day event at Dover Castle. He has had some initial positive conversations with DDC with a view to moving this event to Walmer Green in 2026. This celebratory event would take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Cllr Grist asked that Cllr Simpson continue to clarify the details of the event to bring back to the next Events Committee meeting for further discussion.

**NOTED.**

Cllr Simpson left the meeting at 18.45pm.

Members continued to discuss the need for volunteers and in particular the need for suitable individuals to help support with the busy on-site car parking/traffic management activities throughout the day.

The officer reported that there had been no response to date from the advert posted with Kent Coastal Volunteers advertising for car parking stewards.

**RESOLVED** – It was proposed to book two car parking marshals from the external company (Envisage Agency), who had previously quoted for the supply of trained car parking stewards. Members approved a spend of up to £500 plus VAT to enable the officer to move ahead with the booking.

Proposed Cllr Richardson

Second Cllr Grist

For 2    Against 0        Abstain 1

The officer was actioned to review the details of Walmer Town Council's public liability insurance cover to address concerns raised of personal liability when working as a councillor or volunteer at events.

**NOTED.**

The officer was actioned to email all members of full council requesting support at the event.

**NOTED.**

Members discussed different options for the spraying and marking out of the pitches on Walmer Green.

**RESOLVED**- A decision was made to stick to current methodology for 2025 and revisit in good time for 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Grist

Seconded by Cllr Friend.

For 3    Against 0        Abstain 0

Members discussed the areas for display of banners. The officer was actioned to ask RNLI to display the large banner outside the lifeboat station and to ask The Sea Café if they would be able to display a banner on their property. Cllr Friend also offered to display a banner on his fencing.

**NOTED.**

ii. Dover District Council's response to the event management plan was dealt with as part of item i. above.

iii. Members reviewed stallholder paperwork to be issued.

**RESOLVED** – It was proposed to alter the wording on the document to reflect that a refund of 50% of the pitch fee would be issued to stall holders in the event that Walmer Town Council cancels the Brocante due to adverse weather conditions.

Proposed by Cllr Friend

Seconded by Cllr Richardson

For 3    Against 0        Abstain 0

iv. Members confirmed their availability for the event.

**NOTED.**

**171. FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS 2025**

- i. Cllr Friend updated members with further suggestions for the proposed community awards evening.  
Cllr Richardson updated members that the planned celebration for Walmer In Bloom winners is likely to take place at Walmer Castle on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 25. This consists of a maximum of 30 cream teas and a tour around Walmer Castle & Gardens.
- ii. This item was discussed above within item 170, point i.

**172. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 5.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.26pm.

Signed .....

Date .....



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**Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 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  
Cllr M Simpson

**Officers present:**

John Miles (Administration Officer)

**84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Lee and Waite Gleave offered apologies that were accepted.

**85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted

**86. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

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

**87. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Resolved- Noted

**88. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Proposed: Cllr T Bond

Seconded: Cllr M Simpson

For: 5

Against:0

Abstain: 0

**89. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None Received

**90. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
25/00436	44 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DX	Withdrawn	Objection- Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. That the location indicated on the application is not safe for	Replacement windows, with Juliette balcony to side elevation, erection of posts and iron railings to front with associated works to steps and re-position of basement steps.



			the construction of an annexe for use by elderly family members	Installation of rear sliding electric gate
25/00396	11 Mongeham Way Walmer CT14 7TZ	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Insertion of 2 windows on side elevation
25/00225	Sandettie Hawksdown Walmer Deal CT14 7PH	Refuse Consent	Objection: Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds: i. The requested 5m crown raise will be above the level of several crucial branches and will cause the denudement of the tree	Crown raise to 5 metres above ground level of two Beech the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 4 of 1976.
25/00462	13 Balfour Road Walmer Deal CT14 7HU	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of windows to side elevation (existing conservatory demolished)

## 91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

- I. **DOV/25/00192 - Neuk, 80 Liverpool Road, Walmer, CT14 7NL**  
Erection of a first-floor side extension over existing garage and living room.  
**Resolved** – No Objection  
Proposed: Cllr M Simpson  
Seconded: Cllr T Bond  
For: 5      Against: 0      Abstain: 0
  
