



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Walmer Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12th January 2022 at Deal Parochial C of E School, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

CLlr J Murray (Chair), CLlr M Eddy (Vice-Chair), CLlr T Byfield, CLlr Mrs S Fisher, CLlr P Jull, CLlr B Gardner. CLlr J Lonsdale, CLlr Mrs M Beard-Gould, CLlr P St Ange, CLlr P Heath, CLlr D Thompson.

Officers Present: Richard Styles, Town Clerk Roland Aldred, Deputy Clerk

6279. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CLlr Miss A Herring: work and personal commitments. CLlr C Weale, CLlr G Bearman and CLlr Mrs S Le Chevalier illness

6280. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CLlrs M Beard-Gould and CLlr M Eddy declared an interest in relation to Item 6295

6281. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Council statement and policy on openness and transparency was taken as read.

6282. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLlr James Murray reported the following: -layout of the new

Carol concert was a great success, Thanks to CLlr M Beard Gould for organising the event and to CLlr P St Ange for hosting the event.

layout of the new Office has meant that the office is still open and working safely during the latest COVID wave.

6283. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th December 2021.

Proposed by: CLlr J Murray

Seconded by: CLlr M Eddy

RESOLVED: That minutes be approved.

6284. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Members received a report on the public views of the potential name change of the drill field following on from item 6274 in previous meetings minutes.

RESOLVED: To apply to the Lord Chancellors office to change the name to “The Prince Phillip Royal Marines Drill Field”.

Proposed by: Cllr Gardner

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould

6285. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER

Chairman said that this regular agenda had proved beneficial to the council by offering suggestions to improve our efficiency, openness, and transparency.

6286. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

i) Members received a report from PCSO Kerry Skirrow on anti-social and criminal activities in Walmer.

Members agreed to note the report.

ii) Members will continue to monitor current COVID situation in relation to organising Councillor’s surgeries.

iii) Cllr Bond of Dover District council gave his apologies

6287. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

Members received the reports and agreed minutes as follows:

- a. Amenities + Environment – No minutes to report
Allotment tenancy and charges have been reviewed and altered, with charges made more consistent across the board.
- b. Finance + General Purposes – No minutes to report
- c. Walmer in Bloom – No minutes to report
- d. Events Committee – No minutes to report
Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould described the carol concert and how well it went. She also proposed that WTC approach DDC about taking over the management of the lettings for the green so that a better service for the community can be delivered.

RESOLVED: Members agreed for the clerk to approach DDC.

Proposed by: Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould

Seconded by: Cllr B Gardner

- e. Planning Committee – **Agreed minutes 9 Nov and Dec 4**
Committee met with the new DDC Tree Officer and discussed tree management within Walmer.
Member responded to application at Cross Road with 2 documents that were sent on to Deal Town Council for their use.

fClimate Emergency Working Group – **Minutes 14 Dec**

Cllrs J Lonsdale and Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier met with Dover District Council regarding section 106 money in the district and how projects such as an electric bus infrastructure might be funded.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to receive the minutes.

Proposed by: Cllr J Murray

Seconded by: Cllr M Eddy

6288. REPORT OF THE CLERK

No additional items to be reported by the clerk

6289. FINANCIAL REPORT

Item	Paid to	Amount
PA equipment	Kent PA Hire	£ 385.00
Carols on the Green		
Advert	KM media group	£ 42.00
Carols on the Green		
Copier charges	KCS	£ 101.12
30/11/2021		
Liquidambar tree	KCC	£ 274.80
Gothic close		
KALC	KALC	£ 60.00
Planning training RA		
Salaries	Staff	£ 6,000.72
Tax + NI	HMRC	£ 1,341.37
Pension payments	KCC LGPS	£ 1,652.18
Payroll admin	Batchelor Coop	£ 177.60
Expenses	R Styles	£ 41.98
Website maintenance	Vision ICT	£ 210.00
Final payment	British gas lite	£ 518.43
Paint, fork and log straps	David Thompson	£ 131.12

Total	£	10,936.32
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Walmer Town Council Bank Balances at 01/01/22

NatWest SIBA	£10,896.92
NatWest Current Account	£37,121.13
Co-operative Bank	£75,468.63
Unity Bank	£63,250.44
Lloyd's bank	£77,795.79
Total	£264,532.91

6290. INVITATIONS AND EVENTS

Mayor of Deal race night - Cllr C Weale attending

6291. 2022 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

The Sum of £233,892.41* was proposed by Chair of the F&GP committee

RESOLVED: Members agreed the precept of £233,892.41

Proposed by: Cllr M Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould

*Note this is a figure of £67.95 per annum for a Band D dwelling

6292. BANKING

Members resolved to change all outdated signatories pertaining to its bank accounts with: Unity Trust Bank, Lloyds Bank, NatWest Bank and The Cooperative Bank, and to add the signatures of the Chairman, Cllr Murray, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Eddy and the Chairman of Walmer in Bloom, Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier.

RESOLVED: Members agreed banking signatories to be updated

Proposed by: Cllr J Murray

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs P Jull

6293. COUNCIL PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY

The Chairman gave a report in which he advocated Councillors acting as ambassadors for the Council and wherever possible to supply correct information, when misinformation or inaccurate information, about the council and its activities are transmitted.

6294. QUEENS JUBILEE

The Chairman reported that the council would organise an event(s) during the jubilee

6295. CONTRACT APPROVALS

a) Campbell Road allotments and Stony Path fences – remedial work and additional struts to be added

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the quote from Quality Fencing

Proposed by: Cllr T Byfield

Seconded by: Cllr Mrs S Fisher

b) York and Albany – Boundary hedge cutting and grass mow, trees not to be touched

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the quote from Clean Cut services

Proposed by: Cllr Mrs M Beard-Gould

Seconded by: Cllr J Lonsdale

c) Stony Path – Vegetation removal, stone removal and scrape

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the quote from Clean Cut services

Proposed by: Cllr B Gardner

Seconded by: Cllr T Byfield

6296. Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The meeting moved that the remaining business be held in private session and that the public be asked to withdraw.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to move to a private session

Proposed by Cllr M Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr J Murray

6297. NO 62 AND NO 8 THE STRAND

a) Leasing of No 8- The terms and conditions of service from Tersons to act as letting agent for the council in respect of subletting No 8 The Strand was approved.

RESOLVED: To sign the Tersons agreement

Proposed by Cllr M Eddy

Seconded by: Cllr P Jull

b) No 62 retrofit – It was decided to defer the retrofit and sustainability design work until the proposed sub-lease of No 8 the Strand was completed.

RESOLVED: To defer the retrofit until No 8 has been sub-leased

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Fisher

Seconded by: Cllr P Jull

c) Council’s lease of No 8 – A document which investigated the circumstances behind the signing of the lease of No 8 The Strand was given to all Council members present. Those present were instructed to treat the document as confidential, until the matter had been debated and decision on the final outcome, had been made in the next council meeting.

6298. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd February 2022, 7 pm, Deal Parochial School, Walmer.

The meeting closed at 21.20 pm.

Signed: Date: