



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Dated the 27th November 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, Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at: Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

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Town Clerk Walmer Town Council

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following: -

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- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Attach 1
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025.
- 5. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING.**
- 6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Receive any questions from the public.
- 7. 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. 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).
- 8. DISABLED TOILETS**
To receive a verbal report on issues with emergency cords in the disabled public toilets.
- 9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**
- i. Recommendation that Walmer Town Council sign up to the Kent Sustainable Communities Network Attach 4
 - ii. Recommendation to accept the Climate Emergency Working Groups, Climate and Ecological Action plan 2025-27. Attach 5
- 10. BATHING WATER** Attach 6
- i. To receive a written report as requested at full Council on Southern Water's role within the planning application process.
 - ii. To receive a written report on the sites where water is tested within the Deal/Walmer area.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
February 26th 2026.



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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

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

Non Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr L Ludwig was absent at the start of the meeting

248. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Simpson and P Ludwig.

249. 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.

250. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

251. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2025.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr S Waite-Gleave.

Seconded by Cllr P Findley.

For - 4

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

252. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

No reports to give.

253. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

Cllr L Ludwig arrived

254. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

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 regarding issues of speeding traffic on Station Road.

AGREED – To not add the item to the HIP at present but to ask the Clerk to take the item away and find out details of the Section 106 agreements that are not in place for the new development for further review.

- b. Members received a written report about issues with high traffic and crossing the Cycle lane on the promenade around the Adventure Golf/Hut 55 area.

AGREED – To raise the issue with Sustrans a lot of new infrastructure has been added since the formation of the cycle route. To add the item to the HIP.

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain 0

- c. Members received a written report on the flooding issues on Church Street.

AGREED – To not add this item to the HIP but to ask the Clerk to raise the issue with KCC and to write to KCC requesting a review takes place..

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For 6

Against – 0

Abstain 0

- iii. Members received a written report from the Clerk regarding the improved accessibility route on The Beach/Kingsdown Road between The Strand and Granville Road. KCC have put together a design and cost for members to review.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council to spend £7000 to create 4 new accessible dropped kerbs.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain - 0

- iv. No items were brought forward.

255. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

i. Recommendation to purchase no engine idling stickers

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk detailing KCC highways position on the Stickers.

AGREED – To ask Cllr Waite-Gleave to take this back to KALC to look at a more county wide solution to the issue working with KCC. Ask the Climate Emergency Working Group to look at smaller stickers that could be attached to bins in problem areas.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For –

6

Against – 0

Abstain - 0

ii. Recommendation to purchase Beebombs

Members received a written report from the Climate Emergency Working Group to spend up to £425 to purchase Beebombs for the public.

AGREED – To the recommendation to spend up to the Budget of £425 in two tranches to purchase Beebombs.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For -6

Against -0

Abstain -0

iii. Recommendation to purchase a replacement door for the office

Members received a written report on purchasing a new front door for the office.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council that a purchase of a new door at a cost of £1119.50 be made.

Proposed – Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For -4

Against -2

Abstain -0

iv. Water Filling Stations

Cllr Waite-Gleave gave an update on the project to provide 2 water filling stations at the toilets at Marine Road and Borrow Pit Car park. Currently work is moving forward with Marine Road and we are awaiting details of the costs required from DDC to bring this forward for a decision. Members requested the Clerk Look at alternative sites in the Marine Road area.

256. BUDGET

Members received copies of the projected budget for 2026/27 for Amenities and Environment and the Climate Emergency Working Group for review to make recommendations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

AGREED – To make recommendations for the below amounts to Finance and General Purposes in respect of the Amenities and Environment Committee.

