



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.45 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)  
Cllr P Ludwig  
Cllr D Richardson  
Miss A Late

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

**338. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr E Crockford, Cllr S Waite Gleave and Mrs D Bogue

**339. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Submitted.

**340. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

**341. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF WALMER**

None.

**342. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- i. **NOTED:** Members of the committee received a copy of the Chairman's report.

**343. ADMIN REPORT**

- i. **NOTED:** Members of the committee received a copy of the Admin Officer's report

**344. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN**

- i. **Noted:** Members received evaluation packs from Admin and Chair.  
Changes to be made to all facets of the competitions and campaign overall, the committee wishes to continue with the WIB campaign for 2026.  
Feedback was received from both the public and council members.  
Walmer will not be entering the South and South East In Bloom competition for 2026.  
**Actions:** Admin to contact The Beacon school to see if they would be interested in joining the poster competition.  
Admin to look into additional poster locations in the town.  
Admin to check out permissions for photo use.

Cllr Richardson to ask Downs and Parochial schools if they wish to continue entering the competition.

Admin to look into the possibility of a leaflet drop for WIB

To purchase one small trophy at a cost of £6.25 for the Garden Winner of the Walmer In Bloom Gardens competition.

**RESOLVED:** Purchase of trophy agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 3                      Against                      Abstain 0

**Actions:** Admin to order trophy

### 345. HAWKSHILL

- i. To confirm payment to Gazen Salts of £390 for the cutting of grass on the plateau.

**RESOLVED:** Payment to Gazen Salts agreed on.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- ii. To confirm purchase of Daffodil bulbs at a cost of £94.99 for use at Hawkshill.

**RESOLVED:** Purchase of bulbs agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

- iii. To add a line to the WIB budget for Volunteer Refreshments.

**RESOLVED:** WIB budget to be modified to add Volunteer Refreshments for £250.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

### 346. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **NOTED:** Committee received update from Mrs Bogue

Quote received for tree cutting from Mr O'Sullivan for £500.

**RESOLVED:** To go ahead once Town Clerk has approved the quote.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

**Actions:** Admin to obtain two more quotes for tree cutting.

- ii. To confirm payment to Gazen Salts of £45 for the cutting of grass at WPG.

**RESOLVED:** Payment to Gazen Salts agreed on.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

### 347. PLANTERS

- i. Discussion about the RNLI fountain planter to be carried forward to January meeting.

- ii. Committee received a quote for the moment of WIB planters.

**RESOLVED** – Committee accepted the quote for movement of planters for £220 from Red Dog Services.

Proposed: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded: Cllr L Ludwig

For 3                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

**Actions:** Admin to inform Red Dog to begin moving the planters.

**348. BUDGET**

- i. Committee members received an updated budget for 2026/2027.

**349. VOTE TO CONTINUE MEETING**

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

Proposed Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded Cllr D Richardson

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

**350. BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** Changes to be made to the WIB committee budget consequent to approval by Town Clerk.

Proposed Cllr D Richardson

Seconded Cllr P Ludwig

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

**Actions:** Admin to make changes to budget.

**351. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

- To get quotes for a new tree survey at Hawkshill
- To inquire about assigning a preferred tree contractor and a hedge cutter
- To look into IT solutions to improve WIB requirements
- To look into new publicity materials

**352. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 20:00

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_