



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 2nd September 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Mrs D Bogue
Miss A Late

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

203. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford and Cllr S Waite Gleave.

204. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

205. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record with minor changes made to 147:1 and 159.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

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

None.

207. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** In view of decisions required at the meeting, no separate Chairman's report was provided.
The Chairman also thanked Admin who turned the committee's thoughts into reality for the Walmer In Bloom Gardens Campaign.

208. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** Committee was given an update of actions from the last meeting.
 - **Actions:** Add names of companies that helped us to the WIB page.
 - Admin to have haymaking banners updated as soon as possible with the date changed to 24th September.
 - Admin to ask Clerk to contact KCC regarding the cutting of the hedges on the section of the junction from St Clare Road to Meadowside, which is causing an obstruction for road users and potentially making it hazardous for pedestrians.

209. HAWKSHILL

- The committee have been approached by a member of the public who would like permission to use a metal detector at Hawkshill. This person is a member of the National Council of Metal Detectorists and therefore has insurance.

RESOLVED: To give somebody a very restrictive licence for a restrictive short time, details of the agreement to be confirmed with Mr S Coates.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 2 Against 1 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Agreement paperwork to be worked out and then signed by both parties.

- RESOLVED:** The cutting of Hawkshill meadow will begin on 22nd September, raking will begin on the 24th September, both weather permitting.
- Haymaking poster is to be redesigned as laid out by the committee, posters and banners are to be sent out as soon as possible.
 - **Actions:** Admin to redesign poster and forward to Cllr Richardson.
Posters to be distributed to relevant groups, locations and on social media.
Finished version to be sent to committee members via email and WhatsApp.
Admin to send out official request to local groups to gauge interest in assisting in the haymaking.
Admin to ask RNLI if a banner can be erected for a time outside the lifeboat station.
- Committee were given two quotes for the cutting of the Liverpool Road side hedging at Hawkshill.
 - **RESOLVED:** The quote by Leaf Tree Services has been agreed on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - **Actions:** Admin to inform Clerk that the quote has been agreed and to be acted on.

210. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- NOTED:** Update from Mrs Bogue
Mrs Bogue also thanked the committee for the certificate at the presentation.
Several new events will be going ahead over the next year.
The peace gardens have also seen an increase in visitors over the last year.
- The overhanging tree at Walmer Peace Gardens have increased in size, Mrs Bogue contacted Mr C O'Sullivan and due to the urgency of the work required, she will be meeting with him this week. Once confirmed what works are needed, WPG committee is to contact Admin to request quotes for trimming the tree.
- Walmer Peace Gardens members would like to purchase plants and claim the money back from the budget.
RESOLVED: Admin to confirm with Clerk regarding purchases and claims from the WPG committee.
Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - **Actions:** WPG Committee to attend meeting with Mr O'Sullivan.
Admin to request quotes for cutting once informed.
Admin to confirm purchases of plants for WPG.

211. PLANTERS

- Cllr L Ludwig informed the committee that five members of the public have agreed to take over tending of several of the council planters.

Three planters from Walmer Parish Hall and the Corner Café are to be removed from their current standings and offered to local groups for their own use. One will be moved to Walmer Peace Gardens, the others will be offered to local schools.

RESOLVED – Chair to liaise with owner of Deal Garden Centre, to enable volunteers to choose plants for council planters and the other green areas. Also, with the possibility of setting up an account for the volunteers to use, to be paid from the WIB budget.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Chair to liaise with owner of Deal Garden Centre regarding volunteers choosing the plants for the planters.

RESOLVED - Corner Café planter to be moved to Walmer Peace Garden. Admin to get movement quote from Red Dog Garden Services.

Proposed Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded Cllr D Richardson

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Admin to inform Corner Café of the movement of the planter.
Admin to obtain quote from Red Dog Garden Services.

RESOLVED - Chair to discuss with volunteers how best to spend the remaining budget for the planters on suitable flowers/plants.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0

- **Actions:** Chair to discuss with volunteers how best to spend the budget on the various planters, to include remaining budget for this year and an expanded budget for next year.
- **Actions:** More research required for replacement planters at the water fountain at the RNLI lifeboat house. Including Ripplevale for input and suggestions.

212. CAMPAIGN 2025

A. WIB CAMPAIGN

- i. **NOTED:** Members shown draft version of council feedback form.
- **Actions:** Admin to redesign as requested then forward to Cllr D Richardson for checking.

B. WIB PRESENTATION

- i. **RESOLVED:** To approve increase in expenditure for WIB Items:
 - a. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on the presentation event was voted on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - b. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on publicity for the Walmer in Bloom campaign was voted on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 3 Against 0 Abstain 0
 - c. **RESOLVED** – Expenditure increase on the cost of hanging basket plants was voted on.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- ii. The committee were shown several possible small trophies or rosettes for purchase for the winner of the Allen Scott prize.

RESOLVED: Admin to show the choices to the winner of this year's prize and see which he would like to have, if any.

213. VOTE TO CONTINUE MEETING

RESOLVED – Members agreed to extend the meeting for ten minutes to complete the last items as the 2-hour limit had been reached.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

214. BUDGET

- i. Committee members were handed a preliminary budget for 2026/2027.

RESOLVED: Admin to make changes to budget before next meeting in November

215. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- End of year evaluation of WIB campaign.
- Current priorities and focus.
- RNLI Fountain.

216. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members discussed start of next meeting and agreed to start meeting on Tuesday 18th November 2025, at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 20.10.

Signed _____

Dated _____