



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ALLOTMENTS AND LAND COMMITTEE MINUTES Monday 22nd June 2026

Present: Cllrs J Bright, K Bright (Chair), K Pressland, S Roberts
Deputy Town Clerk: Julie Belsey

127. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2026/27

Councillor Kristian Bright was voted as Chair.
Councillor Steve Roberets was voted as Vice Chair.

128. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

129. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

131. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received the draft Terms of Reference and AGREED their APPROVAL.

The Terms of Reference will go to the next Full Council meeting for final APPROVAL.

132. MINUTES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE and APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

133. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS & ST PETER'S

None.

134. NORMAN ROAD & NASH GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

All plots are taken at Norman Road. One plot is to be allocated from the waiting list at Nash Gardens. There are still approximately 30 people on each waiting list.

Legionnaires advice emails have been sent to all plot holders and posters displayed on site. Standpipe taps are cleaned externally once a month.

135. CULMERS AMENITY LAND

NJL Boxgreen continue with the grounds maintenance of this site.

The first wild meadow project undertaken by the Community Engagement Officer is flourishing and, following the heavy rain a few weeks ago, the second meadow has now sprung into life. Full reports on this project are received through the Environment Committee.

We are awaiting a quote for a couple of trees to be cut back slightly from a property's roof backing on to Culmers.

136. MOCKETT'S WOOD

i. An update was received from the Woodland Officer. Dead hedging continues within the woods and areas that have been blocked off are now rewilding. Flora and Fauna noted within the woods

since the initial implementation of the Management Plan has increased and this is monitored every couple of months. The vast majority of comments from the public are very positive.

A “thank you” buffet has been arranged to thank our volunteers, The Friends of Mockett’s Wood, for their work and enthusiasm, and help with implementing the changes.

We have had a few SEN schools and carers visiting the woods and helping with dead hedging, and a few have made some lovely wooden sculptures which are displayed in the woods.

Our Woodland Officer has undertaken a Woodland Management for Biodiversity course.

ii. Members were shown revised board walk plans, using sweet chestnut and oak, which reduces the cost overall and provides longevity to the walkway. The board walk will have approximate life of 20+ years. Unfortunately, with recent increases in costs, the board walk costs will need to be spread over 2 years, and this will be noted in the 2027/8 budget requirements.

Members received and noted the changes and the cost increase/duration of the project.

137. PIERREMONT HALL GROUNDS

NGL Boxgreen continue with the grounds maintenance of this area. The planters and urns have been replanted for the summer.

Members received a brief outline of works required to the pipework and drains at Pierremont. The plant border next to car park spaces 1-11 will need to be removed for engineers to find where the manhole is located. Boxgreen will be working with the contractors once this work has been taken to Full Council on 29th June and approval given. The Town Clerk will update all members on the works required and costs.

138. GREEN SPACES CULTIVATED UNDER LICENCE FROM TDC

Balmoral Gardens raised planters have been planted up taking inspiration from Cllr Pressland’s plans. This area was previously a sensory garden, and the Gardeners have now reestablished this, using some of the original mature plants. Once that has fully established, we will share the area on social media.

A new rockery has also been made near the Louisa Bay area of Victoria Gardens had has been freshly planted.

Summer bedding has been planted around the War Memorial and the two circular beds near to Morellis.

The Gardeners spent a week in Nuckell’s Gardens in March, giving the area a thorough cut back and clearance to enable the Dickens House Volunteers easy access to keep on top of the gardens for the spring and summer. TDC are to cut the grass. Unfortunately, on recent walks, it has been noted that the grass was very long and brambles have started to grow within the gardens with the area looking general unkempt. The Gardeners are a little disappointed that work has not continued within the gardens. They will next be in the gardens for a week on the autumn, as per our Open Spaces agreement with TDC, to prepare the gardens for the winter.

Cllr K Bright informed the Committee that he would speak to Dickens House staff regarding the gardens, especially as the Town Council have given the museum money for two willow donkeys to be displayed in the gardens.

139. LAND INSPECTIONS

Members received and noted the Land Inspections from February 2026.

140. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Members received and noted updated Risk Assessments for Town Council Owned Land from February 2026.

141. PRIDE IN PLACE

The Town Clerk met with TDC Officers to discuss potential Pride in Place funding. The Town Council have been asked to provide additional ideas for Pierremont Park for capital works, should funding be available. Cllr Pressland showed possible planting ideas that he had put together, which will be taken to Full Council on 29th June, along with play equipment and lighting proposals, for approval to go to TDC. It should be noted that the Pride in Place funding for these ideas is not guaranteed at this time.

142. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: 12th October 2026 at 7pm
To include the Allotment Holders Open Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 19:53
Deputy Town Clerk

**BROADSTAIRS & ST PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR**

THE ALLOTMENTS AND LAND COMMITTEE 2026/27

MEMBERSHIP

- The Allotments and Land Committee shall consist of a minimum of four Councillors.
- Councillor members shall have full voting rights on the committee.
- Non-councillor members shall have no voting rights.

PROCEDURES

- At the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, the Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year from amongst the committee membership. The Chairman and Vice Chairman may be re-elected.
- The committee will submit minutes of their meetings to the next meeting of the Council and seek approval for recommendations made.
- The quorum for the committee shall be three. Business cannot be transacted with fewer than three voting members present.
- The annual budgeting process will allocate funds to the Allotment and Land Committee, who will propose how the funds will be spent.
- The Deputy Town Clerk or an appropriate officer shall provide administrative support for the Committee.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- The Committee will normally meet three times per year, typically around March, June/July and October. The schedule will be published along with all other committee meetings.
- Meetings will take place at Pierremont Hall or other suitable venue or online subject to legislation and will be open to the public.

COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

- To consider any issues relating to the management of the land and facilities owned or managed by the Town Council and not already covered by other committees or sub-committees or referred to it by the Council.
- To discuss and make decisions on matters delegated to the Committee by Council, currently:
 - i) the allotment sites at Norman Road and at Nash Gardens/Prospect Road
 - ii) Culmer's amenity land
 - iii) Mockett's Wood
 - iv) Town Council owned land at Pierremont Park
 - v) green Spaces cultivated under license from Thanet District Council.