

#### WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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#### Dated the 20th June 2025

Amenities & Environment Committee: Cllr P Findley, Cllr P Jull, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson and Cllr L Ludwig.

Non-Voting Member - Mr M Knott

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to be held at 7pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 <u>at: Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.</u>

**Roland Aldred** 

**Town Clerk Walmer Town Council** 

## **AGENDA**

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2025/26
- 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2025/26
- 3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 4. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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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.

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Attach 1

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16th April 2025.

#### 7. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING.

#### 8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Receive any questions from the public.

#### 9. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. To receive a copy of the current Highways Improvement Plan. Attach 2
- ii. To receive correspondence from Members of the public on road issues that may be added to the HIP and decide on whether these should be added. Attach 3
- iii. To receive updated information from on the ownership and progress of the request to block parking on the grassland on James Hall Gardens.
- iv. To receive information from KCC regarding speeding on Dover Road and decide on next actions.

  Attach 4
- v. Any other additions members wish to bring for discussion (these will need to be investigated between meetings and cannot be agreed to be added until they have been advertised on an agenda).

#### 10. MAINTENANCE OF TREE ON ALLOTMENTS

Attach 5

To receive a written report from the clerk about required maintenance of a tree on the allotments.

11. LITTER Attach 6

To receive a written report on concerns raised by members of the public on litter.

#### 12. PURCHASE OF PROJECTOR

Attach 7

To receive a written report of recommendations from the Climate Emergency Working Group about purchasing a projector for the office.

#### 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



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#### **MINUTES**

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

#### **Present Councillors:**

CIIr M Eddy (Chair), CIIr P Findley, CIIr S Waite-Gleave, CIIr R Blackwell, CIIr M Simpson, CIIr P Ludwig, CIIr P Jull and CIIr L Ludwig (ex offcio).

Officer present: Roland Aldred -Town Clerk

#### 641. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman asked members if they would accept moving agenda item 7iii. to item 9 as the two items overlapped, members agreed. Apologies were received from ClIrs Lee and Richardson and were accepted.

#### 642. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

#### 643. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

#### 644. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

#### **AGREED**

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr Blackwell.

Seconded by Cllr Waite-Gleave.

For 8

Against 0

Abstain 0

#### 645. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that the issues of the access road to the Drill Field and lighting on said have been taken up at Full Council and therefore there are no items on this agenda for Amenities and Environment. The Clerk also reported that the contractor had reviewed the current growth at Stony Path and the ground was not yet ready for planting.

#### 646. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

#### 647. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

i. Members received a copy of the current HIP. Members requested the Clerk contact KCC about the signage on Kingsdown Road with as they felt the wrong signage was in place, the current signage is that of "Pedestrians in the Road" it was felt correct signage was "Pedestrians likely to cross road ahead".

#### **NOTED**

- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.
  - a. Members received a written report on public correspondence in regard to parking cars on the grass verge on the entrance way to James Hall Gardens.

AGREED – To ask the Clerk to do further investigation as to what would be possible to prevent the parking on the piece of land.

Proposed - Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 8

Against - 0

Abstain 0

b. Members received a written report on the possibility of a 20-mph zone along The Strand raised at the last meeting.

**AGREED** – To ask the Walmer Speed Watch Group if they can conduct an exercise on The Strand to get an idea of the average speeds of travel.

Proposed - Cllr Eddy

Seconded - Cllr P Ludwig

For 7

Against - 1

Abstain 0

c. Members received a written report on the surface of Court Road raised at the last meeting.

**AGREED** – To not add this item to the HIP, as the issue is of the foundations of the road, and this is not something Walmer Town Council can tackle, members also felt there were other roads more in need of attention.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Cllr Findley

For 8

Against - 0

Abstain 0

- iii. Item moved to minute 649 i.
- iv. Members received a written report from the Clerk advising that a speed survey will be conducted on Dover Road as requested.

v. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on an issue raised by a resident after the agenda had been issued for consideration at the next meeting. The issue was that the resident felt he was constantly reporting overgrown hedges on Salisbury Road and Church Street and was asking the Council to set a scheme to monitor this.

AGREED – Members decided not to take this item at the next meeting as the responsibility for highways and public rights of way sat with Kent County Council, who would have conducted risk assessments into the way these were reported. KCC are aware of the residents' concerns.

