



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

62 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DP

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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 6.30pm at Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Present: Councillors: Cllr J Murray (Chair)
Cllr R Blackwell
Cllr T Grist
Cllr T Bond
Cllr M Simpson
Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Others Present: Cllr P Findley
Mrs J Daniels (DDC Tree Officer)

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

Cllr Blackwell was not present at the start of the meeting.

512. TREE PROTECTION OFFICER

Jo Daniels, Dover District Council Tree Officer, met with members of the Planning Committee. She informed the members as to how and why decisions are made regarding the cutting or removal of trees. The main criteria consist of:

1. Remaining Useful Life
2. Effect on the landscape if removed
3. Amenity value for public view

In addition, it was mentioned that if pollarding permission was given before, then it was difficult to deny it a second time. Pollarding of trees from a young age also means that if not followed on, then the branches originally cut could become weak points. Pollarding of trees should also take place every three years.

Guidance on tree works can be found online with documents such as the Government Guidance on Tree Preservation Orders 2012 and TPO Legislations.

Cllr Findley attended this part of the meeting.

Cllr Blackwell arrived fifteen minutes into the meeting.

513. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lee offered apologies that were accepted.

514. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted

515. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

516. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Resolved- Noted

517. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Bond

For:6 Against:0 Abstain: 0

518. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None Received

519. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
24/01204	Annexe Crows Nest 98 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AD	Grant Planning Permission	No Comment	Change of use of annexe to holiday let
24/00840	Victoria Place Halliday Drive Walmer CT14 7FH	Refuse Consent	Objection - Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. The works on the tree are considered as too severe, however Walmer Town Council supports the removal of dead wood from T1 as required.	London Plane (T1) crown lift canopy on South, East and West facing sides to 5-6 metres above ground level; London Plane (T2) crown lift canopy on West facing side to 5-6 metres above ground level, both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 2015.
24/01053	28 Herschell Square Deal CT14 7SF	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, garage conversion to residential accommodation, first floor rear terrace with railings and new window openings.
24/01284	10 Belmont Walmer CT14 7QU	Grant Consent	No Objection	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.
24/00906	19 Cavalry Court Walmer CT14 7GF	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Installation of double doors
24/01187	19 Cavalry Court Walmer CT14 7GF	Grant Listed Building Consent	No Objection	Replace side elevation door with French door in enlarged opening. Remove internal ground floor wall. Insert partition to form utility room.

24/01228	51 Canada Road Walmer CT14 7EQ	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey rear and side extensions (existing side extension to be demolished)
24/01124	Land Fronting St Marys Road & Rear Of Redcote St Clare Road Walmer CT14 7QB	Grant Planning Permission	Objection- Walmer Town Council Objects to this application on the following grounds. i. Loss of Privacy for neighbouring properties ii. Overlooking of neighbouring properties iii. Excess height of dormer	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/00776 (Erection of 2no. detached dwellings with vehicular access and associated parking (front boundary wall to be demolished and trees to be removed) to increase roof height and insertion of dormer windows to plot 1
24/01317	272 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NP	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of two storey and first floor rear extensions with alterations to windows and doors
24/00982	49 The Strand Walmer Kent CT14 7DX	Refuse Planning Permission	No Objection	Replacement and extension of first floor balcony with glass balustrade. Erection of second floor balcony and glass balustrade. Replacement windows and doors.

520. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

I. **DOV/24/01330- 35 Granville Road Walmer Deal Kent CT14 7LQ**

Erection of a part 2 storey, part 1 storey rear extension

Resolved: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Bond

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

II. **DOV/24/01338- Heatherstone House, Hawksdown, Walmer, CT14 7PN**

Erection of two storey front and first floor rear extension including balconies/glass balustrades, single storey side extensions, front porch, wrap around raised terrace to include swimming pool, outbuilding/gym and associated external alterations (existing front porch to be demolished)

Resolved: No Objection- However Walmer Town Council would like to consider imposing the following conditions on this application if it is approved.

- i. **Walmer Town Council is concerned about the proposed loss of nine individual trees, one group of trees and part of another sets of trees. WTC would like a condition to have the trees replaced if removed.**
- ii. **Due to the flood risks in the area of Ray's Bottom, WTC would also request that the flooring to be put down as part of the extensive external works to be permeable to help reduce the amount of run-off water and soil from the property causing damage to the area below.**

Proposed: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

For: 4 Against: 2 Abstain: 0

- III. **DOV/25/00035- 59 Canada Road, Walmer, CT14 7EJ**
Erection of a single storey rear extension, rear dormer window, and rooflights to front elevation to facilitate a loft conversion (existing rear conservatory to be demolished)
Resolved: No Objection- Committee indicated that they would ask the Town Clerk to talk to the resident to prevent parking on council EV points.
Proposed: Cllr Waite Gleave
Seconded: Cllr Blackwell
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
- IV. **DOV/24/01263- 15 Meryl Gardens, Walmer, CT14 7QH**
Erection of a single storey rear extension
Resolved: No Objection
Proposed: Cllr Blackwell
Seconded: Cllr Bond
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
- V. **DOV/25/00083- 2 Harvey Avenue, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7DW**
Re-pollard back to previous pruning points of one Sycamore (T1) the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 26 of 2023.
Resolved: Objection- Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds
I. **The tree is not causing damage to the location**
II. **Amenity value of the tree as seen from the drill field opposite**
III. **There is little to no actual overhang of the tree to the neighbouring property**
IV. **That pollarding should be every three years as laid down by DDC Tree Officer.**
Proposed: Cllr Simpson
Seconded: Cllr Waite Gleave
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

521. CONSULTATIONS

Decision was made regarding the removal of the telephone box to refer it to the A&E and Walmer In Bloom Committees.

522. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th February 2025 @ 7pm
The meeting closed at 20.00

Signed Dated