Amenities and Environment		2024/25	2025/26			2026/27	Comments
Heading	Sub heading	Actuals	Current YTD	Expected for balance of year	Total	Budget	
Allotments	Campbell Road	£141.83	£63.33	£1,000.00	£1,063.33	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	Utilities	£1,045.00	£438.81	£745.98	£1,184.79	£1,300.00	£2,000.00
	Refunds	£80.84	£100.00	£300.00	£400.00	£300.00	£300.00
Land Management	Drill Field/access road/ lighting	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	Emergency works (trees, hedg es ect)	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
	MUGA	£1,282.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
Projects and Activities	A&E (highways improvements)	£0.00	£0.00	£7,000.00	£7,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00
	Historic Walk	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	Outdoor Gym	£0.00	£0.00	£44,000.00	£0.00	£33,000.00	£40,000.00
	DDC Toilets	£21,915.30	£6,108.79	£24,000.00	£30,108.79	£24,000.00	£27,000.00
Publicity and Promotion	Noticeboard refurbishment	£0.00	£336.00	£0.00	£336.00	£1,000.00	£336.00
Stony Path	Project	£60.00	£525.00	£525.00	£1,050.00	£9,000.00	£2,000.00
Tree planting	Tree planting	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

AGREED – To make recommendations for the below amounts to Finance and General Purposes in respect of the Climate Emergency Working Group.

		2024/25	2025/26		2026/27 proposal	
Heading	Sub heading		Current YTD	Expected for balance of year	Total	Budget
Climate Emergency	Beebombs	0	£0.00	£423.56	£423.56	£0.00
	Thermal Camera	130.5	£103.50	£0.00	£103.50	£150.00
	Swift boxes	0	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
	Water Refill Stations	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Churchill Avenue	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,600.00
	Biodiversity grants	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
	Seawater Testing kits (NEW)	0	£840.00	£0.00	£840.00	£840.00
	Walmer against Plastic	0	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00
	Tree Purchase (NEW)	0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£550.00

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

The meeting was closed at 20.40

257. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

December 2nd, 2025.

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Signature

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Date

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HIGHWAYS			IMPROVEMENT PLAN		ACTION PLAN					KCC Priority no
PROJECT NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	MANAGER	PROGRESS	Comments	Priority no	
2	Jan-22	Speed Survey, Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	TBA	TBA	TBA	on going	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data		
7	N/A	Disability access dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	Addition of dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces	TBA	HIP	KCC	With KCC design	Met with representatives from Deal Speaking up Group and reviewed curbs report passed to KCC. HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding for Dover road. The Beach/Kingsdown Road agreed.		
9	Nov-21	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade	as stated	TBA	none available	KCC	Stalled due to lack of means to make this happen	Question as to how this could be done given private road		
15	Jun-23	Cycle Routes - Request to join cycle route 1 to the Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville Road	as stated	TBA	HIP	KCC	With KCC design	HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding . Changes required to initial plan. DDC draft plan includes a better version of this to be reviewed once plans completed.		
16	Jun-23	Potholes	Repair work - long term road resurfacing	TBA	TBA	KCC	ongoing	Continuous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as required. Pothole blitz on North Barrack Road this month		
18	Nov-23	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking restriction	Parking restrictions	N/A	E Heritage	with KCC	English Heritage looking at weather proofing back up car park to resolve issue	Walmer Castle has plans for additional parking for 2025, contacted KCC highways who are looking at options to rectify this. Picked up With KCC members who are pushing for a solution.		
19	Feb-24	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	TBA	KCC/HIP	KCC	With M Eddy for route	With Cllr Eddy		
20	Feb-25	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle Crossing the road change due to blind bend and speed	Additional Signage	TBA	TBA	KCC		Picked up with DDC and awaiting their walking/cycling plan. Letter written to KCC supporting a 20mph zone. Speed survey taken over week in May 2025 results were within acceptable limits for 30mph zone but not low enough to support a 20mph zone.		
21	Feb-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road -speeding	20MPH zone not possible as per KCC, Speeds within acceptable limits as per Kent safety partnership.	TBA	TBA	KCC/ Kent road partnership		Stretch of road has been reviewed recently by KCC. Quote from KCC about scope of improvements "However, this is something that can be placed on Walmer Town Council's Highway Improvement Plan for further discussion but with very little or no scope to widen the footway and there not being sufficient carriageway width to install a pedestrian refuge island, the only possibly feasible form of pedestrian crossing in this vicinity could be a pedestrian dropped kerb, and I am not sure that would be solving the issues being experienced." Members considered in Sept 2025.		
22	Jun-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road - Paving	Ask KCC to review	TBA	TBA	KCC		With KCC for design options.		
23	Sep-25	Promenade outside of Adventure Golf	Ask KCC to review		KCC/WTC	KCC	NEW			



New Items to be considered for HIP

1.

