



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 26th May 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr L Ludwig (Chairing)
Cllr R Blackwell
Cllr E Crockford
Cllr P Findley
Cllr P Ludwig
Cllr D Richardson
Cllr S Waite-Gleave
Mrs D Bogue

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

Cllr R Blackwell was late in attendance.

35. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027

Cllr L Ludwig was the only nomination received.

Resolved- To appoint Cllr L Ludwig as the Chairman of Walmer In Bloom for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig

For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-1

36. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027

Cllrs S Waite Gleave and E Crockford were nominated for the position.

Resolved- To appoint Cllr S Waite-Gleave as the Vice Chairman of Walmer In Bloom for the year 2026/27.

Proposed- Cllr P Findley

Seconded- Cllr S Waite Gleave

For- 4 Against-3 Abstain-0

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Miss A Late.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

39. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig

For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-3

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

Mr P Dawkins has offered a petrol-powered trimmer for donation to the Walmer Peace Gardens. Machine to be safety tested and advice sought before WPG start using it.

Resolved: The committee has accepted the donation and thanks Mr Dawkins for his generosity.

41. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Chairman and Town Clerk joined volunteers at Hawkshill as they assessed work required at the Freedown and prioritising what is needed. This includes more hedging, compost areas, and steps for the new pathway.

Mr S Coates and Cllr L Ludwig will be putting together a report for the next meeting regarding future priorities for Hawkshill.

The chairman would like to thank all the volunteers working at Hawkshill for their efforts.

42. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Members received a written report from admin.
An outstanding action regarding the shingle situation needs to be progressed.
Resolved- Admin to complete changes to leaflet as requested, then forward to printer.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig
For- 7 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to complete leaflet and forward to printer.

43. HAWKSHILL

Items brought following a request by Cllr S Waite Gleave on behalf of Cllr P Findley due to a Deal Town Council meeting he needed to attend. Chair agreed and authorised.

- i. Committee received quotes for metal discs for boundary posts.
Resolved: Admin to purchase 6 x aluminium wayfinder discs for the Hawkshill posts.
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig
For- 7 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to order aluminium discs for Hawkshill.
- ii. Following on from agenda item re bird boxes on sale at Rivas: Cllr P Findley has extensive experience of installing bird boxes and would want to ensure design appropriate for wild birds at Hawkshill. He has agreed to examine the bird boxes at Rivas to see if they would be suitable.

Cllr E Crockford left the meeting at this point.

- iii. The Committee received quotes for new pathway signs.
Resolved- Admin to purchase 2 x A4 size signs.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr D Richardson
For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to purchase 2 x A4 signs for new pathway.
- iv. To purchase a new Information board for the pathway, this is a potential project for the woodland path and will be deferred pending further work and advice from the relevant volunteers at Hawkshill.
Resolved: Deferred to later meeting.

- v. **Noted:** The committee received a draft drawing of a carving for one of the perimeter posts at Hawkshill. This may be looked at again in the future, however at this time the costs for the sculptures are not viable.

44. LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Item also brought forward by request.

- i. Members discussed the advantages of designating LNR vs the amount of work it would take and cost and whether or not the benefits constituted additional protection.
Resolved: Decision deferred to when we have a reply from KWT.

45. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- I. The committee were updated on the voting portal for the garden competition.
Resolved: To purchase two months of use of the voting portal for a total of 58 Euros.
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson
Seconded- Cllr P Ludwig
For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to purchase voting portal website use.
- II. **Noted-**Committee informed of cost to remove the planters at the paddling pool.
- III. Due to an unforeseen cost for testing of the lampposts along The Strand, a request to increase the WIB budget will be put forward to the full council.
Admin to check the date of the last load test and why the timeframe has reduced from five years to three.
Resolved: To request an increased budget from full council.
Proposed- Cllr P Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr L Ludwig
For- 6 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Town Clerk to request increase in budget from full council.
Admin to check dates of last load test and why the timeframe has been reduced.

Cllr P Findley left the meeting at this point.

46. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **Noted:** Members received a verbal and written report from WPG representative. It was discussed how to improve directions into the WPG from Y&A.
- ii. WPG Committee have decided not to purchase a branch shredder. Once the donated trimmer is received by WPG, then the purchase of PPE will be required for those using it.
WPG representative referenced about the need for a gazebo, options around borrowing the WTC one or a potential donation were discussed.

47. GARDEN COMPETITION

- i. **Noted:** To inform Hornbeam School that for the moment the competition will remain in Walmer only.

48. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Cllr D Richardson will contact and get dates from English Heritage for the garden competition presentation. Decisions for presentation to be confirmed.

Quote to be requested from Red Dog Garden Services for creation of steps at the new path on Hawkshill.

To request dates for haymaking from Gazen Salts.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23rd June 2026 at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 19:15

Signed _____

Dated _____

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