



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Dated this day 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**To: Councillors: S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), R Blackwell, M Eddy, P Findley.**

**Non-Council Members: Mrs S Fisher.**

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Climate Emergency Working Group** to be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

Copy to Roland Aldred, Clerk

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**AGENDA**

- 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2026/2027**
- 2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2026/2027**
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. 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.

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Attach 1
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS CEWG AND A&E MEETINGS**
- To note: Update from admin regarding actions. Attach 2
7. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
8. **ONGOING PROJECTS**
- Transport and Active Travel**
- **EV Points**
  - To Note: Update on EV Points. Attach 3
  - To Note: Update on possible new EV point locations. Attach 4
- Thermal Camera Scheme**
- To Note: Final report for 2025/2026. Attach 5
- Water Filler Installation**
- Update on installation of a water filler station.
  - Update on the July meeting being held jointly with Deal Town Council for stakeholders.
- Coastal Pollution and Recovery**
- To Note: Update on water testing. Attach 6
- Nature Recovery and Pesticide Free Walmer**
- Draft notice on gardening chemical free for allotment holders and others. Attach 7
- Walmer Against Plastics Pollution**
- To note: Update from Cllr Waite-Gleave.
  - To consider design for sticker on NSSR multi-use water bottles. Attach 8
- Community Resilience**
- To note: New WTC working group formed.
- DDC Climate and Nature Forum**
- Items to go on WTC report.
9. **POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.**
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.



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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 7.00 pm**

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

**Invited Guest :** Mr Jim Stokes of Downs Sailing Club

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Apologies received from Mrs S Fisher.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- None Received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Resolved:** That the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be taken as an accurate record.
    - Proposed by: Cllr Findley
    - Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell
- For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 1

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved** – Brought forward to before Item 5

Proposed – Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

For: 4    Against:0                      Abstain: 0

- Mr J Stokes from the Downs Sailing Club addressed the members of the committee regarding the upcoming NSSR National Schools Sailing Regatta in late July 2026.
- All planning seems to be going well, with contractors signed up for the regatta.
- Due to long term costs, a permanent water fountain/filling station will not be installed for the regatta. Instead, a temporary one will be set up.
- Mr Stokes will contact the town clerk regarding the temporary closing of the Cornwall Road entrance to the drill field.

- Members of the council are to be invited to a presentation and questions evening before the regatta begins.
  - Plans and other information regarding the regatta's use of the green and the drill field will be forwarded to WTC & DDC. Including arrangements for storage of materials. Emergency services, Coastguard and RNLI will have a briefing evening in June, WTC to be invited.
  - Once the purchase of water bottles is confirmed, WTC and DSC will work together on a sticker for the exterior.
  - WTC have been offered a full A5 page free as 'supporter' in the DSC brochure to be sent out to numerous other groups for the regatta. We will be informed of the deadline for artwork, WTC entry may mention active travel routes and hospitality outlets.
- Actions: Admin to look over design for water bottles.**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS CEWG AND A&E MEETINGS

- Updates from chair will be added to later entries
- **Noted:** The working group received an update on previous actions from Admin.
- Working group were also informed that the meeting between WiB Cttee and Kent Wildlife Trust went ahead on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, slides circulated by email.
- Regarding the locations for drop kerbs in Walmer, Cllr Eddy will be meeting with KCC officers about the current HIP.

## 6. ONGOING PROJECTS

### Transport and Active Travel

- **EV Points**
  - **Noted:** Working Group received up to date costs for 2026.
  - **Noted:** Working group received a comparison of costs and profit share between 2024 and 2025. Monitoring by admin indicates appropriate use of charging sites.
  - **Noted:** Working Group received a response from KCC regarding future development of EV points in Walmer. Cllr Waite Gleave informed the working group about a recent article online about Ministry LEVI grant to KCC for EV plans and will forward it to admin.
  - Members noted that most of the priority locations for EV charge points in Walmer are in the Lower and Middle Walmer wards and it may be prudent to investigate places in Upper Walmer, also.
  - KCC are accepting locations from members of the public for new LEVI EV points.

### Water Filler Installation

- **Noted:** The update for the water filler station was received by the working group
- For the report to A&E, it was requested that a sketch plan of the location of the water filling station and the hard standing be included.