- II. **DOV/25/00535 - 20 Granville Road, Walmer, CT14 7LS**  
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/01324 (Erection of a dwelling with associated parking) to allow clay roof tiles, removal of render/cladding to red brick to elevations, alterations to fenestration and external staircase, installation of solar panels, rear ground floor infill extension and roof changed to parapet.  
**Resolved** – No Objection: Walmer Town Council has no objections to the application however Walmer Town Council does wish to request that the conditions imposed by DDC's Planning Committee when granting planning permission for application DOV/23/01324 regarding concerns of overlooking/loss of privacy be retained.  
Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell  
Seconded: Cllr T Bond  
For: 4      Against: 1      Abstain: 0
  
- III. **DOV/25/00131 - Walmer Lawn Tennis And Croquet Club, Archery Square, Walmer, CT14 7HP**  
Fell and remove stump of one Copper Beech (T37) and one small leafed Lime (T46) both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 28 of 2023.  
**Resolved** - Objection: Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds.
  - I. The tennis club's own arboriculturist report indicates that the two trees indicated are healthy and with many years of life left in them.
  - II. The applicant has provided no evidence to prove that the trees are damaging surrounding grass areas caused by nutrients and water being 'stolen' by the trees' roots.
  - III. The report also indicates that uprooting the trees would be a drastic change, there and is no cause to fell these trees
  - IV. The loss of the tree will affect the amenity value of the area.

- V. Residents value the trees use as a noise barrier
- VI. Residents value the trees use as pollution protection from nearby roads.
- VII. The trees also help to protect members of the public.
- VIII. DDC recently decided to put a Tree Preservation Order on all the trees in this area, a decision which should not be overturned by an application which provides no evidence of the alleged problems in support of removing two trees which the applicants' own commissioned arboricultural report says are healthy and in good condition.

Proposed: Cllr T Grist

Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**IV. DOV/25/00551 - 16 Court Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7RG**

Erection of single storey rear and side extension (Existing side and rear extension to be demolished)

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr T Grist

Seconded: Cllr M Simpson

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**V. DOV/25/00556 - 46 Cornwall Road, Walmer, CT14 7SA**

Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) for the insertion of rooflights to facilitate a loft conversion

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr T Bond

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**VI. DOV/25/00573 – 152 Downs Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7TF**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of ground floor side window

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr T Grist

Seconded: Cllr T Bond

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**VII. DOV/25/00579 - 20 Court Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7RG**

Erection of a first floor rear extension

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr M Simpson

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**VIII. DOV/25/00531 - 44 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent**

Installation of juliette balcony to side elevation, erection of posts and iron railings with associated works to steps and re-positioning of basement steps. Installation of rear sliding electric gate

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr T Bond

For: 4 Against:0 Abstain: 1

**IX. DOV/25/00532 - 44 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent**

Replacement windows

**Resolved – No Objection**

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr T Grist

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.15

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Signed ..... Dated .....



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**Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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
- Cllr M Simpson
- Cllr S Waite-Gleave