Proposed - Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded - Cllr Blackwell

For - 8

Against - 0

Abstain -0

## 648. CO-OPTION OF AN MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ON TO THE COMMITTEE

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Eddy about co-opting Mr Knott as part of the Speaking Up Group to the committee as a non-voting member.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council to co-opt Mr Knott as a non-voting member to the Amenities and Environment Committee.

Proposed - Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

For -7

Against -0

Abstain -1

## 649. DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL CYCLING AND WALKING CONSULTATION

Members received a copy of the Dover District Audits -Deal paper written by Dover District Council. Dover District Council released this paper and requested any feedback.

Skylark trail connection to Sustrans 1

Members considered the DDC paper alongside the proposed route from KCC.

AGREED - To ask the Clerk to meet with DDC to discuss and investigate further.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

For 8

Against 0

Abstain 0

ii. Members considered the cycle routes through Walmer (focus routes 101, 102 and 104).

**AGREED** – Members generally looked upon the proposals positively, with a high level of support for the link between the Skylark Trail and Sustrans 1. Members did have concerns about details within the report which would negatively impact residents, such as removal of parking.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Simpson

For 7

Against 1

Abstain 0

iii. Members considered the walking and wheeling areas of focus within Walmer (Focus areas 202, 203 and 204)

AGREED – Members generally looked upon the proposals positively. Walmer Town Council would be against the proposal to remove the guardrails along The Strand near the paddling pool. Walmer Town Council would also like consideration to be given to installing a crossing at the midway point of The Strand level with the bandstand as there are many events on the Walmer Green that would benefit from this. Members were particularly impressed with the idea of a crossing near Walmer Castle.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 8

Against 0

Abstain 0

The meeting was closed at 20.00

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**June 26, 2025.

Signature	Date	

HIGHWAYS	IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN					
PROJECT NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	ESTHMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	MANAGER	PROGRESS	Comments	KCC
2	Jan-22	Speed Survey , Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	TBA	TBA	TBA	on going	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data	and an
			Addition of dropped kerbs and tactile					Met with representatives from Deal Speaking up Group and	
7	N/A	Disability access dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	surfaces	TBA	НР	KCC	With KCC design	who are reviewing case and funding for Dover road	,
							Stalled due to lack of		
6	Nov-21	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade	as stated	TBA	none available	SS	means to make this	Obsertion as to how this could be done given private and	
		Cycle Routes - Request to Join cycle route 1 to the						Acceptance of the mile could be doile given private load	
		Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville							
15	Jun-23	Road	as stated	TBA	HIP	KCC	With KCC design	HIP FROM MET WITH KICK Who are reviewing case and funding .  Changes required to initial plan.	
ţ	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Repair work - long term road					Continous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as	
qŢ	FZ-unr	Potholes	resurfacing	TBA	ТВА	KCC	ongoing	required. Pothole blitz on North Barrack Road this month	
							English Hertiage looking	Walmer Castle has plans for additional parking for 2025,	
						KCC - D Murphy	at weather proofing	contacted KCC highways who are looking at options to recitfy	
ŏ.	200	Ningsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking	:			and T Bond are	back up car park to	this. Picked up With KCC members who are pushing for a	
2	CZ-A081	restriction	Parking restrictions	N/A	E Hertiage	picking this up	resolve issue	solution,	
19	Feb-24	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	TBA	KCC/HIP	KCC	With M Eddy for route	بهدوع حالم ۱۹۶۸	
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ç	1-1-1	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle Crossing							
07	c7-dal	the road dange due to blind bend and speed	Additional Signage	TBA	TBA	KCC	NEW		
						KCC/ Kent road			
21	Feb-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road -speeding	Proof required of speeding	TBA	TBA	partnership	NEW	Speed Survey Completed	



## New Items to be considered for HIP

1.

Location	Dover Road, Walmer

#### Details of issue

Parking on the pavement between the Parish Hall and the Zebra Crossing. These cars do not block the walkway as it is sufficiently large, however they do make it hard to see down the road when crossing where the vehicles are.

## Information from KCC or requirements

There is no prohibition on parking on pavements yet, the government is considering a white paper that would increase parking authority's powers to fine pavement parking. Double yellow lines would prevent this as they prohibit parking from the centre of the road to the privately owned property line. There is a zebra crossing within 20m of the location. This has been reported to DDC parking and Kent Police for comments.

