



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated this day 10th July 2025

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, 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 15th July 2025 at No 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 6.00pm 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

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3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2025.

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.

Attach 2

7. HAWKSHILL

- i. Verbal update from Chairman.
- ii. To discuss Liverpool Road hedge trimming.

8. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. To discuss purchase of water bowser.
- ii. To discuss trimming of trees at WPG.

Attach 3

9. CAMPAIGN 2025

A) WIB CAMPAIGN

- i. Update from Admin regarding garden competition.
- ii. Volunteers poster and signing sheet.
- iii. To discuss Fountain Planter.

Attach 4

B) WIB PRESENTATION

- i. Update from members regarding presentation for campaign winners.

10. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To Be Confirmed at 6:00pm.



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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 25th 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 20th July. RHS judge Barty Meredith-Hardy was escorted around by Cllrs L and P Ludwig and Admin. Mrs S Wilkes 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 15th July, at 18:00.

The meeting closed at 19:45.

Signed _____

Dated _____



Item: Walmer In Bloom Update Report

Date: 10th July 2025

Meeting: Walmer In Bloom

From: Admin Clerk

1. DDC has been contacted regarding an information board for the Marke Wood Rose Garden, I am awaiting more information once the DDC officer is back from holiday. Contact is also being made regarding permission to install at the garden.
2. The short press release was completed and put on our website and social media in time for the last few days of nominations.
3. Nominations closed on 30th June, we received a total of 131 nominations, 107 of them were individuals that were then put online for voting and six were non applicable or withdrawn. Photos for all eligible nominations were received or taken by members of the committee/volunteers.
4. All five categories were confirmed after photos were received, committee members assembled photos into the relevant categories
 - i. 1. Non-Residential Display
 - ii. 2. Compact Display
 - iii. 3. Container Display
 - iv. 4. Wildlife Friendly Display
 - v. 5. Garden Display
5. The images and link to the voting for were uploaded onto the website was uploaded and ready for use on 7th July, where it will continue until 31st July. Current numbers are 101 online votes in three days, and two manual votes via voting slip at the Children's Festival.
6. Certificates for the garden winners have been modified and will be ready for printing at end of the voting period.
7. The hedges along Liverpool Road require cutting, Admin has contacted several companies to gather quotes.
8. Email has been sent to Ripplevale regarding the planters, no response has been received.
9. An email has been sent to Gazen Salts enquiring if they are available this year to cut the meadow at Hawkshill.
10. New versions of the winner posters with a 'Time To Vote' addition were put up by members of the committee. Admin contacted Walmer Batteries about a similar vinyl piece to go over the WIB banners, however they are closed until 21st July.

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