**Resolved** – Recommendation to be sent to A&E once the report is double checked and redrafted to allow for more information to be added.

Proposed – Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Findley

For: 4 Against:0 Abstain: 0

**Actions: Admin and Cllr Waite-Gleave to write an updated report to A&E regarding the purchase and installation of the water filling station**

### Coastal Pollution and Recovery

- Cllr Waite-Gleave informed the working group that she has been in contact with leader of DDC Cllr Kevin Mills regarding the sea water status around Deal and Walmer, and the provision by DDC of year-round signage referring public to the year-round alerts from app <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/our-region/clean-rivers-and-seas-task-force/rivers-and-seas-watch/>
- Water testing will be going ahead this year in several location, with notices posted like last year.  
**Resolved** – To continue with four water tests this year at Walmer Castle.  
Proposed – Cllr Findley  
Seconded – Cllr Eddy  
For: 4 Against:0 Abstain: 0  
**Actions: Water testing to continue between April and October 2026.**

#### **Nature Recovery and Pesticide Free Walmer**

- Several entries in the Climate action plan are to be updated.
- An amendment was added to the allotment tenancy regarding the use of chemical additives; a more comprehensive version is to be considered in the future.
- The working group have requested that a two-sided, A5 leaflet be created to be sent out to current and future allotment holders. This is to inform them of the side effects of chemical pesticides and the possible alternatives that can be used.  
**Resolved** – Working group requests that officers and A&E chairman collaborate to produce a leaflet to inform allotment users about organic gardening and NAS advice.  
Proposed – Cllr Findley  
Seconded – Cllr Eddy  
For: 4 Against:0 Abstain: 0  
**Actions: Admin to work with A&E Chairman regarding leaflet about the use of chemical additives in allotments.**
- Cllr Waite Gleave informed the working group about the meeting with KWT regarding the possibility of upgrading the protective status of Hawkshill Freedown from LWS to LNR.

### **7. WASTE & POLLUTION REDUCTION**

#### **Walmer Against Plastics Pollution**

- **Noted:** Certificates and stickers have been received, Cllr Waite Gleave to visit and hand out to local businesses as a thank you for cutting down on single use plastics.
- Members indicated that there was also a need to publicise this more, as it effects the health of both humans and wildlife.

### **8. WALMER LOCAL RESILIENCE PLAN**

- Cllr Waite-Gleave informed CEWG that the proposal for the Local Resilience Plan for Walmer be going to the full council meeting in April, following meeting 23/3/2026 with clerk, Cllr Simpson & Cllr Waite-Gleave.
- Members supported the idea of the WTC resilience plan, several volunteering to sit on a working group. Autumn 2026 was noted as a guideline for a completed first draft of the plan.

- **Noted:** A recommendation to the full council about the plan and that CEWG welcomes the suggestion from officers for the formation of a Resilience Plan working group/task and finish group as a constructive way forward.

**9. NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY GRANT**

- **RESOLVED-** Working Group approved the grant application from Downs Sailing Club to be sent to the next meeting of the A&E Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Findley

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

**10. POSSIBLE NEW/FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.**

- Priority is to implement items on Climate Action Plan.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**Meeting ended at 20:45**



**Item: Climate Emergency Working Group Update Report**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Meeting: CEWG**

**From: Admin Clerk**

1. The first water testing for this went ahead on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2026, the results are attached to this report.
2. Admin has begun writing the leaflet for the allotments, a draft version has been sent to the chairman of A&E for review
3. The grant application for Downs Sailing Club was successful.
4. The new contract for the EV points was received and has been signed and returned, there were no changes to the contract since the last one was signed.
5. The water filling station has been ordered and will be installed once DDC gives the final go ahead.

