



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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Dated this day 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

To: Councillors: Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr E Crockford, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr P Findley, Cllr R Blackwell.

Non-voting members: Mrs D Bogue, Miss A Late.

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Walmer in Bloom Committee** to be held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** at No 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 5.30pm to transact the business set out below.

**Mr Roland Aldred**  
Town Clerk

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting

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.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Attach 1

**4. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER**

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- i. To Note: Verbal Update from Chairman.

**6. ADMIN REPORT**

- i. To Note: Update from admin regarding actions.

Attach 2

**7. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN**

- i. Presentation.
- ii. To authorise presentation costs.
- iii. To authorise school donations.

Attach 3

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**8. HAWKSHILL**

- i. To authorise costs for haymaking.
- ii. To authorise dates for haymaking.

Attach 3

Attach 4

**9. WALMER PEACE GARDENS**

- i. To Note: Verbal Update from WPG Committee.

**10. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 5:30pm.



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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.**

**Present:**

Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)  
 Cllr R Blackwell  
 Cllr E Crockford  
 Cllr P Findley  
 Cllr P Ludwig  
 Cllr D Richardson  
 Cllr S Waite-Gleave  
 Mrs D Bogue

**Officers present:** John Miles (Administration Officer) Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

Cllr R Blackwell was late in attendance.

**35. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027**

Cllr L Ludwig was the only nomination received.

**Resolved-** To appoint Cllr L Ludwig as the Chairman of Walmer In Bloom for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig

For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-1

**36. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027**

Cllrs S Waite Gleave and E Crockford were nominated for the position.

**Resolved-** To appoint Cllr S Waite-Gleave as the Vice Chairman of Walmer In Bloom for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr P Findley

Seconded- Cllr S Waite Gleave

For- 4 Against-3 Abstain-0

**37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Miss A Late.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted.

**39. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig

For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-3

#### 40. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

Mr P Dawkins has offered a petrol-powered trimmer for donation to the Walmer Peace Gardens. Machine to be safety tested and advice sought before WPG start using it.

**Resolved:** The committee has accepted the donation and thanks Mr Dawkins for his generosity.

#### 41. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Chairman and Town Clerk joined volunteers at Hawkshill as they assessed work required at the Freedown and prioritising what is needed. This includes more hedging, compost areas, and steps for the new pathway.

Mr S Coates and Cllr L Ludwig will be putting together a report for the next meeting regarding future priorities for Hawkshill.

The chairman would like to thank all the volunteers working at Hawkshill for their efforts.

Cllr Richardson reported that she will contact and get dates from English Heritage for the garden competition presentation. Decisions for presentation to be confirmed.

#### 42. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Members received a written report from admin.  
An outstanding action regarding the shingle situation needs to be progressed.  
**Resolved-** Admin to complete changes to leaflet as requested, then forward to printer.  
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig  
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig  
For- 7                      Against-0                      Abstain-0  
**Actions:** Admin to complete leaflet and forward to printer.

#### 43. HAWKSHILL

Items brought following a request by Cllr S Waite Gleave on behalf of Cllr P Findley due to a Deal Town Council meeting he needed to attend. Chair agreed and authorised.

- i. Committee received quotes for metal discs for boundary posts.  
**Resolved:** Admin to purchase 6 x aluminium wayfinder discs for the Hawkshill posts.  
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson  
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig  
For- 7                      Against-0                      Abstain-0  
**Actions:** Admin to order aluminium discs for Hawkshill.
- ii. Following on from agenda item re bird boxes on sale at Rivas: Cllr P Findley has extensive experience of installing bird boxes and would want to ensure design appropriate for wild birds at Hawkshill. He has agreed to examine the bird boxes at Rivas to see if they would be suitable.

Cllr E Crockford left the meeting at this point.

- iii. The Committee received quotes for new pathway signs.  
**Resolved-** Admin to purchase 2 x A4 size signs.  
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig  
Seconded- Cllr D Richardson  
For- 6                      Against-0                      Abstain-0  
**Actions:** Admin to purchase 2 x A4 signs for new pathway.

- iv. To purchase a new Information board for the pathway, this is a potential project for the woodland path and will be deferred pending further work and advice from the relevant volunteers at Hawkshill.  
**Resolved:** Deferred to later meeting.
- v. **Noted:** The committee received a draft drawing of a carving for one of the perimeter posts at Hawkshill. This may be looked at again in the future, however at this time the costs for the sculptures are not viable.

