



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 23rd June 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:

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

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr R Blackwell and Mrs D Bogue

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

118. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2026.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Findley

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

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

None Received

120. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

i. **Noted:** Verbal Update from Chairman.

New tools (Root Slayers) are needed by the volunteers at Hawkshill for removal of weeds, Admin and Cllr P Ludwig to look into purchase. Cllr D Richardson has recently purchased one and will bring it along to the next meeting.

Due to age, the lawnmower used for trimming down around the pathways may need replacing, Mr S Coates is seeing if it can be repaired or if it needs replacing.

Admin and Town Clerk have been asked to look into solving the shingle issue on the access road, including contacting local tradesman.

The Town Clerk is meeting with Red Dog Garden services regarding the installation of steps at the new pathway. It was also mentioned that it may be possible to source a grant for the steps from KCC or elsewhere.

Cllr P Findley looked over the bird boxes made by Ripplevale school at the RIVAs which were deemed as not suitable for our use. In further discussion, a representative informed Cllr Findley that they could make some suitable.

Resolved: To agree to the purchase of 6 robin boxes and to the donation of 6 more from Ripplevale School.

Proposed- Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr S Waite Gleave

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Admin to talk to Town Clerk regarding the addition of a small budget for refreshments for Hawkshill volunteers, to be brought to the next meeting.

A thank you gift of personal issue working gloves has been suggested for the volunteers at Hawkshill, costs may be offset by grant aiding bodies. Mrs Gooding is to be invited to the winners' presentation in August.

Ripplevale School would like a photo opportunity with a representative of the committee for their newsletter, Admin to confirm a date and Cllr L Ludwig or S Waite Gleave will be available.

Mr Ken Gabriel has rebuilt the fountain planter at the RNLI and will continue to tend to the plants. Mr Gabriel is to be invited to the winners' presentation in August.

Admin to contact all current planter volunteers to see if they want to continue to look after the planters they are currently tending to and to confirm watering of all planters by contractor.

Admin to source vouchers for the planters, costs to be brought to the next meeting.

121. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Update from admin regarding previous actions.

Resolved: Admin to work with Deputy Clerk to use Facebook enhancement for WIB competition.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Admin to contact last year's winners regarding entering this year's garden competition.

Admin to collate information for debrief including the breakdown of nominations into categories etc.

Admin to post letters to nominees informing them they have been nominated.

122. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- i. There was no update on the location for the winners' presentation, Cllr D Richardson will continue to contact Walmer Castle to confirm the use of the room.
The date for the presentation has not been confirmed but will be between 17th and 28th August.
Admin to inform all members when the date has been finalised.

- i. **Resolved:** To donate £50 to each school that entered the poster competition.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Resolved: To purchase up to £5 x £50 vouchers for the winners of the garden competition.

Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Resolved: To purchase up to £90 of stamps for use in communications for the garden competition nominees.

Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Resolved: Vote for presentation payment has been postponed until the date and number of attendees has been confirmed.

123. HAWKSHILL

- i. **Resolved:** To accept the quote from Gazen Salts to cut the grass at the plateau for a total of £400.

Proposed- Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

Resolved: To accept the quote from Gazen Salts to cut the grass at Walmer Peace Gardens for a total of £45.

Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

- ii. **Resolved:** Dates for the cutting at Hawkshill and Walmer Peace Gardens to take place during the Week Commencing Monday 5th October and Week beginning 29th September Respectively.

Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr P Findley

For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0

124. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **Noted:** Members received a verbal report from WPG representative.
- The Sound Bath event went well with approximately 12 people attending, paperwork and invoices to be sent to Admin.
 - An advert has gone out for a Pilates event on 4th July.
 - A date is to be set for a storytelling event in August.
 - WPG Committee would like to thank Cllr S Waite Gleave for her donation of a gazebo tent.
 - WPG is still awaiting the donated Hedge Trimmer.
 - The hand painted sign coming along well, it is to be attached to existing sign.
 - The fruit trees donated several years ago are doing well, they are fruiting.
 - WPG Committee to forward images and dimensions for a planter to Admin.

125. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

To contact the RNLI Lifeboat station to see if they have any volunteers to tend to the four planters on the north and south faces of the building.

126. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28th July 2026 at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 18:50.

Signed _____

Dated _____