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

**143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Lee offered apologies that were accepted.

**144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted

**145. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

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

**146. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Resolved- Noted

**147. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell

For: 6                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0

**148. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None Received

**149. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
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25/00480	12 Channel Lea Walmer CT14 7UG	Split Decision	Strongly Object- Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. The trees indicated in the application appear to be healthy. ii. Removal of the trees will adversely affect the amenity value of the street. iii. No arboricultural evidence has been provided. iv. The trees do not seem to be a danger to the house in their current location. v. There is no excessive shading as indicated in the application	2 x Holm Oak (T1 and T3) fell to ground level; Lime (T2) crown reduce by 2-3 metres in height by and by 1-2 metres laterally; Sycamore (T4) fell to ground level, all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965.
25/00462	13 Balfour Road Walmer Deal CT14 7HU	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of windows to side elevation (existing conservatory demolished)
25/00256	Flat 1, Little Sheen 236 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NP	Grant Planning Permission	Walmer Town Council Supports this application after considering updated advice from Historic England regarding energy efficiency saving in conservation areas. <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/">https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/</a>	Replacement PVC windows
25/00192	Neuk 80 Liverpool Road Walmer CT14 7NL	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a first-floor side extension over existing garage and living room.
25/00551	16 Court Road Walmer Deal Kent CT14 7RG	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey rear and side extension (Existing side and rear extension to be demolished)
25/00375	181 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NB	Certificate Existing Granted	No Objection Walmer Town Council would like to make the following comment i. Walmer Town Council is disappointed that these unauthorised changes from the original application were not picked up by planning enforcement during the last ten years.	Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) The erection of front porch with raised steps, rear first-floor extension, rear ground floor extension, 3 x skylights installed into utility room and garden room roof, white render at ground floor and grey horizontal weatherboard cladding at first floor to front elevation, additional first floor window to NW wall and a glazed door on the NW wall and incidental outbuildings comprising gym (with raised terrace), garden room and

## 150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

### I. **DOV/25/00656 - 3 Greenacre Drive, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7UQ**

T1 - Monterey Cypress - fell; T2 - Monterey Cypress - fell, both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1965.

**Resolved** – Objection. Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds.

- i. No arboricultural report/evidence has been provided to confirm that a tree is dead despite a specific request on the application form from DDC for such evidence.
- ii. There appears to be no proposal to replace the felled trees.

Proposed: Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded: Cllr T Grist

For: 6      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

### II. **DOV/25/00605 - Beach Plot 79 The Strand Walmer Kent CT14 7DY**

Change of use from fishing storage to gallery and insertion of a door to the north elevation.

**Resolved** – Objection. Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds.

- i. The use of the building for commercial reasons will not be in keeping with the designated use of the beach area as a recreational facility for members of the public.
- ii. The application has not been submitted as a retrospective request even though the business appears to already be up and running.
- iii. A further concern raised at this meeting is that should the door next to the cycle path be modified or used for access or egress its proximity to the adjacent cycle path could become a danger to passing cyclists or pedestrians crossing the path to access the building cyclists.

Proposed: Cllr T Bond

Seconded: Cllr T Grist

For: 6      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

### III. **DOV/25/00663 - 23 Granville Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7LQ**

Overall crown reduction of 3 metres and crown lift to approximately 5.5 metres of one Sycamore (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.

**Resolved** – Objection. Walmer Town Council strongly objects to this application because there are insufficient reasons to overrule the Tree Preservation Order.

Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded: Cllr T Bond

For: 6      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

### IV. **DOV/25/00705 – 10 York Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7EA**

Erection of first floor extension over existing ground floor extension.

**Resolved** – No Objection.

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr M Simpson

For: 5      Against: 0      Abstain: 1

### V. **DOV/25/00624 - 27 Granville Road Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7LQ**

Crown reduce by 4 metres overall (30%) of a group of 3 Sycamores (G1) crown reduce by 4 metres overall leaving lower growth intact of one Sycamore (T1), all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.

**Resolved** – Objection. Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds.

i. Insufficient reasons to overrule the TPO.

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr T Bond

For: 6            Against: 0            Abstain: 0

VI. **DOV/25/00742 - 10 Greenacre Drive, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7UQ**

Re-pollard back to previous pruning points of one Horse Chestnut (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965.

**Resolved** – Objection. Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds.

i. Insufficient reasons to overrule the TPO.

Proposed: Cllr T Bond

Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave

For: 5            Against: 0            Abstain: 1

**151.DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.00

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Signed ..... Dated .....



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm**

**Present:**

**Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)**  
**Cllr P Findley**  
**Cllr R Blackwell**  
**Cllr M Eddy**

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

**1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2025/2026**

Cllr S Waite Gleave was the only nomination received.

- **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr S Waite Gleave as the Chairman of Walmer Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group for the year 2025/26.
- Proposed – Cllr Eddy
- Seconded – Cllr Blackwell
- For – 4                      Against – 0                      Abstain – 0

**2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2025/2026**

Cllr R Blackwell was the only nomination received.