Take forward			
to HIP	Yes	No	



Location

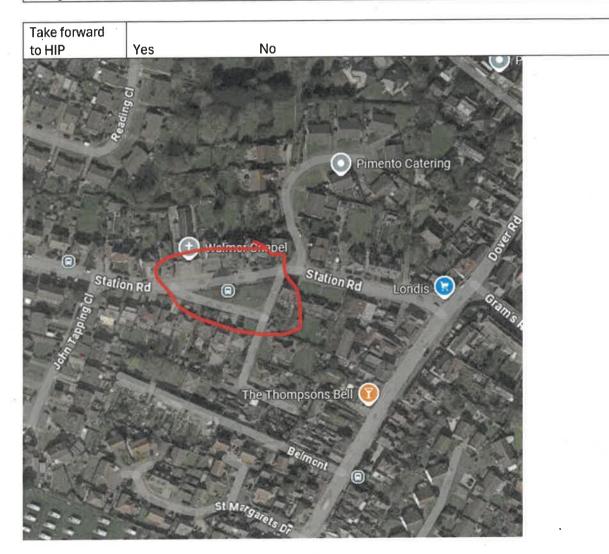
Station Road

#### Details of issue

A resident contacted the council in regard to parking on station road. Specifically around the small triangle island. Parking up to the bus stop create issues of sightlines for anyone leaving via the exit nearest to Dover Road, parking on the section that would not be considered the main road way for station road is up to the end of the junction making turning in difficult.

#### Information from KCC or requirements

The highway code rule 243 states that do not park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction this however is not a must not and therefore can only be enforced in where is it considered to be dangerous under rule 242. DDC have been contacted and asked to review if this would be considered dangerous. Double yellow lines would be the course of action to remove these issues however it should be noted that there is limited parking availability in this area and KCC (in one case in partnership with WTC) have added 2 sets of double yellow lines to the area in the last 15 years. The parking on the main road stretch of the triangle may act as a chicane reducing speed.



	Location	Court Road
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#### Details of issue

Parking at the top of Court Road on the Railway side of the Road, the owners at the top of court road are having issues with sightlines caused by cars parking right up to the edge of the dropped kerb meaning that on the fast moving section of the road residents are having to edge out in to the road with no vision as to what is coming either way.

## Information from KCC or requirements

Drop kerbs do benefit from some protection under parking rules, DDC are able to fine or tow cars parked across dropped kerbs. There is no protection beyond the dropped kerbs however. Currently no parking prohibitions of any kind at the top of the road.

Take forward			
to HIP	Yes	No	

#### 4.

Location	Dover Road	
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#### Details of issue

Top of Dover Road near Downlands, there are no safe crossing points at this part of the road and to get down to the pedestrian crossing you must navigate a narrow pathway which is too narrow for wheelchairs or walking frames. The new Development has a crossing but currently it is not connected by a footpath and although the existing part of the pathway is wider there is a lamppost in the way.

#### Information from KCC or requirements

Reviewed as part of the Wellington Paddocks development. The Land is outside of Walmer but a crossing could be installed within the boundary of Walmer. A new crossing was installed as part of the wellington paddocks development this was an island style crossing that may not be suitable as it still requires the residents to cross the road without stopping traffic there is also a lamppost in the pathway which may block wheelchairs and walkers between Downlands. A zebra crossing costs £37k-£52k or a pelican crossing cost between £100k-£120k.

Take forward			
to HIP	Yes	No	



Item: Dover Road Speed Survey.

Date: 19/06/25.

Meeting: June 25 Amenities and Environment Committee.

From: Roland Aldred

At the February meeting of A&E a request was made to KCC to install a speed trap along Dover Road opposite the new development as we had received reports of regularly speeding traffic on this busy road. This was carried out over the week of 13-19 May 2025.

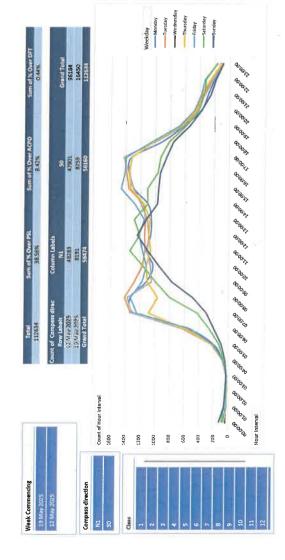
The results are as follows

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Average speed southbound was 30.1mph and average speed northbound 27.6mph. Although 30.1mph is above the speed limit it is below the threshold of enforcement.

Full data is overleaf.

Members to decide on next actions



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Item: Maintenance of tree on Allotments.

Date: 01/06/25.
Meeting: June A&E.
From: Roland Aldred.