Location	Court Road
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Details of issue
Speeding on road, resident's car has been hit since moving in March of this year, as have according to resident other cars on the road. Resident would like to see speed bumps similar to Salisbury Road and Mill Hill installed.

Information from KCC or requirements
Walmer Town Council have already requested a formal review of the road from KCC. On Crashmap data there are 4 accidents reported in the last 10 years with 3 of these on the Station Road/Court Road Junction. Of the 4 accidents 3 were reported as minor and 1 as serious no reports of fatal accidents exist on Crashmap. Kent County Council installs speed bumps primarily on residential streets where there is evidence of excessive speed or a history of injury crashes involving vulnerable road users, like pedestrians and cyclists. The council prioritizes locations where traffic speeds are consistently above 24 mph and physical traffic calming measures are needed to reduce speeds below this threshold, typically for a 20mph zone. The process to start to review the need for this begins with an assessment of the road.

Take forward to HIP	Yes	No
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Location	Kingsdown Road
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Details of issue
Past Walmer Castle KCC have installed measures to alleviate flooding these gulleys are being blocked by weeds and so flooding is once again occurring on the road during periods of heavy rain

Information from KCC or requirements
KCC and DDC are currently discussing who is responsible for the maintenance as it is DDC land where the weeds and soil are coming from. Options open to us include writing to both parties asking for a resolution, Walmer Town Council could appoint a contractor in agreement with DDC to carry out work to clear the issue or adding to the HIP to ask for a better solution to be found. These were only installed 18 months ago. Any works undertaken to clear the drainage are likely to be temporary and would require regular maintenance. A report has been made about the blocked drainage channels to KCC.

Take forward to HIP	Yes	No
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3.

Location	Alleyways off Salisbury Road
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Details of issue
Lack of lighting making alleyways between Salisbury Road and Church Street and Dover Road, member of public feels that this makes them unsafe. Also a lack of maintenance of the hedges on the boundaries and mud on the pathway which is slippery when mud builds up on the path.

Information from KCC or requirements
<p>Councils in the UK generally do not have a statutory duty to provide public lighting in alleyways or elsewhere. The provision of lighting is a discretionary power, not a mandatory requirement. Street lights will cost between £600 per unit up to £2000, depending on the style and access to a supply of electricity.</p> <p>In terms of the maintenance none of Walmer Town Council, Dover District Council or Kent County Council have any powers to be able to require a entity to set a maintenance plan. The alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street is bordered on one side by the Cricket Club the land is owned by KCC but leased on a long term basis by the club. DDC are the authority responsible for street cleaning and clear the mud from the pathway.</p>

Take forward to HIP	Yes	No
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Item: Kent Sustainable Community Network.
 Date: 17/11/25.
 Meeting: Amenities and Environment December 2025.
 From: Climate Emergency Working Group.

On the Kent Sustainable Communities Network website it says, 'the network aims to enable more coordinated and impactful climate action through a hub of grass root groups across Kent'. Currently the network includes town councils such as Deal, parish councils such as Bearsted, community groups and the 2 Kent C of E dioceses.

The network aims to:

- increase and improve **public awareness** of, and engagement with, climate change mitigation and adaptation
- contribute to greenhouse gases **emissions reduction**
- support **biodiversity and nature recovery**, maintenance and appreciation
- help to implement **circular economy** principles across value chains to support local businesses.

The webpage will share useful resources, upcoming events and training opportunities.

