



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Walmer Town Council Planning Committee held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.00pm at Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Present: Councillors: Cllr J Murray (Chair)
Cllr R Blackwell
Cllr S Waite Gleave
Cllr M Simpson

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

220. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

221. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received

222. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

223. A SHORT GUIDE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS **Resolved-** Noted

224. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NEW

The planning applications were brought forward at the request of the chairman.

i. DOV/26/00502- Sonia Lodge, 5 - 7 Warwick Road, Walmer, CT14 7JF

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)

Resolved – Strongly Object

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 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.

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

ii. **DOV/26/00737- 74 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DL**

Remove and rebuild of short section of wall

Resolved – Strongly Object

Walmer Town Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons.

1. The claims of relocation of land boundaries by the movement of a party wall into the next-door location.
2. Positioning of guttering on the neighbour's side of the new construction without permission of the owner of the property.
3. Routing the guttering on the neighbour's wall through a planned hole in the replacement wall.
4. Claims of regular flooding guttering.
5. Incorrect measurements of the wall.
6. Incorrect replacement wall materials.
7. No agreement as stipulated in Party Wall legislation with neighbours who jointly own the wall.

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:

iii. **DOV/26/00721- Flat 15 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DY**

Replacement bay windows, front door, railings, open front lightwell, erection of a glass balustrade and render to front elevation

Resolved – No Objection

Proposed: Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded: Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

iv. **DOV/26/00783- Hawksview Meadow, Grams Road, Walmer, CT14 7PP**

Erection of a single storey side extension with 2 rooflights

Resolved – Walmer Town Council supports this application.

Proposed: Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell

For:4 Against:0 Abstain 0

v. **DOV/26/00698- 223 Dover Road, Walmer, CT14 7NP**

Erection of a two storey rear extension, first floor side extension over existing ground floor extension, chimney removals, front porch and internal/external alterations (existing front porch to be demolished)

Resolved – No Objection

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr S Waite Gleave

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

vi. **DOV/26/00717- Church House, 1 Church Street, Walmer, CT14 7RX**

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 by approximately 1 metre, all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 15 of 2008

Resolved – No Objection

Proposed: Cllr S Waite Gleave

Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

vii. **DOV/26/00789- Driftwood, 78 Wellington Parade, Walmer, CT14 8AB**

Erection of a garage with solar panels to roof (existing garage to be demolished)

Resolved – No Objection

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr R Blackwell

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

225. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The delegation vote was brought forward at the request of the chairman.

i. **Resolved** – No Objection

Proposed: Cllr M Simpson

Seconded: Cllr J Murray

For:4 Against:0 Abstain:0

226. PLANNING DECISIONS

Reference	Site	DDC	WTC	Description	Appraisal
26/00581	Guildford Lodge Grams Road Walmer CT14 7PU	Grant Consent	Walmer Town Council objects to this planning application for the following reasons. a. There is no independent arboricultural diagnosis leading to insufficient information regarding the alleged ill health of the tree. b. The current	Fell 1x T1 Beech subject of TPO no 1 of 1967	The tree has been identified with fungal bodies that appear with the decay of the root system and lower stem. This may cause structural failure which could cause future problems, including damage to a driveway, boundary wall and public highway. The objections raised by Walmer Town Council have been fully considered; however, the evidence of fungal colonisation, declining vitality and the potential implications for the structural integrity of this mature Beech are considered sufficient to justify its removal, subject to appropriate replacement planting.

			location of the tree adds to the amenity of the location.		One replacement tree, preferably a native species and with a minimum girth of 12–14 cm, shall be planted during the next available planting season following removal.
26/00031	Former Royal Marines South Barracks Canada Road Walmer	Grant Planning Permission	Walmer Town Council objects on the following grounds: 1. That the damage to the local Heritage outweighs the potential benefit of the pétanque court	Erection of bollards, footpath crossovers, and a paved footpath.	The application was amended to remove the pétanque court.
26/00462	49 The Strand Walmer CT14 7DX	Grant Planning Permission	Walmer Town Council supports this application	Variation of condition 3 (details of balustrade) of planning permission 25/00858 to allow changes to the balustrade	

227. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th October 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed Dated