### Deal Rugby Club, Walmers. 2x 7kW Chargers

Commissioned on 07/10/2021

2026	Sessions	Average Session Duration (minutes)	Energy (kWh)	Energy Cost	Finance		
					Annual fees	Revenue (Exc. Vat)	Net Profit
Jan-26	93	261	2035	£427.35	£886.25	30% Share	
Feb-26	77	295	2015	£423.15	£886.73		
Mar-26	73	303	1523	£319.83	£642.33		
Apr-26	98	284	2095	£439.95	£909.31		
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>7668</b>	<b>£1,610.28</b>	<b>£3,324.62</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2407</b>	<b>17907</b>	<b>59226</b>	<b>£12,264.60</b>	<b>£4,334.18</b>	<b>£3,965.03</b>	
						<b>£1,189.46</b>	

O&M cost per charger per year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Jan-Apr)	2026 (May-Dec)
Maintenance & Servicing	£263.00	£277.47	£305.49	£275.00	£275.00	£275.00	£275.00
Software Licence	£81.00	£85.46	£94.09	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00
Financial Handling	£12.00	£12.66	£13.94	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00
<b>Total for one year per charger</b>	<b>£356.00</b>	<b>£375.59</b>	<b>£413.52</b>	<b>£368.00</b>	<b>£368.00</b>	<b>£368.00</b>	<b>£368.00</b>
Standing charge	£19.32	£104.47	£110.30	£69.54	£69.35	TBC	TBC
Transaction fees	£12.38	£158.40	£227.85	£166.42	£167.63	TBC	TBC
<b>Total charged per year</b>	<b>£209.90</b>	<b>£1,014.07</b>	<b>£1,165.19</b>	<b>£971.96</b>	<b>£973.06</b>		

Date range	Amount
Oct 21 - July 24	£511.07
Aug 24 - Dec 24	£182.22
Jan 25 - Jun 25	£146.27
Jul 25 - Dec 25	£349.90
Jan 26 - Jun 26	



**Item: EV Location Report**  
**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Meeting: Walmer In Bloom**  
**From: Admin Clerk**

Recently I have looked over the EV charge point possibilities in Walmer, on the KCC website there is an interactive map showing where members of the public believe could be used for new EV points. Currently there are 18 locations that have been suggested by residents across the entire town.

- Borrow Pit Car Park
- Canada Road
- Corner of The Strand and Liverpool Road
- Deal Castle Car Park
- Gladstone Road opposite North Barrack Road
- Granville Road alongside the paddock
- Granville Road Toilets Car Park
- Hawksdown Road
- Land next to RNLI boathouse
- Marine Road
- Marine Road Toilets
- Marke Wood along Liverpool Road
- Marke Wood Entrance from Granville Road
- St Anselms Nursing Home
- Station Drive
- Station Road Triangle
- The Strand next to the pool
- Top of Court Road



**Item:** Report For End of Thermal Camera Scheme Year 2025-2026  
**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Meeting:** Climate Emergency Working Group  
**From:** Administration Officer

For the year 2025-2026, the thermal camera scheme was advertised and began in early December 2025. A number of leaflets were delivered by working group members and volunteers around Lower Walmer, an area that it was agreed could benefit from thermal camera pictures.

Although advertising was pushed this year, it was a very small number of residences that requested an appointment. As usual the appoints began in Lower Walmer, before heading up to Middle then Upper Walmer. A few late requests were shuffled around to allow as many to be done as possible within a shorter amount of time.

#### **Breakdown of requests per area**

Location	No of requests
Lower Walmer	6
Middle Walmer	3
Upper Walmer	3
Non-Walmer	0
Cancelled	0
Moved to Next Year	1
Total Visits	13
Total Cancellations	0

In total 12 appointments were made, in Lower Walmer these were all within a smaller area than usual, for Middle Walmer all were within several hundred meters of the others and in Upper Walmer all were within a similar distance.

Occasionally these visits would take longer than expected but no more than twenty minutes at the longest as opposed to the usual ten to fifteen minutes, this did not cause any particular issues with appointments and all were completed on the night requested.

#### **Breakdown of Insulation Types**

Types	Numbers
Loft/Cavity	5
Loft Only	1
Loft/Other	1
Unknown	3
Other	2
None	0
Total	12

As usual the majority of the insulation types were Loft and Cavity types, several other houses had some other types including thermal boards. Several did not have any at all while several did not know exactly what they had, those who were unsure were usually those who had moved in relatively recently.

#### **Breakdown of Residences**

Types	Numbers
Detached	1
Terraced	5
Semi-Detached	5
Flat	1
Maisonette	0
Total	12

With the majority of the appointments within the Lower Walmer area, it was expected that most of those that made the requests would be terraced or semi detached due to the cramped construction along most of the roads in Lower Walmer. Of the six in this location, two were semi-detached and two were terraced.