2025 is an appropriate time for WTC to sign-up to this Kent-wide initiative given that: -

- a) We plan soon to have our updated WTC Climate and Ecological Emergency statement and our C&E Action Plan, approved by A & E and then viewable on our WTC website to which there could be a link on the KSCN.
- b) As Kent shifts to Unitary Authorities over the next 24 months, cross-Kent links are more needed.
- c) We hope to support the good work being done by local Kent councils and communities to mitigate and adapt to the fast and accelerating pace of the climate and ecological emergency in the county with the longest coastline in England. Signing up to KSCN is one way of sharing knowledge / experience across Kent communities, and helping cut costs, helping too with the work to make our East Kent coastal communities more resilient.

It is anticipated that this action should be cost free.

The recommendation of the Climate Emergency Working Group is to ask the Clerk to sign up to the Kent Sustainable Community Network and share the log in to the resources with the Climate Emergency Working Group.



CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN—COMPILED Spring 2025 part 3 Action May 2025- April 2027

We recognise Natural Solutions to Climate Change include protecting and enhancing carbon-capturing, flood-absorbing, woodlands, grasslands, and wetlands; that community resilience to climate change includes the protection of food-growing land. Action Plan developed by the Council's Climate Emergency Working Group.

Recently Completed
Started and ongoing
Agreed at CEWG an proposal to be put together or made to relevant committee

Putting climate mitigation and resilience at the heart of decision making

Activity	Intended outcome	Led By	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments / contacts
1.1 Develop new, comprehensive Local Resilience Plan due to expected extreme weather events & lessons learned during pandemic	To be better prepared to help (vulnerable in) community cope with power or broadband outages, shortages, heatwaves, flooding, etc	Clerk / KALC Rep SWG	Template to be developed during and after DDC workshop for level 1 councils (due March/July 2025 but postponed by DDC) Link in with Deal Town Council regarding working together on a resilience plan to avoid duplication.	Officer time Councillor to attend workshop	After DDC resilience workshop Feb 2026 ? Long Term Ongoing	https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/imp/oving-community-resilience Implications of Community Governance Review 2026/7
1.2 Get a new Carbon Audit done in Jan 2027	Awareness which activities have most emissions GHGases and to show we have achieved WTC net zero without carbon offsetting by 2027.	Officer	To source a carbon audit and quotation.	Officer time	Jan 2027	Full council provided with update 6 March 2024 on carbon audit impact report of Walmer Parish, after SWG did carbon literacy training Dec 2023. Territorial 8.45t CO2e Consumption 15.3t CO2e both per household
1.3 Liaise with DDC / KALC / NALC about LGReorganisation ; new EK Unitary Authority from 2027.	Find out what extra powers level 1 councils / WTC may have as result of Local Govt reorganisation				Decisions start Jan 2026	DDC want to unload some car parks, likely only Borrow Pit in Walmer. (Implications of Community Governance Review 2026/7)

	1.4 Offer training to councillors / officers	Awareness among all members of council & officers							Info & Training sessions and information can be found at: https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/climate-change https://www.carbonfootprint.com/carbonacademy_sbn.html https://www.cse.org.uk/resources https://carboncharter.org/events/carbon-literacy-training-3/
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Buildings

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
2.1 Get Energy Performance Certificate done on 62 The Strand, publicly owned WTC premises	Find out energy performance of WTC premises, to guide cost effective energy saving plan	Officer/ Cllr SWG	Renew in 2035	£210 for EPC	Completed April 2025	IR Check of No 62, possible installation of curtains. Score- C (68) Previous in 2014-E (121)
2.2 Improve energy efficiency of WTC publicly owned premises with new door. (2.7 refers)	Lower bills, warmer staff, improved energy efficiency so smaller carbon emissions.	Officers	Agreed 5 Nov 2025 Full Council		To be completed 31 Jan 2026	
2.3 Leaflet & offer with Energy Saving service with Thermal Imaging Camera service & give aways	Continue to help residents improve energy efficiency of their homes	Officer	Redesign and commission new leaflet for IR camera scheme. External Home visit Dec Jan & Feb	Officer Time	Autumn 2025 & ongoing	DDC offer of give aways, add to leaflet.
2.4 Get TIC images of Front, rear and side skylights of 62 The strand	To add to the information from EPC and guide decisions on saving energy, guide future decisions	Officer	Take pictures when colder weather comes in	Officer Time	By Dec 25	
2.5 Compare current energy supplier with other suppliers sourced from renewables & low carbon generation.	Enable Council to switch to cost-effective 100% renewable (or at least low carbon) energy supplier	Town Clerk	Renewal in 2027	N/A	Annually	Done: 2025
2.6 Seek partner to help us provide rainwater harvesting / butts to residents & community groups where suitable	To recycle rainwater for use in gardens.	Officer	Get information about water harvesting	Officer Time	2026	SWG to check with DDC and check Churchill Ave.
2.7 Install solar panels at office, improve thermal efficiency with alterations to windows and front of office.	Cut energy bills and make WTC premises more energy efficient thereby increasing the resale value of the publicly owned asset in a prudent manner.	All CEWG team of Cllrs & officers	Investigate grants.		2026 /7	Planning application 22/01443 includes 6 solar roof panels, Extension of rear room, insertion of new rooflight, alterations to shop front including window & door and 2 cycle stands.