#### 44. LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Item also brought forward by request.

- i. Members discussed the advantages of designating LNR vs the amount of work it would take and cost and whether or not the benefits constituted additional protection.  
**Resolved:** Decision deferred to when we have a reply from KWT.

#### 45. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- I. The committee were updated on the voting portal for the garden competition.  
**Resolved:** To purchase two months of use of the voting portal for a total of 58 Euros.  
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson  
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig  
For- 6                      Against-0              Abstain-0  
**Actions:** Admin to purchase voting portal website use.
- II. **Noted-**Committee informed of cost to remove the planters at the paddling pool.
- III. Due to an unforeseen cost for testing of the lampposts along The Strand, a request to increase the WIB budget will be put forward to the full council.  
Admin to check the date of the last load test and why the timeframe has reduced from five years to three.  
**Resolved: To request an increased budget from full council.**  
Proposed- Cllr P Ludwig  
Seconded- Cllr L Ludwig  
For- 6                      Against-0              Abstain-0  
**Actions:** Town Clerk to request increase in budget from full council.  
Admin to check dates of last load test and why the timeframe has been reduced.

Cllr P Findley left the meeting at this point.

#### 46. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **Noted:** Members received a verbal and written report from WPG representative. It was discussed how to improve directions into the WPG from Y&A.
- ii. WPG Committee have decided not to purchase a branch shredder. Once the donated trimmer is received by WPG, then the purchase of PPE will be required for those using it.  
WPG representative referenced about the need for a gazebo, options around borrowing the WTC one or a potential donation were discussed.

#### 47. GARDEN COMPETITION

- i. **Noted:** To inform Hornbeam School that for the moment the competition will remain in Walmer only.

#### 48. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Quote to be requested from Red Dog Garden Services for creation of steps at the new path on Hawkshill.

To request dates for haymaking from Gazen Salts.

**49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

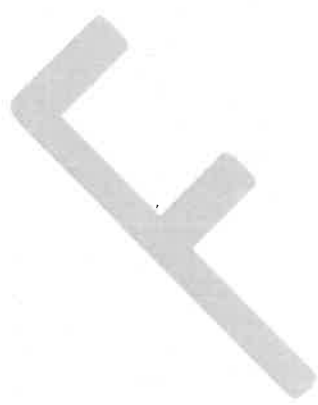
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 19:15

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_





**Item: Walmer In Bloom Update Report**

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

**Meeting: Walmer In Bloom**

**From: Admin Clerk**

1. The garden competition leaflet was edited and completed before being forwarded to the printer, all 5000 leaflets have now been delivered.
2. The aluminium discs for Hawkshill were ordered and have been received.
3. The new signs for Hawkshill have been ordered and received, We are just awaiting a quote from Red Dog Gardening for the installation.
4. The increase in budget for the testing of lampposts has been agreed by the full council; an additional rolling amount has been added to each year's budget of £550 to allow for future testing.
5. Posters and banners have been distributed; we have permissions from the Barns Close Cricket Club and the Lawn Tennis to put up banners. This has also been added to the year plan.
6. The garden competition opened on the first June, we have also begun receiving nominations, as of 18/6/26 we have 18 entrants over all five categories.
7. The school presentations went well, and a social media post is being written.
8. After unforeseen delays including bad weather, the hanging baskets have been put up along The Strand.
9. Two new planters were installed at the paddling pool by Ripplevale school, a representative has asked for a photo opportunity to go into their school magazine.

Payment Authorisations

The follow authorisations are required for Walmer In Bloom.

	Authorisation Request	Cost	Budget
School Donations	3 x £50 donations for Local Schools	£150	£150
Garden Winner Prizes	Up to 5 x £50 vouchers	£250	£300
Postal Stamps	Up to 50 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Stamps	£90	£150
Presentation Event	Up to 30 guests	Approx £325.15 (2025 cost)	£400
Hawkshill Cutting	Annual Cutting at Hawkshill For Haymaking	£390	£500
Walmer Peace Garden Cutting	Annual Cutting at WPG	£45	£75



**Item: Hawkshill and Walmer Peace Garden Cutting**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Meeting: Walmer In Bloom**

**From: Admin Clerk**

After contacting Gazen Salts I have been informed that the dates of 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September for the Haymaking at Hawkshill have been suggested.

For WPG's grass cutting a date of 29<sup>th</sup> September-4<sup>th</sup> October have been suggested.

For costs see over.

*Members to decide to continue.*