



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 11th March 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 S Waite-Gleave

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

564. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Lee, Bond and Simpson offered apologies that were accepted.

565. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted

566. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

567. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Resolved- Noted

568. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Grist

For:4 Against:0 Abstain: 0

569. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None Received

570. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
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

24/01297	120 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7HT	Grant Consent	Objection-Document uploaded to Planning Portal due to length	Re-pollard back to previous pollard points of eight Limes the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2013 (as amended by email from agent dated 13.02.2025).
24/01159	Shoreline House 82 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AB	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a two storey rear extension with external steps, replacement/extended roof with solar panels, balcony with glass balustrade to ground floor west & east elevations, alterations to windows/doors, and new external wall with timber cladding (existing conservatory and ground floor balcony to be demolished)

Objection to 24/01297

Comment From Walmer Town Council Planning Committee

8th January 2025

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.

571. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

- I. **DOV/25/00129- 31 Granville Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent**
 Re-pollard back to previous pruning points of two White Poplars the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1959.
Resolved: No Objection
Proposed: Cllr Grist
Seconded: Cllr Waite-Gleave
 For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- II. **DOV/25/00131- Walmer Lawn Tennis And Croquet Club Archery Square Walmer CT14 7HP**
 Fell and remove stump of one Copper Beech (T37) and one small leafed Lime (T46) both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 28 of 2023.
Resolved: Objection: Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the follow grounds.
 - i. The arboriculturist report indicates that the two trees indicated are healthy.
 - ii. alleged issues with nutrients and water being 'stolen ' from surrounding grass by the trees' roots.
 - iii. Members of the Tennis club attended the meeting and explained that in order to avoid retained water on the Grass playing surfaces in and around the courts had been laid in a manner which encouraged speedy drainage of water from rainfall and they have seen no detrimental effect on grass adjacent to the two trees in the application.
 - iv. They also pointed out that there has been no discussion or consultation with members of the tennis club.
 - v. The applicant has not provided any evidence to prove that the trees are causing problems for surrounding grass.
 - vi. The report also indicates that uprooting the trees would be a drastic change, there is no cause to fell these trees
 - vii. The loss of the tree will affect the amenity value of the area.
 - viii. Residents value the trees use as a noise barrier.
 - ix. Residents value the trees use as pollution protection from nearby roads.
 - x. The trees also help to protect members of the public.
 - xi. DDC recently decided to put a Tree Preservation Order on all the trees in this area, a decision which should not be overturned by an application which

provides no evidence of the alleged problems in support of removing two trees which the applicants' own report says are healthy and in good condition

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Grist

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

III. **DOV/25/00180- 7 Meryl Gardens, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7QH**

Erection of a two storey side extension.

Resolved: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Waite Gleave

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. **DOV/25/00095- 397 Dover Road Walmer CT14 7NZ**

Re-pollard back to previous points of one Lime the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 2 of 1969

Resolved: Objection: Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

i. **To protect the amenity value of the area.**

Proposed: Cllr Grist

Seconded: Cllr Waite Gleave

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. **DOV/25/00225- Sandettie, Hawksdown, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7PH**

Crown raise to 5 metres above ground level of two Beech the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 4 of 1976

Resolved: Objection: Walmer Town Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

i. The requested 5m crown raise will be above the level of several crucial branches and will cause the denudement of the tree.

Proposed: Cllr Grist

Seconded: Cllr Blackwell

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. **DOV/25/00199- 3 Meryl Gardens, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7QH**

Erection of a two storey side extension and front porch

Resolved: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr Waite Gleave

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

572. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th April 2025 @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.05

Signed Dated