2.8	Collect information about area in Walmer Parish with past experience of flooding or future potential for flooding.						2026	KRF looking for parish flood wardens.
2.9	Planning committee to be aware of Advice Kent Fire Service/Resilience Forum, fire breaks needed round developments edge of settlements (wildfires)	ask for safer planning conditions on developments in and around Walmer	Officer / SWG	Advice to be put on planning committee agenda	yearly reminders	Long Term Ongoing		
2.1	Planning cttee to be aware new historic England Advice on energy efficiency & solar on Listed buildings & In Conservation areas	help residents overcome barriers preventing them saving energy	Officer / SWG	Advice to be put on planning committee agenda	reminders when needed	Long Term Ongoing		https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/

Transport & support for active travel (walking & cycling)

	Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
3.1	Promote cycle hire from Walmer-based business(es) on our website	To inform the public about cycle hire in the local area	Officer	Put link on our website (like DealTC does) to https://www.hut55.co.uk/bikehire	Officer Time	Near Future	Link has been added to website, The Sustainable page is under construction.
3.2	Promote car-sharing platforms and community transport volunteers	Help residents who don't drive; and help residents drive less.	Officer	Creation of sustainable travel page. On our website. Make poster to put up on community notice boards.	Officer Time	By September 2025	Poster to be completed Website Completed
3.3	Liaise with A&E cttee on making 'Walking /cycling safer & 'irresistible'.		Cllr- SWG	Liaise with Walmer road safety and speedwatch groups	Cllr Time	Long Term Ongoing	Gram's Rd / Station Rd junction likely to be big issue if / when development of Ray's Bottom arable field goes ahead.
3.4	Liaise with KCC to install more EV charging spaces for residents without drives	Increase number of EV charging spaces	Officer	Contact KCC regarding places for EV points as well as funding.	Officer Time	Long Term Ongoing	Looking at possibility of adding charge points to top of Court Road, and to upgrade to faster chargers at Rugby club.
3.5	Speak up for retention of Walmer ticket office & better cheaper train and bus services.	Improvements Walmer side of Walmer Stn e.g. automatic public toilets not in ticket office.	Cllr- SWG	Liaise with DealTC (responsible for Ramsgate platform) to improve public toilets & enviro at Walmer stn		2026	British Toilet Association Legalise Loos Campaign

	Explore interest of DDC / DTC in small electric hopper bus to link Walmer residents/ visitors with Boundary Rd, southern Walmer & Deal Castle at weekends	Reduce use of private ICE car in very congested Walmer at weekends.	Clr SWG	If DDC / DTC / KCC / new UA interested – then see how WTC can support within limits our resources. Speak with Residents association Wellington Parade about possibility; route to be limited to Boundary Rd to Deal Castle to avoid pinch points.			2026 If local business SME/CIC Interested	
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Restoring Nature, enhancing natural carbon capture (including foreshore and coast)

