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Dated the 17th April 2026

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 23rd April 2026 at: Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Roland Aldred

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 26th February 2026.
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. Update from KCC on progress of items on the HIP priority list.
 - iv. Verbal update on alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street.
 - iv. Verbal update on issues caused by parking when exiting Admiralty Mews.
 - vi. 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. **ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT**
To receive verbal update on progress for the amended accessible kerb report.
9. **ELIZABETH HOUSE DEFIBRILLATOR** Attach 4
To receive a report on the defibrillator at Elizabeth house
10. **WATER QUALITY** Attach 5
 - i. To agree details for a meeting in June of interested local groups with Southern Water and DDC to receive updates and actions on local water quality.
 - ii. To receive a verbal update on the yellow fish campaign
11. **WATER FILLING STATION** Attach 6
To receive a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working group on the installation of a water bottle filling station on Marine Road Toilets.
12. **CHEMICAL ADDITIVES WITHIN THE ALLOTMENTS** Attach 7
To receive a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group to produce a leaflet informing allotment holders about organic gardening.
13. **STONEY PATH**
To receive a verbal update on Stoney Path.
14. **BIODIVERSITY GRANT** ENC 1
To decide on recommendation to full council for a biodiversity grant application from the Downs Sailing club for re-usable water bottles.

- 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
16th June 2026.



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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 26th February 2026 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr D Richardson and Cllr P Ludwig.

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr P Jull was absent at the start of the meeting

487. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Ludwig, M Simpson and S Waite-Gleave.

488. 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.

489. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Ludwig declared an OSI in relation to items 498 and 499 as an allotment holder. Cllr P Findley declared a VAOI in relation to item 491 as he is connected to the group.

490. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

AGREED- That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr D Richardson.

Seconded by Cllr P Ludwig.

For - 5

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

491. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail had been received from Dover District Council regarding the letter written about the alarm cords. DDC will be conducting investigations to how this service can be improved to an acceptable standard.

492. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

493. GRANTS

Members received a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group for a Bio Diversity Grant to be awarded to Walmer and Deal action for Swifts.

AGREED

That the Amenities and Environment Committee recommend to full Council to award the grant of £498.76 to Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts.

Proposed by Cllr P Ludwig.

Seconded by Cllr D Richardson.

For - 5 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

494. 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 parking at the bottom of Salisbury Road. Near the junction with Dover Road cars and lorries are parked in such a way as to reduce the road to a single lane. Should two lorries be parked on either side of the road this may be an issue for emergency services. Members reviewed options but these are limited, resident did not want to see double yellow lines and the road is sufficiently wide that emergency services vehicles should not be blocked (any blocking of the road by parking is an offence which the police will deal with).

AGREED – To not add this to the HIP as there are no options for how to take this forward.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 5 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

- b. Members received a written report about the lighting in alleyways between Salisbury Road and Church Street and Salisbury Road and Dover Road. The alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street the lighting has been clogged up by over grown vegetation making the alleyway dark. A report had been made on KCC portal and work had taken place on the day from KCC. Alleyway between Salisbury Road and Dover Road had a couple of areas where the surrounding light was not bleeding in to the alleyway leaving dark areas. KCC members have been in contact today to advise that they are reviewing with officers if their members grant can be used to fix this situation

NOTED – No further action required Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.

- c. Members received a written report of a resident's issues with accessing their drive in St Marys Road.

AGREED – Resident is in contact with Cllr Murphy of DDC and members have asked the clerk to support the resident.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 5 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

- d. Members received a written report of an issue in the alleyway between Belmont and Station Road. The alleyway is partially unlit and there is a step down from a kerb in the unlit part creating a trip hazard. A report has been made to KCC PROW to review.

AGREED – Should KCC respond negatively to the request for additional streetlighting to ask the Clerk to try to get agreement from the owners to get reflective paint put on the kerb to indicate the trip hazard.

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr D Richardson

For - 5 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

- e. Members received a written and verbal report on issues of exiting Admiralty Mews. Previously there was a mirror plate on a BT pole opposite the exit that allowed users to see cars approaching from the south, this mirror has been broken and is not replaceable.

AGREED – To ask the Clerk to contact DDC parking services requesting that the junction is reviewed for safety purposes.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 5 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

- iii. New items to be considered at next meeting.
No items were brought forward.

495. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT

Members received an updated version of the accessible kerb report, the updates took in to account the agreed improvements with KCC removing a substantial number of items within the original report.

AGREED – To ask officers to work with Mr Knott to review further major road in Walmer for accessibility issues and once this is completed to prioritise the existing and new issues for bringing back to the committee.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr D Richardson

For - 5 Against – 0 Abstain – 0

496. BATHING WATER

- i. Members received a written response from Southern Water to questions posed at a meeting in November 2025.

NOTED – Members to consider answers and e-mail the Clerk requesting any items that they consider requiring further discussion on the next agenda.

