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Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 6.30pm at Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Present: Councillors:	Cllr J Murray (Chair) Cllr R Blackwell Cllr S Waite Gleave
Others Present:	Mr Vittoria Spampinato (DDC Tree Officer) Mrs Emma-Jane Allen, Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Countryside
Officers present:	John Miles (Administration Officer)

310. TREE PROTECTION OFFICER

Vittorio Spampinato, DDC's Tree Protection Officer and Emma-Jane Allen, Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Countryside, met with members of the Planning Committee.

Both officers explained the requirements for tree applications and that whatever is sent through to the local councils, as well as the documents put on the planning portal, is seen as sufficient information for each application. Officers personally attend every tree application they receive to ensure that that the applications are legitimate, full arboricultural reports are only required is the structure of the tree is compromised and may need to be fully removed.

If the committee deems that there does not seem to be enough information, then admin or members can contact DDC through the tree enquiries email to ask for more information on tree applications.

Any contact will also require:

1. The application's reference number.
2. The location of the tree(s) in question.
3. That the query is sent in sufficient time before the meeting.

Members also questioned the officers about the tending to of plants and trees in the parish, with damage had been found on the newly planted trees from impacts during grass cutting. There was also the question as to the possible removal of chemical additives used to prevent weed growth, the committee were informed that currently DDC only use government approved material for weed control. It is also considered the most economical for the council as it would take three times the number of staff than they have to change to a non-chemical-based alternative.

311. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs K Lee, M Simpson and T Bond offered apologies that were accepted.

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312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received.

313. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

All those present were reminded of the Rights and Obligations under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

314. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Resolved- Noted.

315. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave
Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

316. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None Received.

317. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description
26/00810	8 Sheffield Gardens Walmer CT14 7UH	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey rear extension
26/00789	Driftwood 78 Wellington Parade Walmer CT14 8AB	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of a garage with solar panels to roof (existing garage to be demolished)
26/00721	15 The Strand Walmer CT14 7DY	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Replacement bay windows, access steps to front and basement, front door, railings, open front lightwell, erection of a glass balustrade and render to front elevation
26/00717	Church House 1 Church Street Walmer CT14 7RX	Grant Consent	No Objection	T1 - Myrtle - reduce the overall crown by approximately 1 metre, crown raise to approximately 2 metres above ground level; T2 - Yew - reduce the overall crown by approximately 1 metre, T3 - Holly - reduce the overall crown by approximately 1 metre, all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 15 of 2008
26/00851	The Belfry Hawksdown Walmer CT14 7PH	Grant Planning Permission	No Objection	Erection of single storey side extension

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26/00502	Sonia Lodge 5 - 7 Warwick Road Walmer CT14 7JF	Refuse Planning Permission	Walmer Town Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons. 1. Overdevelopment of the location. The 12 flats in the development are small and in some cases require an assumption that some of the rooms can only be single occupied in order to meet the minimum required standards. 12 Flats represent an overdevelopment of the plot. Further the density of the development does not fit with the established scale of the surrounding area. 2. Overlooking of bungalow opposite windows at the front will look directly in to the bungalow opposites bedroom. 3. Difficult one-track access to the rear of the property opening directly on to the A258 with limited sight lines. There are questions as to whether the property has a legal easement to use the track, if this is not the case then the parking area at the rear of the development will not be able to proceed causing further issues to on street parking. 4. No affordable housing planned contrary to regulations. 5. Insufficient parking for the number of flats proposed. The development relies on street parking there is a minimal no of spaces available and potential for dangerous parking around blind corners. 6. No Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been submitted in respect of tree on neighbouring property as noted by DDC officers. 7. Location of rubbish storage will cause a nuisance to a neighbouring property as the location in the application is too close to the windows of the property next door. The smell and noise of the storage will	Change of use and conversion to 12 self-contained flats to include a single storey rear extension, parking, refuse/cycle storage and 1.8 timber fencing (existing conservatory to be demolished)

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			mean that the property is unable to open their windows. 8. Possible sewerage issues link to the increase in outflow and the potential issue of being built on top of infrastructure. 9. Neighbours not consulted about the development.	
25/01349	Land On The West Side Of, Cross Road, Deal, CT14 9LA	Grant Reserved Matters	Comment: No Comment Walmer Town Council has no planning comments to offer about the listed contents of this application. However, WTC is concerned about excessive traffic on feeder roads through Walmer causing damage to the surface and obstruction at key junctions. WTC seeks for DDC to mitigate car dependency in the area by investigating improved public transport links	Reserved matters for application for the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, including affordable housing, public open space and landscaping for the erection of 140 dwellings pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 21/01822

318. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

i. **DOV/26/00834- 4 Halliday Drive Walmer CT14 7AX**
Insert 1no external wood burner flue terminal to front roof slope
Resolved –Objection
Walmer Town Council objects to this application for the following reasons:
1. The design is out of keeping with the rest of the terrace.

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell
Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

ii. **DOV/26/00842- 4 Halliday Drive, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7AX**
Insert 1no external wood burner flue terminal to front roof slope
Resolved –Objection
Walmer Town Council objects to this application for the following reasons:
1. The design is out of keeping with the rest of the terrace.

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell
Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

iii. **DOV/26/00484- Seymour House 10 Walmer Castle Road Walmer CT14 7NG**
T1 - Holm Oak- Crown reduce back to the most recent reduction points. Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 2004
Resolved – No Objection
Walmer Town Council does not object to this application provided that the felled tree is replaced with a decent sized suitable replacement.
Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave
Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

iv. **DOV/26/00933- 23 Blake Close Walmer CT14 7UB**

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T1 - Sycamore - Complete fell to ground level. Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1965
Resolved – No Objection
Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave
Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

v. **DOV/26/00951- Shortwood House Station Road Walmer CT14 7QR**
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 25/01318 for "Erection of a single storey side extension, additional window to front elevation, external flue and outdoor fireplace (existing conservatory, shed and greenhouse to be demolished)." to allow changes to the external materials and a minor variation to the glazing fenestration
Resolved – No Objection
Proposed: Cllr J Murray
Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

vi. **DOV/26/00898- 2 Granville Road, Walmer, CT14 7LU,**
Formation of a vehicular access
Resolved – No Objection
Proposed: Cllr J Murray
Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

vii. **DOV/26/00964- Moorlands, Kingsdown Road, Walmer, CT14 8AR**
Erection of a single storey extension (existing conservatory to be demolished)
Resolved – No Objection
Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell
Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

viii. **DOV/26/00979- Pavilion Walmer Lawn Tennis And Croquet Club, Archery Square, Walmer, CT14 7HP**
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 25/00936 for "Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/01377 for "Erection of single storey clubhouse with canopy linking to existing changing rooms (existing clubhouse to be replaced) and alterations to materials of existing changing rooms roof"" to reduce the length of the clubhouse, additional window to clubhouse and reduction in size of clubhouse sliding doors
Resolved – No Objection
Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave
Seconded: Cllr J Murray
For: 3 Against:0 Abstain: 0

319. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th December 2026 at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 19:28

Signed …….. Dated ……