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
4.1 Support / publicise White Cliffs Countryside Partnership – restoring nature work on Foreshore	Encourage Native Species – reduce invasive species.	Officers/Cllrs	Officer to publicise on our website & FB page	Officer time	Long Term Ongoing	Check WCCP website- Contact Alfie
4.2 Take over management of Churchill Ave Green Space from DDC	Creation community orchard / community garden / biodiversity / peaceful green space for residents young & old	Clerk / Cllr SWG	Continue to liaise with DDC officer Nicola Fairhurst and Ed Craske Keep potential volunteers updated.	Land was offered by DDC at 3 yr lease peppercorn rent July 2023	2026	Hope to have status of space confirmed by end 2025. To consult with volunteers, draft plan, Sept. Start work Nov 2025.
4.3 Encourage edible vegetable growing, & rainwater harvesting	To help with community resilience, if / when shortages occur	Clerk	Maintain wildlife friendly category in WIB, proposal to be made to Walmer in Bloom		2026	
4.4 Tree & hedge planting	Explore if KCC offering more plants. DDC interested in short hedge (low-growing labour-saving species) eastern edge of Marke Wood.	Officer	Talk to DDC/KCC about grants.	Officer time	2026	
4.5 Fruit Trees offer for front gardens	Extra carbon capture throughout the parish and residents' wellbeing.	Officer / Cllr SWG	Agree money for project in Budget		2026	Young's Nursery- fruit trees at cost. £5 donation from those want them. Budget request for 2026/2027 of £880 Sale or Return? (Ramsgate TC bought at £11 each)
4.6 Test seawater using services of accredited Laboratory	Provide raw data or findings to complement data obtained by regulator – evidence to push for less pollution of our coastal	Officer / Cllr SWG	Place order with laboratory	Officer time; budgeted cost of tests to be done April, July, Sept Oct / EA do	Long Term Ongoing	Action 2025 Review at Jan 2026 meeting, if Swimfo App still shows local sea-bathing water quality as 'poor'.

4.7	Work to retain carbon-capturing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WiB / Hawkshill cttee.	Extra carbon capture throughout the parish and residents' wellbeing. Retain carbon-capturing, flood absorbing trees, woodland & grasslands across the parish through planning cttee and WiB / Hawkshill cttee.	Officers / Cllrs PF & SWG & WiB Cttee & A&E	Updated management plan Hawkshill Freedown (SC). Recommendations on planning applications involving TPOs. Apply for new TPOs where possible. WTC Tree policy agreed at full council 6 Nov 2024	Review with DDC tree officer and DDC parks and open spaces as appropriate. Long Term Ongoing	We advocate for natural solutions to climate change at DAC-KALC and DDC C&NForum. WTC owned Hawkshill Freedown includes globally rare chalk downland habitat.
4.8	Set up meeting PAN officer and DDC at DealTC Make all areas mown / managed by DDC in Walmer free of chemical pesticides especially glyphosate. Encourage allotment holders to go pesticide free.	End the use of chemical pesticides on all green areas within Walmer. Also encourage our allotment holders not to use chemical pesticides. To protect both human health and biodiversity.	On agenda May 2025 DDC C&N Forum	Keep putting the case to DDC Parks and Open Spaces every 6 months. Liaise with other level 1 councils in the district.	Officer and Cllr Time Meeting with PAN officer 27-11-2025	Help available from Pesticide action network. pan-uk.org.uk By March 2026 for Allotments On agenda April 2025 DDC C&NForum Use contacts website pan-uk.org.uk Pesticide Action Network & Pesticide Free Towns - Nick Mole in Dover.
4.9	Work with Kent Wildlife Trust and DDC to upgrade the protective designation of WTC owned Hawkshill Freedown from LWS (exSNCI) to LNR	Improved protection for carbon-capturing grassland wildlife rich chalk downland in planning law.	WiB cttee and Cllr P Findley	Put forward a proposal to Walmer in Bloom	Up to £330 for KWT officer time	What are Community Governance Review implications ?
4.1	Promote wildlife friendly community gardening through Nature & Biodiversity small grants	Small grants to allow groups to improve biodiversity in the area	Town Clerk	Allow for and authorise small grants for A&E.	No	Maximum £1500 per year
4.11	Walmer Peace Garden; wildlife friendly greenspace	Support wildlife friendly community garden and volunteers	WiB cttee		Ongoing	Volunteers of WPG (project started in 2022) with support of coopted CLLR Sarah Fisher.