- ii. Members received a response from the Government to a letter requesting greater testing of coastal waters.
- iii. Members received a response from the Government to a letter asking for the role of water companies to be expanded within the planning application process.
Members considered the contents of both letters from the Government as positive.

NOTED

497. DEFIBRILLATORS

Members received a written report from the Clerk on the location of defibrillators in Walmer and how the NHS and public can access information about locations through websites.

NOTED – Members requested that the Clerk add a link to Defib finder on the Walmer Town Council website.

498. ALLOTMENT TENNANCY/PESTICIDE FREE

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group regarding an amendment to the tenancy agreement banning the use of chemicals.

AGREED – To delegate to the Clerk the writing of an additional term to the allotment tenancy stating that WTC is looking to reduce the use of chemicals on the allotments and would welcome any comments. Members to be given sight of the new term by e-mail before this is sent to plot holders for comment.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 4 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Cllr P Ludwig did not vote on this item

499. ALLOTMENT CHARGES

Members received a recommendation for the cost per square metre of the Allotment plots.

AGREED – To hold the price at 48p per metre

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For - 4 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

Cllr P Ludwig did not vote on this item

499. DDC ACCESSIBLE BEACH PROJECT

Members received a draft design of the accessible beach project DDC are proposing and which asks for comments on the design along with a request from DDC for additional funding for shown improvements of £5k.

Members discussed the design at length and took in to account the opinion of Mr Knott as a representative of the Speaking up Group. The project members agreed was a fantastic idea, however the lack of social space was a little disappointing.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council to offer the requested £5000 to DDC with the recommendation that it improve the projects social spaces to reflect more the Bexhill Beach garden project.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 3 Against – 0 Abstain - 2

The meeting was closed at 21.30

500. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
April 23rd 2026.

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Signature

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Date

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HIGHWAYS					KCC Priority no
PROJECT NO	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	PROGRESS	Comments	
2	Speed Survey, Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	on going KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data	
9	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade	as stated	Working with DDC to provide the best solution having spoken to KCC and not agreeing a solution	Question as to how this could be done given private road	
15	Cycle Routes - Request to join cycle route 1 to the Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville Road	as stated		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	Potholes	Repair work - long term road resurfacing	ongoing	Continuous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as required. Pothole blitz on North Barrack Road this month	
18	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking restriction	Parking restrictions	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	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	With M Eddy for route	With Cllr Eddy	
20	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle Crossing the road change due to blind bend and speed	Additional Signage	With KCC design	Picked up with DDC and awaiting their walking/cycling plan.	
21	Upper Walmer Dover Road -speeding	20MPH zone not possible as per KCC, Speeds within acceptable limits as per Kent safety partnership.	KCC contacted due to current avg speed they would not grant a TRO	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.	
22	Upper Walmer Dover Road - Paving	Ask KCC to review	KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	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.	

23	Promenade outside of Adventure Golf - Cycling signage to warn of crossing	Ask KCC to review	With Clerk to contact Sustrans	Members requested advice from KCC who advised it will be DDC to put signage in recommendation was to have additional signage indicating share with care.	
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New Items to be considered for HIP

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Location	Campbell Road – opposite allotments
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<p>Details of issue</p> <p>Member of the public reports issues of speeding and safety of pedestrians leaving the houses opposite the allotments on Campbell Road.</p>

<p>Information from KCC or requirements</p> <p>Campbell Road has no pavements on the side opposite the allotments, houses abut directly to the road, with only a small step down from the house to the road, at this point road while not single track is not wide and parking on other side of the road outside the allotments makes the road narrower. Beyond Wolleston Road this narrows to point where speeding would be difficult, at this point there are narrow pathways on both sides of the road.</p> <p>Road is not significantly used being that it is a minor road between The Strand and Gladstone Road and there is also another minor road York Road that follows a similar trajectory. There have been no reported accidents on this stretch of road on Crashmap.</p> <p>Options are limited without crash data KCC are unlikely to consider any major works such as speed bumps, signage for pedestrians in the road is normally only agreed where sightlines are poor. Resident is reporting speeds in excess of 30mph given the low traffic of the area this may mean that a 20mph zone would not be accepted by the Kent Safety Partnership, with no accidents reported. Build outs or paving this side of the road is likely to be considered overly costly given the small number of users of the road. The Clerk looked in to virtual pavements (as below picture) but KCC advised this was not something they look to install as there are no legal line designations for this feature.</p>





Item: Elizabeth House Defibrillator
Date: 08/04/26
Meeting: April A&E committee meeting
From: Roland Aldred

Following the meeting in Feb 2026 where members reviewed the defibrillators in Walmer. The Clerk had a conversation with the Church Warden about another subject, in the conversation the defib at Elizabeth House came up.

The defibrillator was gifted to the church by a parishioner but at the time the church were unaware of the onward costs, the church through fundraising have been able to keep the defibrillator in order. Recently the costs of regular checking have become too burdensome, and the benefice administrator has taken on the role of conducting the regular checks (this still allows the defibrillator to be kept in the required order to be on the NHS portal).