- **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr R Blackwell as the Vice Chairman of Walmer Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group for the year 2025/26.
- Proposed – Cllr Eddy
- Seconded – Cllr Findley
- For – 4                      Against – 0                      Abstain – 0

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Apologies received from Mrs S Fisher.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- None Submitted.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 27 March be taken as an accurate record
  - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy



- Seconded by: Cllr Findley  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Noted:** Update Report has been forwarded to the committee members from Admin
  - Proposed – Cllr Blackwell
  - Seconded – Cllr Eddy
  - For – 4                      Against – 0                      Abstain – 0

## 7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None Submitted.

## 8. ONGOING PROJECTS

### Climate and Ecology Action Plans

- **Noted:** DDC/KRF workshop for Local Resilience Plans rescheduled for 16 July.
- WTC Action plans are underway to be completed by Sept 2025, Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to make changes to both plans including comments indicating completion or brought forward to updated action plan if uncomplete. Numbers to be added to make identification of entries easier.
  - **Resolved:** Delegate changes to action plans to Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin
  - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
  - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
  - For- 4                      Against -0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to make changes to action plans.
- **Noted:** Working group received copies of the results of the April seawater testing by swim-safety, >100 colonies (but less than 110) so borderline good/excellent. Cllr Findley informed the working group that Southern Water will be testing the water at eight sites in the area for a total of 40 tests. Southern Water will be sending copies of the results to Cllr Findley.
  - **Actions:** Admin to request more comprehensive results from Swimsafety during the July Testing.
- **Noted:** Environmental Agency to be contacted to politely request WTC observation of their process of testing and the possibility of WTC observing a water collection to ensure we follow the similar processes, when we collect samples in July, August and October 2025.
  - **Resolved:** Admin to contact EA to request to be observers during a collection for sea water testing in order to learn from their process to improve our own collections.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Findley
  - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Admin to contact EA to request to be observers during a collection for sea water testing

- **Noted:** New DDC Cabinet member for Finance Governance and Climate Change is Cllr Nee, but DDC chair Cllr Beer will continue to chair the DC Climate and Nature Forum due to meet next in July 2025.
- **Noted:** Deal Town Council's Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy and shaping of a motion to KALC AGM.
- **Noted:** Collaboration with Deal Town Council on their Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy. Once the July meeting has been completed, CEWG will draft a question or motion to put to KALC about setting up a special interest coastal group. Also to contact Deal Town Council regarding co-operation for the creation of the group. Explore with DealTC action through the Cinque Ports Towns groups, also.
  - **Resolved:** Explore possibility of motion to KALC about special interest Coastal group with DealTC, and have a written proposal for delivery by the July Meeting.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
  - Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Admin and Cllr Waite Gleave to confer with DealTC possibly draft a proposal by the July CEWG Meeting, to put to KALC at AGM. Admin to contact Deal Town Council regarding co-operation with the creation of the special interest group.

## Transport

### EV Charging points

- **Noted:** Update on WTC EV charging points & income from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025. £188.13 received up to end of May 2025, from KCC team.
- **Noted:** Update on opportunities for more EV charging points.
- Several locations have been identified as possible sites for new on road EV charging points including, Menzies Avenue, the Canada Road end of The Strand and Herschell Road West/ Wellesley Ave.
  - **Actions:** Admin to look into ownership of locations.

## Waste & Pollution Reduction

- **Noted:** Application for a Water Filler station was sent in on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- **Noted:** Stickers for WalApp purchased & visits due to start 17 June, Cllr Waite Gleave to begin distribution.
- Signs to reduce engine idling: In cooperation with KALC, WTC and KCC to work together to purchase a number of signs similar to those on Canada Road.
  - **Resolved-** Admin to send email on behalf of Walmer Town Council, to approach the new local county councillors to back the KALC campaign regarding no engine idling signs on all temporary traffic works / level crossings on KCC roads.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
  - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Admin to produce and send email on behalf of Walmer Town Council, to approach the new local county councillors to back the KALC campaign regarding no engine idling signs on all temporary traffic works or level crossings on KCC roads.

