



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

62 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DP

Web site: www.walmercouncil.co.uk E-mail: clerk@walmercouncil.co.uk

Tel: 01304 362363

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 15th January 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Cllr E Crockford

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

420. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr S Waite Gleave, Miss A Late and Mrs D Bogue

421. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

422. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

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

None.

424. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **NOTED:** Members of the committee received a verbal report from the Chairman.
 - a. Several fallen trees and other greenery are to be cut to allow the creation of a pathway on the Meadowside facing side of Hawkshill.
 - b. A sign was stolen from the entrance to Hawkshill during the holidays, the police have been informed.
 - c. Volunteers have planted agapanthus from their own gardens and as well as other new flowers in the planters on Canada Road.
 - d. There has been no update about the removal of the planter at the Corner Café, Admin is to request an update from the Clerk.
 - e. The committee received a report by Mr S Coates about the activities and volunteer work at Hawkshill between October and January.
 - f. The memorial tree planted last year is thriving.

Actions: Committee is concerned that a decision from September has not been completed and can it be chased up as soon as possible. Admin to inform Clerk about this and request that a final choice is made.

425. ADMIN REPORT

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

426. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- i. **NOTED:** To confirm bids and designs from Youngs and Chapman.
RESOLVED- Both bids have been agreed on, Admin to contact both companies to inform them of requirements for the campaign.
Youngs are to be asked to choose the colour/flower scheme for the basket.
Chapman to be informed that the baskets are to be installed the weekend after 25th May and will be up for 14 weeks and to be removed by the 1st September.
Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
Actions: Admin to inform Youngs and Chapman regarding acceptance of their quotes.
- ii. To approve the purchase of compost for use in council planters.
RESOLVED- Purchase of compost agreed
Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- iii. To approve the purchase of a small trophy
RESOLVED- Purchase of trophy agreed
Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
- iv. Contacting schools regarding poster competition and change of brief.
RESOLVED- The Downs and Parochial Schools are happy to continue on with the competition as already laid out. The Beacon School will be joining the competition this year. There will be no change this year with the competition brief
Actions: Admin to look into erection of a shelf for the trophy and SSEIB Gold certificate.

427. HAWKSHILL

- i. To confirm tree survey quotes.
RESOLVED- Quote by Invicta Arboriculture has been approved.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
Actions: Admin to inform Invicta Arboriculture regarding acceptance of their quote.
- ii. To confirm quote for tree cutting at Hawkshill.
RESOLVED- Quote by Red Dog Gardening has been approved.
Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson
For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0
Actions: Admin to inform Red Dog Gardening regarding acceptance of their quote.
- iii. Preferred tree surveyor and hedge cutter.
RESOLVED- Recommendation to be sent to F&GP to approve Invicta Arboriculture and Leaf Tree Services as preferred contractors for Hawkshill.
Proposed by: Cllr D Richardson
Seconded by: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to inform both companies if approved by F&GP, including ongoing requirements.

Admin to forward report to F&GP.

iv. Hawkshill Sign.

RESOLVED- The current sign is not to be replaced, in case there are classification changes, then a new sign may be authorised. In addition, several signs may be rationalised and combined onto one post if/when the sign is replaced.

v. Requirement for additional hedge plants. To agree a budget to be spent delegating authority to the officer who will liaise with Mr Coates.

RESOLVED- A budget of £150 has been authorised for purchase of hedge plants. Authority has been delegated to the officer to liaise with Mr Coates and confirm requested plants.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to contact volunteer to order plants.

vi. Requirement for Tool Sharpening

RESOLVED- A budget of £150 has been authorised for sharpening of Hawkshill tools.

Authority has been delegated to the officer to approach Sean's Sharpening for a booking.

Proposed by: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to contact Sean's Sharpening regarding a booking.

428. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. WPG representatives were not able to attend the meeting.
- ii. To confirm quotes for Tree Cutting.

RESOLVED- Quote by Leaf Tree services has been approved.

Proposed by: Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded by: Cllr D Richardson

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

Actions: Admin to inform Leaf Tree Services regarding acceptance of their quote.

429. PLANTERS

- i. Cllr L Ludwig met with Mr Gabriel regarding the RNLI planter, he plans to remake the ones that are there and will be pricing up what is used.

RESOLVED- A budget of £200 has been authorised for the reimbursement to Mr Gabriel for materials as and when requested.

Proposed: Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded: Cllr P Ludwig

For 4 Against 0 Abstain 0

430. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- I. Quantity and cost of paint for planters.
- II. Leaflet Drop.
- III. Year Planner.
- IV. Tech solutions for competition.

431. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th February 2026 at 17:30.

The meeting closed at 19:00

Signed _____

Dated _____

DRAFT