Reducing Waste / encouraging recycling/ promoting effective recycling

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
5.1 Offer guidance on recycling facilities in CT14 area		Officer	Produce poster / graphic	Officer Time	By Dec 2025	
5.2 WalAPP Walmer Against Plastic Pollution (coincide with 5.6)	Encourage food / drink outlets & hospitality sector to offer more plastic to office space etc	Clir SWG	Order stickers for shop / cafe windows. Clir SWG to visit, praise actions, advise their next steps	WalAPP non-profit stall (annually, 2026, 2027)	Jan / Feb 2026	
5.3 Promote Deal Repair Café in Walmer. A one-off repair café service at Walmer Brocante in August 2026	Encourage public to re-use, repair instead of buying new	Clir SWG	Contact Deal Repair Café (or individual fixers), book stall	£10 for non-profit stall	Aug-26	Clir SWG is a fixer with Deal Repair Café
5.4 Promote community litter picks, celebrate school litter picks		SWG	Letters congratulating classes & groups PDC and DWI beach cleans etc		Long Term Ongoing	
5.5 Work with DDC to install water filler close to Sustrans 1 shared cycle / walking path, outside Marine Rd toilets.	Enable residents & visitors to refill personal water bottles 24/7 - discourage single use oil based plastic bottles.	SWG / Officer	Budget agreed July 2023. DDC agreed autumn 2025 (after project on hold while waiting for share of toilet upkeep to be agreed with DDC because sensible installation location is outside toilets).	Officer time. Note: £4000 Allocated in WTC budget for 2 x water fillers since July 2023	Jan / Feb 2026	(DDC sent funding application to WTC March 2025, rejected) Toilet maintenance costs agreed Jan 2025.)
5.6 Continue to reduce use of paper ; encourage councillors to use own (reconditioned) IT tablets, etc. Use QR codes where suitable	To reduce the amount of paper used for office work.	Officer	Office uses recycled paper for agendas and other paperwork Reduction in agendas may be possible.	Officer Time		It is not sustainable to spend money buying new tablets for councillors. Complete switch to QR codes would exclude some members of the community. Reduction of hard copy agendas has begun, use of recycled paper primarily for all white paper printing. Suitable used paper also used as notepaper.
5.7 Put up shelf for projector & get projector for ctee room WTC premises *See Entry 1.1	Ctee meeting agendas can be projected onto wall /screen to reduce use of paper & keep meetings focused	Officer		Projector & high shelf	Completed Sep 25	To note: if we continue to use Walmer PH for full council meetings, secretary of WPH supplies projector for use at WPH.

Influencing others /Sharing good practice

Activity	Intended outcome	Led by	Next Steps	Resources required	Time Frame	Comments
6.1 Work with DDC Climate & Nature Forum sharing good practice.	Learn of initiatives from other TCs / community resources of suitable	Clirs SWG / PF	Clerk discussed TORs Dec 2023. Clirs attending quarterly from May 2024		Ongoing	https://www.dover.gov.uk/civicrm/extension/Climate-Change/Dover-Climate-Nature-Change-Forum-2024

6.2	WTC stall at DealTC Climate Action Day Nov 2025	To participate in Deal TC Climate Action Day to inform the public about WTC's work,	Officer preparation & clr time RB & SWG			Completed Nov 2025	Possible repeat in Nov 2026
6.3	Support DDC actions to attract providers of CAR CLUBS to district and to CT14	Help residents avoid cost of private car ownership but access car occasionally				Minuted Oct 2025 at DDC CI&NF	
6.4	Work with DAC-KALC on resilience, mitigation and adaptation projects					Ongoing	
6.5	Support Downs Sailing club especially on NSSR	Support ambition of Downs Sailing Club to run a low carbon National Schools Sailing Regatta in June 2026.	All				



Item: Bathing Water.
 Date: 25/11/25.
 Meeting: December 2025 Amenities and Environment.
 From: Roland Aldred.