### Buildings & energy saving

- **Noted:** EPC Energy certificate rating of C for No 62 The Strand in early April 2025 (from E in 2014).
- CEWG would like to find ways to improve on energy saving including the use of the still extant planning application 22/01443 for No 62. This may include the construction of a new rear extension, solar panels, bike racks and changes to the front of the building. Needs to be continued before 3-year limit elapses.
  - **Actions:** Admin to obtain quotations regarding the installation of bike racks or replacement of the front door.
- Request quotations to put up shelf & projector in meeting room at No 62 Strand, to focus meetings & reduce paper use for agendas.
  - **Resolved:** Admin to forward costs of shelf and projector to A&E committee to request budget increase for CEWG.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
  - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Admin to forward costs to A&E Committee.

### Thermal Camera

- Complete a new Thermal Camera Leaflet and begin distribution during October 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, use thermal images from the 2024-2025 appointments to complete leaflet rewrite. Complete by July meeting.
- Begin a longer campaign including leafletting and community and magazines, starting as soon as possible. Admin to write a press release for use on all media.
- Cllr Waite Gleave to contact James Traynor regarding DDC assistance.
  - **Resolved:** Admin to complete leaflet template and press release for use over the next six months.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
  - Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
  - **Actions:** Admin to complete new leaflet and press release before July meeting.
  - **Resolved:** Walmer Town Council is currently unable to share the use of the Thermal Camera with Deal, due to the need to keep a primary focus on Walmer.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
  - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell.
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0

### Restoration of nature

- Note: DDC property services officer has been chased up regarding the status of our request for Churchill Avenue. More information is being received from the DDC valuation officer Ed Craske. The working group voiced its approval that this is moving forward.
- SWG to contact interested parties regarding the Churchill Avenue.
- To propose sending a request to DDC to invite Nick Mole of Pesticide Action Network to speak to a Climate & Nature Forum meeting.
  - **Resolved:** To Invite Nick Mole s of PAN to speak to Walmer and Deal Town Councils, invitation to be sent by WTC. Contact DTC regarding the use of the

Town Hall for a combined meeting (prior to recommending Mr Mole speak to DDC).

- Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
- Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
- For-4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0
- **Actions:** Admin to contact DTC regarding the use of the Town Hall for a combined meeting with Nick Moles from Pesticide Action Network. Invitation to be sent when location confirmed.

#### 9. NEW PROJECTS

- The Invitation of Nick Moles from PAN is intended as renewal of initiative work-with DDC to cut the use of carcinogenic Glyphosate.
- To look at joining the DealTC Hedgehog Friendly Deal Project over the next year, it involves gravel boards on sale or return with local supplier.
  - **Resolved:** Admin to explore possibility of cooperation with DTC regarding project, including gravel boards group buying.
  - Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
  - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
  - For- 4                      Against-0                      Abstain-0

#### 10. POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.

- To revisit the Bee Bomb campaign.
- Cllr Waite Gleave and Admin to edit online action plans. Admin to forward link to members once completed.

#### 11. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

- None

#### 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:35

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## Financial information as at 28/08/25

## Bank Balances

Charity Bank	£104,485.29
Redwood bank	£100,000.00
Unity Trust current	£30,364.96
Unity Trust Deposit	£224,602.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>£459,452.30</b>

## Committee budget vs spend 2025/26

Committee	Budget	Spend	notes
Amenities and Environment	£ 25,400.00	£ 1,913.26	includes CEWG
Events	£ 15,000.00	£ 8,045.48	
Finance and General purposes	£ -	£ -	
Human Resources	£ -	£ -	
Planning	£ -	£ -	
Walmer in Bloom	£ 23,300.00	£ 3,869.00	includes Hawkshill and Peace Garden

