



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm at Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.**

**Present: Councillors:**

**Cllr J Murray (Chair)**  
**Cllr R Blackwell**  
**Cllr T Grist**  
**Cllr T Bond**

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

**430. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Simpson, Waite-Gleave and Lee offered apologies that were accepted.

**431. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted

**432. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

All those present were reminded of the Rights and Obligations under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

**433. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Resolved- Noted

**434. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved** – That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

i. **Proposed:** Cllr Grist

ii. **Seconded:** Cllr Murray

For:4

Against:0

Abstain: 0

**435. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None Received

#### 436. PLANNING DECISIONS

24/01104	Trinity Homes St Clare Road Walmer Kent CT14 7PX	Grant Consent	No Objection	Reduce the height by a maximum of four metres, reduce the length of the north facing branch arising at height ten metres above ground level by a maximum of 2.5 metres, reduce the length of the north facing branch arising at height twelve metres above ground level by a maximum of 2.5 metres and reduce the length of the south facing branch arising at height eight metres by a maximum of 1.5 metres of one Corsican Pine (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 8 of 1993.
24/01090	25 Archery Square Walmer CT14 7JA	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of raised rear terrace with insertion of french doors.
23/01377	Walmer Lawn Tennis And Croquet Club Pavilion Archery Square Walmer Kent CT14 7HP	Grant Planning Permission	No Comment- Walmer Town Council is unable to comment due to insufficient information based on a surprising lack of a Heritage statement for a proposed building within a conservation area.	Erection of single storey clubhouse with canopy linking to existing changing rooms (existing clubhouse to be replaced) and alterations to materials of existing changing rooms roof (re-advertised further to receipt of tree survey)
24/01014	8 Greenacre Drive Walmer CT14 7UQ	Grant Consent	Objection- Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. The tree in question is not damaged or diseased and under threat of dying. ii. Leaf drop is not a reason to cut down a healthy tree	Fell one Horse chestnut the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965.
24/01183	25 Granville Road Walmer Deal CT14 7LQ	Grant Consent	Objection- The proposed reduction on a healthy tree will needlessly damage the tree and will change tree into a virtual stump which will alter and damage the visual aspect of the street.	Crown reduce back to previous reduction points of one Sycamore (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.

#### **437. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW**

**I. DOV/24/01284- 10 Belmont, Walmer, CT14 7QU**

Cut back selected limbs to give 2 metres clearance from building of one Silver Birch the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 18 of 2009.

**Resolved: No Objection**

**Proposed:** Cllr Bond

**Seconded:** Cllr Blackwell

For: 4                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**II. DOV/24/01206- Castle Cottage 30 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AB**

Erection of single storey side, rear link and rear extensions, associated external alterations, and new pedestrian access (existing outbuildings to be demolished)

**Resolved: No Objection**

**Proposed:** Cllr Grist

**Seconded:** Cllr Blackwell

For: 4                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**III. DOV/24/01297- 120 Dover Road, Walmer, CT14 7HT**

Re-pollard to a height level with the smallest tree of nine Limes the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2013.

**Resolved: Objection-** Walmer Town Council strongly opposes the proposed pruning of eight Lime trees at 120 Dover Rd, Walmer [planning application 24/01297] on the following grounds.

- If carried out the proposed work would needlessly reduce the height of the trees to an unacceptable level.
- A reason given for the pruning is that in summer the trees reduce the natural light available to rooms fronting the building.
- According to the approved plans the majority of the rooms on this frontage are bedrooms with one identified as a cinema.
- There are according to the approved plans only two ground floor rooms which may have reduced natural light.
- This appears to make the reason given for the application {that natural light would be improved} pointless and inaccurate because if the building was constructed according to the original plans the remaining trees would still reduce natural light to the ground floor. – not enough grounds to significantly lower the height of eight TPO protected trees at a time of environmental concern.
- Paragraphs 3 4 5 and 6 of the original planning approval notice all stress the importance of the trees to the local environment.

**In addition Paragraph 7 of this notice reminds us of the importance placed upon these trees by the DDC Planning Authority.**

7. Existing trees, shrubs and hedgerows identified for retention within the development site or existing trees growing on an adjacent site, where excavations, changes to land levels or underground works are within the crown spread, shall be protected in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 using the following protective fence specification:

· Chestnut paling fence 1.2m in height, to BS 1722 part 4, securely mounted on 1.7m x 7cm x 7.5cm timber posts driven firmly into the ground. The fence shall be erected below the outer most limit of the branch spread or at a distance equal to half the height of the tree, whichever is the furthest from the tree, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

· The protective fencing shall be erected before the works hereby approved or any site clearance work commences, and shall thereafter be maintained until the development has been completed.

· At no time during the site works shall building materials, machinery, waste, chemicals, stored or piled soil, fires or vehicles be allowed within the protective fenced area. · Nothing shall be attached or fixed to any part of a retained tree and it should not be used as an anchor point.

· There shall be no change in the original soil level, nor trenches excavated within the protective fenced area.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the area and to adequately integrate the development into the environment.

As part of Walmer Town Councils work to improve the environment and reduce the effects of vehicle emissions along the busy Dover Rd this council has invested significant funds in planting trees along the Dover Rd.

If approved this application would set this work back.

**Proposed:** Cllr Bond

**Seconded:** Cllr Grist

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. DOV/24/01317- 272 Dover Road CT14 7NP**

Erection of two storey and first floor rear extensions with alterations to windows and doors

**Resolved: No Objection**

**Proposed:** Cllr Blackwell

**Seconded:** Cllr Grist

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**438. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 19.25

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Signed ..... Dated .....