At the November Full Council, the Clerk was requested to add an item to the agenda for members to discuss potential actions on two topics following the meeting with Southern water.

Southern Waters Role within the planning application process.

Water Companies are only statutory consultees on applications relating to the extraction of shale oil or gas within England. The water companies are also statutory consultees on setting local plans and local development orders. The Secretary of State is responsible for setting the list of statutory consultees. The Independent Water Commission report (summary report pub June 3, 2025 Para 214) recommends that water companies should have a clear ability to comment on planning applications above a certain threshold and that the government should consider if this is as a statutory body.

Dover District Council have listed Southern Water as a consultee on all major dwelling developments. Major dwelling developments is defined as a residential development of between 10 or more dwellings, a residential development on a site area of 0.5 ha or more and the number of dwellings is unknown, a development of floorspace of 1,000 sq. m or more or a development on sites over 1 ha or more. Which is already in line with the Independent Water Commission Report.

Currently the content of the water companies' response to a planning application is limited to advising whether there is a pipeline to which the development can connect. This is under the right to connect (S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991). This does not allow for comment about the network capacity and lack of advanced notice. The Independent Water Commission report picks this up in paragraph 215 and suggests a review of the right to connect should be undertaken by the Government.

Recommendation 72 of the Independent Water Commission report covering both issues states that **"The role of water companies in the planning process in England should be strengthened to ensure they sufficient sight and influence over upcoming developments. The 'Right to Connect' should be reviewed."**

Water Companies are required to have a Water Resource Management plan, Southern Water update their plan every 5 years and the latest version is currently with DEFRA seeking approval. This plan will forecast based on the local plan population and supply and demand of water services, and how they will meet this demand. This is only one part of what the

Water Resource Management Plan deals with. In terms of planning this makes a Local Plan even more important in allowing the water companies to assess upcoming developments and plan accordingly, windfall developments (developments outside of the local plan) will not have been taken in to account when the Water company has developed its Water Resource Management Plan.

Members to decide what if any action to be taken.

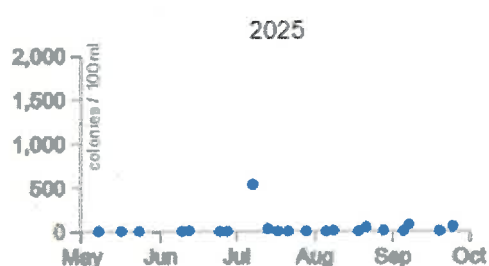
Sites of testing of Water within the Deal/Walmer Area.

The Environment Agency only regularly test designated bathing waters across the county, these are tested between May 15- September 30 each year. Currently the only designated bathing water in the Walmer/Deal area is at Deal Castle. The Environment Agency is required to test these waters a minimum of 4 time and up to 20 per year during the bathing season.

These results are the only official results that are used to set the designation of the bathing water.

In 2025 the Environment Agency carried out 20 tests, with one spike in the tests. After review the Environment Agency has rated Deal Castle Bathing Water good a jump from 2024's poor rating.

Intestinal Enterococci (IE)



Escherichia coli (EC)



Designated bathing waters are set by the Government currently there are 451 designated bathing waters within England. To request a new designated bathing water to be set the beach must meet set criteria. These are:

- Must be a natural coastal or inland water body
- Must attract 100+ bathers daily during the bathing season (May 15–Sept 30, does not include paddleboarders, kayakers etc)
- Toilets must be available within 500 meters
- Artificial waters (e.g., pools, spas) are excluded

Southern Water also test the waters on a regular basis in 2024 they conducted 78 tests and in 2025 40 tests these are conducted from 8 points along the Deal/Walmer coastline.

Southern Water have been contacted to ask why these locations have been selected. These results are shared with the Environment Agency.

There is no precedence for additional regular Environment Agency testing of sea water outside of the designated bathing waters. The legislation The Bathing Water Regulations 2013 only requires that said waters are tested.

Members to decide on any further actions.