Financial update for month of July 2025

Balance at start of month

£479,845.21

Payments	Who	For	Amount
	British Gas	Utility Bills	£ 104.03
	Apex Clean	Office Cleaning	£ 160.00
	Cllr S Waite-Gleave	Expenses claim	£ 43.88
	Young's Nursery	Walmer In Bloom baskets	£ 1,226.40
	White Cliffs Engraving	Refund for double payment	-£ 110.00
	Dover District Council	Events and Toilets	£ 6,845.46
	Milec	Telecoms	£ 124.80
	Anna's Face Candy	Children's Festival	£ 225.00
	Mr D Halpin	Window cleaning (Jun & Jul)	£ 24.00
	Information Commissioners Office	Subscription	£ 47.00
	Mr S Pearce	Expenses claim	£ 7.87
	Solopress	CEWG campaign stickers	£ 55.34
	Amazon	Acrylic Pens	£ 34.98
	Gazebo Shop	Gazebo for council events	£ 499.00
	Hutchings	Wooden Posts	£ 16.80
	Kent Copier Services	Photocopier Bill	£ 184.31
	Meta	Children's Festival Advertising	£ 7.82
	OMG How Cheap	Marker Pen for Hawkshill	£ 5.78
	DEALT	Donation to local schools	£ 50.00
	Hopkins	Defibrillator servicing	£ 249.48
	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 3.00
	HMRC (PAYE/NI)	Tax and National Insurance	£ 1,842.08
	Bizzie Lizzie's Face Painting	Children's Festival	£ 225.00
	Chapmans	Walmer In Bloom baskets	£ 803.00
	Urban Displays	Children's Festival	£ 400.00
	Wantsum Medical	Children's Festival	£ 222.10
	Viking	Stationary	£ 26.68
	Staff	Salaries	£ 5,735.47
	KCC LGPS	Pension Payment	£ 2,342.89
	Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£ 10.65
	Total		£ 21,412.82

Balance at end of month	£463,327.68
This month spend	-£16,517.53
% of yrs precept for month	6.32%
Total net spend YTD	-£77,297.36
% of precept YTD	29.58%

Receipts			
Who	For		Amount
Godmersham Grills	Children's Festival		£100.00
Tonibell	Brocante Payment		£80.00
Real Deal Roasters	Brocante Payment		£150.00
CrumbleyMonkey	Brocante Payment		£80.00
Charity Bank	Bank Interest		£4,485.29
Total			£4,895.29

Last year	-£18,536.72
% of precept for month	-7.44%
Total spent LYTD	-£59,050.65
% of precept LYTD	-23.70%

Attach 11

The following applications have been reviewed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee

**Applications for a small Grant**

Applicant	Details of project	Amount applied for	Relevant Documentation provided	F&GP recommendation
Cinque Ports Football Club	Kit for youth team	£500	Yes	£500

COMPARISON OF BUSINESS SAVINGS/HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Bank/Building Society Name	Name of Account	Who is this for?	Charges	Funds Required	Interest Rate	Fixed/Variable Rate	Interest Paid	Risk	Withdrawals	Other comments
Unity Trust	12 month Fixed Term Deposit Account	Parish & Town Councils	Free	Minimum £85k	4.00%	F	Added at end of the fixed term	Max funds protected by FSCS £85k in total - across all accounts	No access to funds for fixed term period	Unity also offer 18 month and 24 month fixed term with incremental interest rates
Charity Bank	Ethical 100-day notice business account	UK Businesses/charities & clubs	Free	Minimum £10k	3.88%	F	Added at end of the fixed term	Low: Protected by FSCS up to £85k.	No access to funds for fixed term period	Existing Relationship with Unity Trust.
The Cambridge Building Society	Council Saver Account	Parish & Town Councils	Free	Min £1000-Max £2500000	1.90%	V	Annually 31st December	Low: Protected by FSCS up to £85k.	Up to 2 monthly - no notice or fees	Access to account is limited to emails and telephone calls. No online provision. Poor Trust Pilot reviews reflect this.
CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities)	The Public Sector Deposit Fund	Public sector bodies looking for capital security & competitive yield for short-term investments	Mgmt Fee of 0.8% charged annually	Minimum £25K	4.2259% yield over past 12 months (to Jul 25)	V	Monthly	Low/Medium: Past Performance is not an indicator of future performance (credit/market/operational/liq uidity/concentration/ interest rates all different risks to be taken into consideration)	On demand	Funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of high quality sterling denominated deposits and instruments. Fund is actively managed. Total fund size £869m.
Hinkley & Rugby	Local Council 90 Day Notice Deposit	Town and Parish councils	Free	£1,000	3.15%	V	Annually 1st December	Low: Protected by FSCS up to £85k.	90 day notice	A resolution signed by the clerk is required including names of signatories to open the account

Finance and General purposes recommendation is to open a new 1 year Charity Bank Thical 100 day notice account and deposit the current balance of the Charity bank account in to the new account.