A notice was issued to us from KCC in relation to section 154 of the Highways act requiring the trees that overhang paths be at least 2.4 metres height for footway clearance and 5.4 metres for highways the tree on Campbell road is slightly less than this for the footway and now it overhangs the roadway is significantly less that the required 5.4.

Officers have been maintaining this but the work is too significant for officers therefore quotes were sought to cut this and two companies quoted for up to £250. In quoting the companies noted that there was a nest in the tree. As per the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 it is an offence to cut a tree during nesting season where the work will disturb the nest. The nest is located next to the sections of the tree where cutting is required and therefore cannot be cut until September.

The Clerk is requesting delegated authority to spend up to £250 to cut the tree in early September.





Item: Litter.
Date: 16/06/25.

Meeting: June 25 A&E.

From: Clerk.

Over the last month there have been an increasing number of members of the public making contact about public litter bins.

The issues can be broken down in to the following categories.

Requiring an additional public bin.

Public bin regularly being overflowing or animals pulling contents out.

Public bins being used for household waste.

Dover District Council are the authority responsible for the public bins and Walmer Town Council can only try to influence DDC.

#### Additional bins

Requests have been received for the replacement of two bins and one additional bin along with a dog waste bin that had been previously requested. The two replacement bins are on The Beach section of the green one, already picked up by the Clerk is the replacement for the sorted recycling bin the second is a bin that appears to have been removed some time ago and not replaced. A resident has contacted the Council to ask about a new bin to be placed at the end of the alleyway between Station Drive and Court Road/Layby at top of Court Road, recent cutting back of the hedging revealed a large quantity of dog waste and general rubbish had been thrown in to the hedging. This has been raised with DDC and the resident is awaiting a response. The final one is for a dog bin on Poets Walk at the bottom of the road, DDC have reviewed this already and do not think it is required.

#### Overflowing bins

Several complaints have been made to the Clerk and a Member via e-mail and stories have been posted online about issues with animals pulling rubbish out of bins along the Seafront and on Church Street. The Clerk has made contact with DDC about replacing bins. DDC initial response was that to replace all bins with closed container types was too expensive. The current policy is to replace the old style open container bins with the closed style as they require replacement. DDC have now asked for a small number of bins to be identified as issues, the Clerk has gone back with 7 bins that have regularly been reported as issues to DDC and we await whether these specific bins can be replaced.

Public bins being used for household waste

There have been several complaints throughout the last few years about public bins being used by households to get rid of food waste. By law this is considered fly tipping and you can face a fine of £1,000.

Walmer Town Council is limited in the actions it can take to fix these issues being that the responsibility falls to Dover District Council and that complete rectification of these issues would be costly and/or use a significant amount of time which may not be best use of resources. Members are asked to consider what action if any Walmer Town Council would like to take.



Item: Request for increased budget for purchase of projector.

Date: 18th June 2025

Meeting: A&E

From: Climate Emergency Working Group

The Climate Emergency Working group has requested an increased budget to allow for the purchase of an indoor projector. This is to help to improve the focus of the meetings held in the office meeting room as well as reduce the amount of paper in use for agendas.

Several are available for a lower price on websites such as Amazon. The greatest issue with cheaper projectors is that they may have a short life expectancy compared to more expensive versions. These are to be used for the regular meetings for Climate Emergency Working Group, which occasionally deals with statistics and graphs in forms that are more suitable and convenient as a projection than a printed copy.

There is also the possibility that other committees, councillors or staff members may need to use the projector during meetings, appointments and presentations. This usage may also affect the life expectancy of the projector.

Total costings of the purchase and installation of the projector within the meeting room. required is between and £178 and £300.

Costs

Currys:

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5 Metres Distance

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Lamp Wattage 5 Watts

Hardware Connectivity

Control Method Remote

Minimum Throw 0.85 Metres

Distance Vertical Keystone

15 Angstrom

Minimum Image Size

Video Encoding Format

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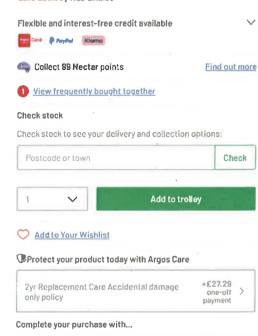
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# Projection distance reference

### Projection distance corresponds to screen size

Projection size (inch)	Screen Length (cm)	Screen Width (cm)	Lens distance from screen (cm)
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60	132	74	173
70	155	87	202
80	177	100	231
90	199	112	260
100	221	125	289
110	244	137	318
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