<b>(Lower Walmer)</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>(Middle Walmer)</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>(Upper Walmer)</b>	<b>Visits</b>
<b>Cornwall Road</b>	1	<b>Kennedy Drive</b>	1	<b>Belmont</b>	2
<b>Woodstock Road</b>	1	<b>Dover Road</b>	1	<b>Menzies Ave</b>	1
<b>Blenheim Road</b>	1	<b>Wellesley Ave</b>	1		
<b>Gladstone Road</b>	1				
<b>Marine Road</b>	1				
<b>The Strand</b>	1				

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the numbers taken up this year have been the lowest since the scheme was introduced in 2022. Dropping from 20 last year, the 12 appointments were made sporadically throughout the duration of the scheme, the last coming within a week of the scheme closing for the year.

# Water Quality Results Certificate



Client Name: Walmer Town Council  
Water Body Name: Walmer Coast near Walmer Castle

Certificate Reference: TSBN2706866  
Analysis Start Date: 29/04/2026  
Report Date: 01/05/2026

## Analysis Results – Microbiology

### Sample 1

Test/Unit	Result	EC Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) (For coastal waters)
E. coli (no/100 ml)	1	Pass Excellent
Enterococci (no/100 ml)	2	Pass Excellent

### Sample 2

Test/Unit	Result	EC Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) (For coastal waters)
E. coli (no/100 ml)	3	Pass Excellent
Enterococci (no/100 ml)	3	Pass Excellent

The testing results in this certificate relate only to the samples described above. Unless otherwise stated, all results are expressed on an as received basis. All analysis was carried out in UKAS accredited laboratory.

Please visit [www.swim-safety.co.uk/results-guidance/](http://www.swim-safety.co.uk/results-guidance/) for more info on results thresholds.

A statement was posted on Facebook and Website giving us 76 x Likes and 12 x shares on Facebook.

The report also gave us similar readings to 2025.



Item: **Allotment Leaflet draft**

Date: **19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Meeting: **Climate Emergency Working Groups**

From: **Admin Clerk**

### **Advice on Chemical Additives In Allotments**

Currently Walmer Town Council is attempting to remove the use of chemical additives in all of its green areas, recently you would have been sent the new tenancy agreement that included in it a new rule that these additives should not be used in the allotments.

Instead; below you can find some information from several national gardening groups regarding natural alternatives to help keep your allotment plot healthy.

### **What are pesticides?**

'Pesticide' is an umbrella term for chemical additives added to soil and plant life. There are numerous types including include herbicides (designed to kill plants), insecticides (insects), fungicides (fungi), rodenticides (rodents) and molluscicides (molluscs).

The term can also include synthetic plant growth regulators; these are additives that modify plant development to allow them to grow out of season. As well as defoliant that accelerate leaf fall and desiccants which causes leaves to dry out so they can be harvested.

### **What can I do on my plot?**

Here are some simple, practical steps to make your plot pollinator- and wildlife-friendly:

- **Avoid harmful pesticides** wherever possible.
- **Encourage pollinators:** plant wildflowers, herbs, or flowering borders.
- **Protect soil life:** use compost and mulch instead of chemical fertilisers.
- **Use natural pest control:** invite ladybirds, hoverflies, and lacewings by planting companion plants.
- **Rotate crops and diversify plants** to prevent pest and disease build-up.
- **Provide habitat:** leave small areas of undisturbed soil or log piles for insects.
- **Netting and physical barriers** can prevent pests without chemicals.
- **Keep records** and plan ahead: observe what works naturally and replicate it.
- **Practise good hygiene to stop the spread of diseases:** wash your tools after use to prevent cross contamination and always sweep up after yourself.
- **'Right plant, right place':** The right plant for your environment means that it will thrive, and healthy strong plants are more robust and less susceptible to problems.
- **Remove 'pests' by hand** – If any natural predators fail to arrive, then where necessary you can use biological controls such as nematodes.

Even small changes can make a big difference for wildlife, pollinators, and your harvest — helping to keep our allotments healthy for everyone.



# WALMER AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION

Reducing Single Use Plastic in Walmer