## **Walmer Town Council – Media /Communication Policy**

### **Introduction**

1. Walmer Town Council ("the Council") is committed to the provision of clear and accurate information about its governance, decisions and activities. Where this information is not available via the Council's publication scheme<sup>i</sup>, please contact the Council's Clerk or, in their absence, the Assistant Clerk.
2. The Council shall, where possible, co-operate with those whose work involves gathering material for publication in any form including use of the internet ("the media").
3. This policy explains how the Council may work with the media to meet the above objectives in accordance with any legal requirements and restrictions that apply.

### **Legal requirements and restrictions**

4. This policy is subject to the Council's obligations which are set out in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government Act 1986, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998, other legislation which may apply and the Council's standing orders and financial regulations. The Council's financial regulations and relevant standing orders referenced in this policy are available via the Council's publication scheme.
5. The Council cannot disclose confidential information or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by law. The Council cannot disclose information if this is prohibited under the terms of a court order, by legislation, the Council's standing orders, under contract or by common law. Councillors are subject to additional restrictions about the disclosure of confidential information which arise from the code of conduct adopted by the Council, a copy of which is available via the Council's publication scheme.

### **Meetings**

6. A meeting of the Council and its committees is open to the public unless the meeting resolves to exclude them because their presence at the meeting is prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business or other special reason(s) stated in the resolution. In accordance with the Council's standing orders, persons may be required to leave a meeting of the

Council and its committees, if their disorderly behaviour obstructs the business of the meeting.

7. Where a meeting of the Council and its committees include an opportunity for public participation, representatives of the media may speak and ask questions. Public participation is regulated by the Council's standing orders.
8. The photographing, recording, filming or other reporting of a meeting of the Council and its committees (which includes using a mobile phone or tablet, recording for a TV/radio broadcast, providing commentary on blogs, web forums, or social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube) which enable a person not at the meeting to see, hear or be given commentary about the meeting is permitted unless (i) the meeting has resolved to hold all or part of the meeting without the public present or (ii) such activities disrupt the proceedings or (iii) paragraphs 9 and 10 below apply.
9. The photographing, recording, filming or other reporting of a child or vulnerable adult at a Council or committee meeting is not permitted unless an adult responsible for them has given permission.
10. Oral reporting or commentary about a Council or Committee meeting by a person who is present at the meeting is not permitted until the meeting has closed.
11. The Council shall, as far as it is practicable, provide reasonable facilities for anyone taking a report of a Council or committee meeting.
12. The Council's standing orders will confirm if attendance by the public, their participation, photographing, recording, filming or other reporting is permitted at a meeting of a Sub-Committee.

#### **Other communications with the media**

13. This policy does not seek to regulate councillors in their private capacity.
14. The Council's communications with the media seek to represent the corporate position and views of the Council. If the views of councillors are different to the Council's corporate position and views, they will make this clear.

15. The Council's Clerk, or in their absence, the Assistant Clerk may contact the media if the Council wants to provide information, a statement or other material about the Council.
16. All media enquiries should be directed through the Town Office or the Chairman to ensure consistency of message. If the Clerk and the chairman are unavailable the Assistant Clerk or the vice chairman may answer media enquiries. In the event that no-one is available to answer an enquiry a councillor may make a statement but should make it clear they are responding in a private capacity.
17. Subject to the obligations on councillors not to disclose information referred to in paragraph 5 above and not to misrepresent the Council's position, councillors are free to communicate their position and views.

### **Social Media Platforms**

18. The Council shall update regularly our Website with relevant information for the general public. Facebook; Instagram and You Tube will use be used as social media platforms.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council's Publication Scheme explains what information the Council makes routinely available and how it can be accessed. It can be viewed on the Council's web-site under the "Freedom of Information" tab.  
Updated Jun 24.



