

Nuts To The Walnuts Committee Meeting held on 16th October, 2025 at Orpington Liberal Club Orpington BR6 0RZ 7 Station Road.

Present: Steve Wehrle (Chair), John Pead (Secretary), Andrew Stotesbury (Treasurer), Julia Burton, Stella Geddes, Elaine Mackay, Karen Dungate.

1 Apologies for Absence

None as all present.

2 Minutes of meeting 24th July 2025

The minutes were accepted.

3 Redcliff-Cap

Redcliff, through Harrison Sharkey, in recent email said they are still in discussion with Bromley Council over legal issues. The email was passed on to Kim Botting and Pauline Tunnicliffe.

Michael Witney no longer works for Redcliff-

4 Walnuts/West Wickham Leisure Centres

West Wickham mostly demolished now and not expected to open until 2027.

Walnuts Leisure Centre is on target for opening next Spring. Anticipated spend has gone up to £38Million.

5 High Street Shops

Many shops in Orpington High Street have closed or changed ownership or name.

Barclays and Santander have planning permission for two more residential floors.

There is much building above the ground floor in the High Street.

6 Local Building Plans

Plans for Broke Hill, Derry Downs, Fort Halstead and Orpington Station Approach were discussed.

7 Local Elections

Committee members were asked to suggest questions to be sent to candidates in the forthcoming local elections.

8 Liberal Party Leaflet

The contents of the present Orpington Liberals leaflet was discussed.

9 Botting and Tunnicliffe

The Orpington councillors have been sent the latest correspondence from Redcliff-Cap and we await their response.

10 Any Other Business

The promptness of the responses received from Tyler Smith of Orpington First were mentioned and it was noted that we are pleased to have a good rapport with him.

The email received from Caroline Jeffreys (Priory Gardens) was discussed and it was decided that a committee member will speak to her directly. As the group has already submitted its response to Bromley's local plan, Ms Jeffrey's email was not relevant enough for us to post

11 Next Meeting

7.30pm, Thursday, 4th December 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

