

Wickham Market Annual Parish Meeting 10 April 2026

Notes

34 people attended including 7 Councillors

Ivor French chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, highlighting that this is not a Parish Council meeting. Reports from village organisations are published on the Parish Council website.

Apologies were recorded from Alexander Nicoll (SCC), Sally Noble (ESC) and Clair Cox PC799.

Open Public Forum

Concern over the lack of use of the Percy Mason long stay carpark. The policy imposed by East Suffolk District Council (ESC) doesn't work and disadvantages lower paid workers in the village. It was requested that this is reconsidered. It was noted that the Village Hall Modernisation Committee has requested special provisions while the village hall carpark is unavailable during modernisation but ESC have refused. It was suggested that the District Councillor should be lobbied and perhaps send a freedom of information request for parking usage and revenue pre and post price rise. It was suggested that ESC could be losing revenue because of the price rise.

A question regarding Sizewell C mitigation work to make the village centre safer. An exhibition with simplified drawings was requested. It was noted that this request has been made to Sizewell C offering three dates in May and June.

There was concern over the volume of lorries coming through the village and a suggestion that a 20mph speed limit could deter them. It was noted that the B1078 Border Cot Lane was part of the official SCC lorry route.

A number of participants highlighted their displays including:

- The George regarding their activities and asking for a questionnaire to be completed
- The Village Hall Show which is taking place on 1st and 2nd August 26 in the village hall.
- The School PTA with the support they give to the school
- The Climate Change group regarding litter picking and the Womble Station at the Library and asking what the group can do for you.
- The Library highlighting Lego in the Garden on 18th
- Green Gym displaying environmental work and tree planting and care
- A village hall modernisation update

The meeting officially closed at 19:50 and complimentary refreshments were served funded by the small profit from the seasonal markets.