**Item: Request for purchase of projector for meeting room**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Meeting: Full Council**

**From: Climate Emergency Working Group**

The Climate Emergency Working Group has requested the purchase of a small, short throw projector for the meeting room at the rear of No 62 The Strand. This is to help improve the focus of the meeting held within the meeting room as well as reduce the amount of paper currently being used in hard copy agenda.

The Amenities and Environment Committee heard the recommendations of the Climate and Emergency Working Group and resolved "to recommend to Full Council for a projector to be identified via investigation and delegate a spend of up to £250 to be spent on purchasing a projector."

#### **Recommendation**

The projector recommended by CEWG is a Phillips Neopix MPX113, this is available from Argos at a cost of £119.99. There is also the possibility that other committees, councillors or staff members may make use of the projector during meeting, appointments and presentations, this usage may affect the life expectancy of the projector.

A quote has also been received for the installation of a shelf to allow for the projector to be mounted above head height. This combined cost will be approximately £230.

#### **Costs:**

**Projector: £119.99**

**Installation: £108.00**

*Members to decide*



Item: Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facility Strategy.

Date: 26/08/25.

Meeting: Sept 25 Full Council.

From: Roland Aldred.

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Dover District Council are asking for feedback in to playing pitches, facilities and outdoor sports areas within the district

The first questions are factual and ask for contact details.

The second set of questions ask if Walmer Town Council owns any land on which there are playing pitches or outdoor sports facilities. It also asks for these to be rated from 1-5 suggest the pitch at the Drill Field is rated as a 3 and the facilities as a 2 with a comment around the female changing facilities (this will help with future section 106 contributions)

The final question looks at future plans for outdoor sports facilities (there is a 1000 character limit on responses) and is below

Finally, please provide any wider comments about the demand for sports facilities in Walmer Town Council and any future plans to develop new facilities or enhance existing facilities.

Recommendation for response to this:

WTC have developed an advanced plan for an outdoor gym on Walmer beach in response to a public survey which received 432 responses, with 88% of responders supporting this initiative. The gym will be free to use, contain inclusive, flexible equipment for all users (13+) and will remove many of the recognised barriers stopping people from being more physically active, as well as providing a new opportunity for exercise in the natural environment, recognised to support mental health. This initiative is aligned with several national and local health strategies: The Chief Medical Officer's physical activity guidelines; KCC's strategy for Physical Activity in Adults & Older Adults; KCC's Active Kent & Medway vision statement; Sport England's Active Design Principles, NPPF Healthy Communities. It has also been positively received by local sport & fitness groups/clubs and other community organisations in Deal & Walmer. The gym could be installed as early as Spring 2026 if support received.

*Members to decide*



Item: Chairman's Badge.

Date: 22/08/25.

Meeting: September 2025 Full Council.

From: Cllr Murray.

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To purchase a badge of office to be worn at public events by the chair of Walmer Town Council.

The lack of a badge of office has several negative effects on the public image of Walmer Town Council and the Chairman for the time being.

They include:

- A badge of office acts as a 'sword and a shield' for the wearer.
- A 'sword' to announce his or her standing and reason for being present.
- A 'shield' to protect him or her from anonymity and potential interrogation along the lines of: "who are you or what are you doing here."
- Anonymity at public events particularly where other civic leaders adorned with their inherited chains of office are present.

At some important events whether formal such as Armed Forces Day or informal such as the Teddy Bear's Picnic unless there is some public announcement by the host it looks as if Walmer Town Council is not willing to support such events.

Some local organisations still regard the Mayor of Deal - a council with the same legal standing as Walmer as more important than Walmer - an impression reinforced by the lack of a formal badge of office.

If there is no public announcement the current office holder must introduce themselves without the benefit of a badge of office signalling who they are and acting as a beacon to other attendees.

The psychological effect of this enforced action is to demote the chair of this council into being a 'second class citizen' whenever they are in public representing this council.

The lack of a badge of office could be interpreted as a sign that the council lacks pride and has no wish to promote itself.

The lack of a badge of office could be interpreted as a lack of pride in our Town Council.

**Proposal:**

To purchase an official badge of office.

*Members to decide.*