



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 17th March 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr E Crockford (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Cllr S Waite-Gleave
Miss A Late

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer) Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

533. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr L Ludwig and Mrs D Bogue.

534. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

535. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record, with changes to 485.ii, 485.iii, 486.i, 486.ii, 491 and the inclusion of an entry between 484 and 485.

Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

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

None received.

537. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- i. **NOTED:** That the inclusion of a meeting in April may happen if requested.
- ii. **NOTED:** Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman have been deferred until May 19th.
- iii. **NOTED:** As part of future proofing for the committee, the Clerk will on a voluntary basis meet with the volunteers at the Hawkshill volunteer sessions periodically to get updates of actions and requirements. This will be fed back to the WIB committee.

538. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. No update was made by the chairman

539. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** Committee received update from admin.
Actions: Admin to find prices for a woodchipper for Walmer Peace Gardens and write a proposal for the next meeting.

The Clerk had contacted Mr Shenton of Kent Wildlife Trust to arrange a meeting; members were available to meet on Wednesday 25th March.

540. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- i. **RESOLVED:** To accept the quote for leafleting from Tower Design and Press for a cost of £700.

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to inform Tower Design that their quote has been accepted.

- ii. Leaflets are to be sent out by end of May, once the design is drafted it is to be sent to the members for an email vote.

RESOLVED: Committee has delegated permission to Admin to forward the design once it has been produced for an email vote.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr E Crockford

Actions: Admin to forward leaflet when ready.

The office is to work on a leaflet design based on last year's WIB leaflet. Design is to be shown to all staff members for input before sent out to save time, once completed the design will be sent out to all committee members.

Nominations for the garden competition will be by email this year, to make it easier on the public and staff, the leaflet will reflect this with one side for nominations and the other for voting. Hard copies will also be made available at the office.

The competition will no longer include entries for back gardens; any nomination will need to be visible from public thoroughfares. Entry forms will also need to say what category the nomination is for.

Permission to use road names on the voting page will be requested by the office via email or letter to the nominee.

- iii. **RESOLVED:** To designate funds for the application to KCC to use lampposts along The Strand for a maximum of £60.

Proposed by: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to apply for permissions when opened.

- iv. **NOTED:** That members of the committee will be available on the 7th, 8th and 9th of April to judge the poster competition entries.

- v. **NOTED:** That a specific press release will not be necessary this year, any publicity for the poster competition will remain on the council website.

- vi. **RESOLVED:** Five categories have been chosen for the competition, Wonderful for Wildlife, Standard Garden, Compact, Containers/Hanging Baskets and Non-Residential.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

- vii. **NOTED:** The Committee were updated regarding the construction of the nomination and voting portals, Admin to update committee of any changes as they come.

541. HAWKSHILL

- i. The committee were given an update on the purchase of wooden boundary posts for Hawkshill Freedown. A third more decorative post for use at on the pathway may be purchased later.

RESOLVED – Clerk to purchase two standard wooden posts for installation at Hawkshill, Red Dog are to install the posts. Admin to source two engraved metal discs for the posts.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Clerk to purchase wooden posts.

Admin to source metal discs.

Admin to inform Red Dog Services regarding installation of posts.

542. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **NOTED:** To Note: Update from WPG Committee.

Request was made to ensure that the Easter Egg Hunt poster is put up on WTC social media and website.

RESOLVED – Members agreed a £72 spend on supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt was authorised and paid to the Peace Garden Group.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

WPG Committee to consult with the clerk regarding paperwork for the Pilates and Sound Bath including qualifications, risk assessments and Public Liability insurance. regarding the required paperwork.

RESOLVED – Authorisation was given for a spend of up to £200 for the Pilates and Sound Bath events at WPG.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Clerk to investigate the possibility of a noticeboard at the corner of Church Street and York and Albany informing the public about the WPG

- ii. **NOTED:** The amended Invoice for the tree works at WPG was presented to the committee.

543. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

544. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19th May 2026 at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 19:00

Signed _____

Dated _____