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**MINUTES**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.**

**Present Councillors:**

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

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

**607. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
All members were present.

**608. 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.

**609. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**610. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**AGREED-** That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr R Blackwell.

Seconded by Cllr P Jull.

For - 8

Against - 0

Abstain – 1

**611. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING**

The Clerk reported that following discussions with KCC regarding painting of the kerb in luminous paint the road is private and therefore they cannot do this or grant permission. Cllr Waite-Gleave is trying to contact the owners to rectify the situation.

Mr Knott reported that the Dover Disability Group had met with DDC in connection to the alarm cords in the Disabled toilets and solution involving a new locking system that will unlock when the alarm cord is pulled, new signage and improved alert systems have been proposed by DDC.

**612. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

**613. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

**NOTED**

- 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 an issue on Campbell Road where residents feel unsafe when exiting their houses due to there being no kerbed area.

**AGREED** – that as KCC have already allowed planter to be placed to create a virtual pavement that this not be added to the HIP at this time.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 9

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- iii. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the HIP priority items.
- iv. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the lighting in the alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street. The trees have now been cleared from the lampposts and this has resolved the lighting issue.
- v. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the issue of parking on The Strand around the entrance to Admiralty Mews. Following KCC's desk assessment that concluded there were no safety issues at this point, DDC conducted an onsite assessment and concluded that the junction was within the limits for safety.
- vi. New items to be considered at next meeting.  
No items were brought forward.  
**NOTED** – Items iii. to vi. Were noted

**614. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT**

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk and Mr Knott on the progress of the updated accessible kerb phase 2 investigation.

**615. ELIZABETH HOUSE DEFIBRILLATOR**

Members received a written report from the Clerk about the potential removal of the defibrillator at Elizabeth House.

**AGREED** – To ask the clerk to contact the Church to find out more information about their plans and what if any finance is available from their end regarding replacing the defibrillator.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr M Simpson

For - 7                      Against – 2                      Abstain – 0

**616. WATER QUALITY**

- i. Members received a written report from the Clerk asking members to consider running the next water quality meeting. These meeting include local councils, community stakeholders and Southern Water.

**AGREED** – To recommend to Full Council that a budget of up to £150 be allocated for a Water Quality meeting in June. To appoint Cllr P Findley to chair the meeting and ask the Clerk to organise said meeting.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For – 9                      Against – 0                      Abstain – 0

- ii. Member received a verbal report from the Clerk updating them on the latest from the Yellow Fish Campaign. Locations for the yellow fish have been identified, and Southern Water are now working with KCC on relevant permissions.

**617. WATER FILING STATION**

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group regarding installing a water bottle filling station on the Marine Road toilet facilities. This will help to reduce the usage of single use plastic bottles.

**AGREED** – To recommend to Full Council option 1 and ask full council to approve the spend and on costs of the project.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 9                      Against – 0                      Abstain - 0

**618. CHEMICAL ADDITIVES WITHIN THE ALLOTMENTS**

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group that a leaflet be produced warning of the potential side effects of chemical use and the alternative solutions. Members noted that this should include the negative effects of the use of peat.

**AGREED** – That the officers put together a leaflet, to be agreed with Cllr Waite-Gleave. This should be available to all online with a number of printed copies placed in the office.

Proposed – Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For - 8                      Against – 1                      Abstain - 0

**619. STONEY PATH**

Members receive a verbal report from the Clerk on the progress of Stoney Path. Members requested an item be brought back at next meeting to discuss Stoney Path. The item will look at future plans for Stoney Path and dates that actions are required.

**620. BIODIVERSITY GRANT**

Members received a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group for a Biodiversity Grant to be awarded to Downs Sailing club for use in purchasing water bottles for the NSSA event to reduce single use plastic.

**AGREED** – To recommend to full Council to approve the Biodiversity Grant.

Proposed by – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by – Cllr P Jull

For - 9                  Against - 0                  Abstain – 0

**621. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

June 16<sup>th</sup> 2026.

The meeting was closed at 20.15

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Signature

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Date