



WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on 28th July 2026 at 62 The Strand, Walmer, at 5.30 pm.

Present:

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

Officers present: John Miles (Administration Officer)

Clrrs Richardson and Blackwell were late in attendance

162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Clrr P Ludwig and Miss A Late

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Submitted.

164. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2026 with minor change to entry 124.

Proposed- Clrr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded- Clrr P Findley

For- 3 Against-0 Abstain-0

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

None Received

166. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Chair informed committee that the agenda covered all points she wanted to make and for expediency a separate report was not necessary.

Clrr D Richardson arrived at this point.

167. ADMIN REPORT

- i. **Noted:** Update from admin regarding previous actions.
 - A request was made to acquire gloves for all planter volunteers, admin to check budget.
Resolved: Billing for the planter and basket watering will return to monthly payment.
Proposed- Clrr P Findley

Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For- 4

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Admin to inform Mr Chapman that we will return to billing monthly.

- **Actions:** Admin to check budget for purchase of gloves for planter volunteers.

Cllr R Blackwell arrived at this point.

168. WALMER IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

- Noted:** Committee received update on the garden competition

Actions: Admin to put reminder on Facebook for the remainder of voting.

- Committee were informed of the costs and date for the presentation from English Heritage, members agreed on the date, time and number of guests.

Resolved: The presentation will be on Friday 21st August, if guests are given permission to look around the gardens, the presentation will be between 2:30pm and 5:00pm. If permission is not given then it will be between 2:30pm to 4:30pm if not.

Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave

For- 5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Admin to contact English Heritage and confirm requirements for the presentation.

Resolved: Thirty guests to be invited to the garden presentation at Walmer Castle, invitations will be subject to change where required.

Proposed- Cllr D Richardson

Seconded- Cllr L Ludwig

For- 5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Admin to create invitations and send them out once winners have been confirmed.

Resolved: Winner vouchers to be increased to £35 per category.

Proposed- Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson

For- 5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Clerk to purchase winner vouchers from Deal Garden Centre for a total of £175.

- A draft version of the winner certificate was given to the members; the certificate has been approved with minor changes to the pictures used.

Resolved: Certificate to be edited as requested and used for the presentation.

Proposed- Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded- Cllr R Blackwell

For- 5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Admin to edit certificate as requested before presentation.

- Members were informed that the Hawkshill Volunteers have asked for several new tools for use at the Freedown. Prices from three suppliers were sourced.

Resolved: Purchase one each of Root Slayer shovels, Admin to check with local companies if they can provide requested tools.

Proposed- Cllr P Findley

Seconded- Cllr D Richardson.

For- 5

Against-0

Abstain-0

Actions: Admin to check with local suppliers for shovels, if unable to obtain them, then Admin to purchase two shovels from another company for a total of £94.14

- v. Members were given a list of requested purchases to be authorised for WIB and the council planters for a total of £943.
Resolved: Purchases for Walmer In Bloom competition and planters were authorised.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-0

169. HAWKSHILL

- i. Members were given a list of requested purchases to be authorised for Hawkshill for a total of £133.69.
Resolved: Purchases for Hawkshill were authorised.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-0
- ii. A request from the Chairman and Cllr P Ludwig to create an extra budget for refreshments for the Hawkshill Volunteers and the purchase of two vacuum flasks for use at Hawkshill.
Resolved: Authorisation for purchase of vacuum flasks and a budget for refreshments for volunteers to be set at £400.
Proposed- Cllr L Ludwig
Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Clerk to buy vacuum flasks and Admin to create the budget via existing funds.
- iii. The committee were given an update regarding the shingle washing down Hawkshill access road.
Resolved: Clerk to write a letter to residents of Hawkshill Camp Road indicating that neighbours have concerns regarding the state of the road.
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson
Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Clerk to write letter to the residents of Hawkshill Camp Road.
- iv. A member of the public has mentioned at a pedestrian gate of some kind would be helpful on the new path through Hawkshill, Admin to research gate types and suppliers.
Actions: Admin to research gate types and suppliers.
- v. Admin to begin advertising of the Haymaking event, informing the public of dates and times and that it is weather dependent. Poster and other advertising can be agreed on via email.
Resolved: Any agreements required before the September meeting will be completed through email. Any decisions can then delegate work to Admin.
Proposed- Cllr D Richardson
Seconded- Cllr S Waite-Gleave
For- 5 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to begin creating advertising material for the haymaking event.

170. WALMER PEACE GARDENS

- i. **Noted:** Members received a verbal report from WPG representative.
- The committee thanked the Clerk and Cllr Findley for removing a wasp nest in the peace gardens.

Cllr P Findley left at this point

- A Pilates event was held and went with no difficulties.
 - The WPG committee would like to purchase wildflowers for WPG, Admin to look into original order forwarded to KCC.
 - The committee would also like to purchase several plants, Mrs Bogue or other member may meet with Clerk at Deal Garden Centre or will approach the supplier to see if an invoice can be sent instead.
 - Several new events will be run soon,
 - Admin to remind the sound bath owner that there are no facilities such as toilets available. However, there is no objection to the event being run from the WPG committee.
- Actions:** Admin to look into original order forwarded to KCC for wildflowers.
Actions: Clerk to look into purchasing plants from Deal Garden Centre.
Actions: Admin to contact sound bath owner regarding the lack of facilities available at WPG.

- ii. **Resolved:** To charge £15 for the sound bath event. Possible review afterwards to see if later events are to be allowed. Request that a sign be put up to inform others what is going on to prevent disturbing the event.
 Proposed- Cllr R Blackwell
 Seconded- Cllr D Richardson
 For- 4 Against-0 Abstain-0
Actions: Admin to contact sound bath owner regarding costs and permission to use the WPG green space.

171. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

172. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The August meeting has been cancelled; the next meeting will be held on 22nd September 2026 at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 19:20.

Signed _____

Dated _____