Going forward the type of defibrillator installed on Elizabeth House is no longer produced and the ancillaries such as pads and batteries are no longer to be manufactured meaning that the defibrillator will become obsolete and require replacing. Having spoken to the church it is unlikely due to cost that they would replace the unit. This unit is one of the constantly available units in Walmer and the loss of this means that the area around this will now have much further to travel to have access to a 24/7 availability defibrillator.

Members to decide further action if any.



Item: Water Quality

Date: 15/4/26

Meeting: April 2026 Amenities and Environment

From: Roland Aldred

In December the Clerk and members attended a meeting at Deal Town Council of various stakeholders regarding the water quality results from the Environment agency.

Deal Town Council have asked Walmer Town Council to host the next event and at the February meeting of the Full Council members were open to doing so.

The first item is to confirm that Walmer Town Council will agree to host the next meeting as these are planned for every six months this would be in June 2026.

Members to decide.

The item to address would be to resolve who will Chair the meeting on behalf of Walmer Town Council.

Members to decide.

Costs will be the hire of the room and some tea coffee and biscuits all in depending on the size of the room required between £80-£150.

Members to agree to recommend spending up to £150 to facilitate the meeting.

The meeting will include invites to Southern Water, the Environment Agency, local coastal Councils and, local stakeholders including swimmers, the Chamber of Trade, sailing, fishing and local environmental groups. Discussions are around actions taken by the various groups and what further can be done.

Once these have been agreed this will need to be put to full Council to approve and set a cost limit.



Item: **Water Filling Station Installation**

Date: **09/04/26**

Meeting: **A&E**

From: **Admin Clerk**

After finalising quotes for the installation of the water filling station at the Marine Road toilets, the Climate Emergency Working Group has agreed to forward the quotes for the purchase and fitting of the water station.

A meeting was held with one of the contractors and a representative of DDC, regarding the positioning of the water station. Later meetings were made with other contractors and they were informed as to the requirements and location.

Please see attached graphic for the approximate location of the installation. Alternative locations were reviewed and discounted due to costs of cleaning requirements and availability of water pipes.

This will include the installation of the water filling station, a water meter and the hard standing at a prechosen area allowing for a connection to the water and waste pipes in the kitchen area of the toilet block. A meeting between a DDC representative and the contractor will be required before they begin the work to ensure everything is being done correctly.

We requested a concrete base to go underneath the station to prevent the water spilling on to the grass/mud underneath the station potentially causing harm to land, this was not a requirement of DDC. Two of the contractors have quoted for this one was unable to carry out the required work and as such has not included this in their costs.

The breakdown is as follows.

	Quote 1	Quote 2	Quote 3
Purchase of Station	350	Included	Included
Installation	420	1629.37	1495
Water meter	150	154.25	200
Hardstanding	Not Included	550	1100
Total	920	2333.62	2795

Quote 1 does not include the purchase of the water station by the contractor and would need to be bought by the council; this would increase the cost of the quote. The hardstanding would also need to be contracted out and more quotes requested.

As part of the agreement with Dover District Council to attach this to their property Walmer Town Council will be responsible the costs of water, as this depends on usage we cannot give a number to what the future costs of the project will be.

Once A&E have voted on the installation, then this will need to be approved at full council if a quote above £2000 is selected due to the costs involved before the contractor can be informed and we can go forward with the works. All contractors are within the greater Deal area and can be considered as local tradesmen.

Members to decide on the purchase/installation



Location of water filler station on toilets to the left is the beach.



Item: Pesticide Free Towns

Date: 16/04/26

Meeting: A&E

From: Admin Clerk

In 2024 the Climate Emergency Working Group reinstated the Pesticide Free Towns initiative for Walmer Council. An earlier incarnation of the working group had originated the initiative, however due to the changes in the council in 2023 the original was dropped. The reintroduction of the Pesticide Free Towns initiative looked at a wider scope than the earlier version.

Working in concert with Dover District Council, Deal Town Council and the Pesticide Action Network (PAN-UK), Walmer Council has been pushing for a complete cease of use of pesticides such as Glyphosate on plant life throughout the area. These pesticides are used to remove large numbers of weeds and other greenery in an area, this leads to many people being exposed to them while travelling through urban areas, public thoroughways, parks and green spaces and even around council houses.

Walmer Town Council pushed forward with the pesticide free initiative in 2026, with a new addition to the allotment holder tenancy asking for all plot holders to give careful consideration to the use of any pesticides and to contact Walmer Town Council with any feedback. In the meeting of A&E where the changes were decided it was agreed to pass this item back to CEWG to discuss further sharing of information with plot holders.

The working group has requested as part of working toward the potential ban of chemical pesticides in the allotments, that council officers and the A&E chairman collaborate on a two-sided, A5 leaflet be put out to current and future allotment holders. This leaflet will be to inform them of the side effects of chemical additives and alternatives that could be used instead, based on information about organic gardening and other advice from the National Allotments Society.

Members to decide