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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Thursday 24th September 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 and Cllr L Ludwig.

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

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

Cllr R Blackwell was not present at start of the meeting

239. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllrs S Waite-Gleave, P Ludwig and M Simpson offered apologies.

240. 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.

241. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

242. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

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

Proposed by Cllr P Jull.

Seconded by Cllr P Findley.

For - 5

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

Cllr R Blackwell arrived.

243. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

Dover District Council are looking to install warning signs to cyclist of the danger of pedestrians crossing the cycle lane in the areas where development on the beach is taking place. Members requested that the Clerk keep chasing these up.

244. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

245. 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 with sightlines when exiting Hawksdown on to Dover Road.

AGREED – To instruct the Clerk to speak to KCC Highways requesting a review of the junction to see if there are any solutions. From previous requests in the vicinity of this junction, we are aware that a reduction in speed or changes to road layout are not possible.

Proposed – Cllr L Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- iii. Members received a verbal update from the Clerk on the parking issues around Knoll Place. A consultation has gone out with a view to installing double yellow lines.
- iv. Members received a verbal report from the on the parking issues around Blake Close/Grams Road, DDC have visited the site and agreed to request double yellow lines on Grams Road around the junction for safety reasons.
- v. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk re the HIP item on Kingsdown Road. A design has been agreed for Slow markings in the road. The cost of this will be borne by KCC.
- vi. New items to be considered at next meeting.
No items were brought forward.

NOTED – Items iii-v. Were noted

246. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT

Members received an updated version of the accessible kerb report. Officers and Mr Knott have been out in Walmer reviewing all roads to identify the areas of concern or where lack of accessibility could be built in to the pavement network.

AGREED – To add items labelled priority 1 and 2 to the Highways improvement plan.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Members wished to thanks officers and Mr Knott for the report.

247. TREE PLANTING SCHEME

Members received a written report from the Climate Emergency Working Group requesting that the free tree scheme be moved forward and advertising and purchasing to commence.

AGREED – To ask officers to start the process of advertising and agree to purchase up to 50 trees in line with the budget.

Proposed – Cllr R Blackwell

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For - 5

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

248. STONY PATH

Members received a verbal report following a meeting with legal representative on whether WTC could progress the claim for adverse possession faster than previously anticipated.

Advice was that WTC would need to wait until 2029 to progress the claim.

NOTED

249. A&E BUDGET

Members received a draft budget for the activities of the Amenities and Environment Committee.

AGREED – To add an additional £5,000 towards a reserve aimed at replacing the gym once the 25-year life cycle was completed.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

AGREED – To agree the draft budget with above amendment.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

250. CEWG BUDGET

Members received a draft budget for the activities of the Climate Emergency Working Group.

AGREED – To agree the draft budget.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr R Blackwell

For - 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Members requested that an item be added to the next Climate Emergency Working Group to discuss this year Swift Box budget.

251. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd December 2026.

The meeting was closed at 20.00

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Signature

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Date