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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 26th June 2025 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr P Jull and Cllr L Ludwig.

Non Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr Blackwell was absent at the start of the meeting

115. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

Cllr M Eddy was the only nomination made.

AGREED – To appoint Cllr M Eddy as the Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee for the year 2025/26.

Proposed – Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Simpson

For – 7 Against – 0 Abstain -0

115. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

Cllr R Blackwell was the only nomination made.

AGREED – To appoint Cllr R Blackwell as the Vice Chairman of the Amenities and Environment Committee for the year 2025/26.

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave

For – 7 Against – 0 Abstain -0

Cllr Blackwell arrived.

115. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Richardson.

116. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Waite-Gleave declared a VAOI in respect of item 121 ii. b. as she parks in the area.

118. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

AGREED

That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr P Ludwig.

Seconded by Cllr Blackwell.

For 8 Against 0 Abstain 0

119. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

All reports were covered in other sections of the agenda.

120. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

121. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP. Members requested the Clerk contact KCC Members about item 18 Parking on Kingsdown Road outside of Walmer Castle, as previous KCC members were picking this item up. The Clerk also to provide details of the item of a crossing in the same location to Mr Knott for review by the Speaking up Group

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- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.
 - a. Members received a written report on public correspondence regarding pavement parking on Dover Road between the Parish Hall and the zebra crossing.

AGREED – To not add the item to the HIP as the parking is not sufficient to block the pathway and in terms of the safety of crossing the road a zebra crossing has already been provided.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded – Cllr Findley

For 8 Against – 0 Abstain 0
 - b. Members received a written report about parking on the triangle of land on Station Road.

AGREED – To not add the item to HIP, the parking serves to slow traffic in the area and there is already limited parking available and any reduction will only move the issue of parking to further along Station Road.

Proposed – Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For 8 Against – 0 Abstain 0

- c. Members received a written report on the Parking on Court Road reducing sightlines for homeowners trying to get off their drives and forcing them to pull much further in to the centre of the road when pulling out.
AGREED – To not add this item to the HIP, the issue exists across the country and members felt that slowly pulling out was manageable.
 Proposed – Cllr Findley
 Seconded – Cllr Jull
 For 8 Against – 0 Abstain 0
- d. Members received a written report on issues from a resident of Newlands in getting across the Upper Walmer Section of Dover Road whilst using a walker. Currently going up the hill the pathway stops 30m short of the new crossing and going down the hill the pathway narrows to be insufficient for walkers or wheelchairs meaning that people using wheelchairs or walkers are forced to cross the very busy road with no established crossing.
AGREED – To add to the HIP and ask the Clerk to write to KCC requesting an engineer review the situation as a safety and accessibility concern.
- iii. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk that Dover District Council owned the grassland on James Hall Gardens. DDC are aware of the issue and are looking at what possible solutions there may be to the problem with the utilities underground proving an issue in resolving this simply.
AGREED – To note
 Proposed – Cllr Eddy
 Seconded – Cllr Waite-Gleave
 For 8 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
- iv. Members received a written report from the Clerk alongside speed data from a recent speed survey completed by KCC on Dover Road, Upper Walmer.
AGREED – Members agreed to note the report and requested the Clerk put together a press release to include the data provided by KCC stating we had looked at the speed and encouraging members of the public to be mindful of their speed.
 Proposed – Cllr Simpson
 Seconded – Cllr Blackwell
 For – 8 Against – 0 Abstain - 0
- v. Members asked that an item be brought to the next meeting to discuss the “pinch point” on the promenade cycle path around the paddling pool/Hut 55.

122. MAINTENANCE OF TREE ON ALLOTMENTS

Members received a written report from the Clerk on the tree by Cambell Road on the allotments. The tree has now grown to be over the road and as such requires a 5.4m clearance over the roadway as well as the 2.4m clearance over the pathway. There is a pigeon nest in the tree so after speaking to KCC cutting can be delayed until September.
AGREED – To the recommendation to delegate up to £250 for maintenance of the tree to the Clerk in Early September.
 Proposed – Cllr Jull
 Seconded – Cllr Simpson
 For -8 Against -0 Abstain -1

123. LITTER

Members received a written report from the Clerk in to a recent increase in reports of public litter bins being used for household waste and open public bins having the waste pulled out by wildlife. The Clerk has been in contact with DDC as the responsible authority for public litter bins and has managed to agree for the bins that have wildlife pulling out rubbish to be replaced over time, no timescale has however been agreed. Cllr L Ludwig and the Clerk have been in contact with DDC over one bin that has been used particularly often for household waste. This is considered fly tipping. DDC are working to identify and the household and will deal with the matter.

AGREED – To ask the Clerk to find out further information and timelines for the solutions to the issues and to continue to monitor complaints received.

Proposed – Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Findley

For 8

Against – 0

Abstain 0

124. PURCHASE OF A PROJECTOR

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group about the purchase of a projector for meetings. The projector will need to be a short throw style projector.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council for a projector to be identified via investigation and delegate a spend of up to £250 to be spent on purchasing a projector.

Proposed – Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

The meeting was closed at 20.15

125. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 25, 2025.

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Signature

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Date