

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Climate Change Working Group

MINUTES

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Monday 2nd February 2026 The George

CC Chair – Gemma Dempsey-Gray

1. Agree Minute taker: Offer from Cllr Chenery accepted.
2. **Those Present:** Cllr Chenery (DC), Mike Hynes, Jennie Greenhalgh, Pauline Huggins

Apologies: Sonya Exton, Gemma, Arthur Stansfield

3. **Feedback from Jason Alexanders Litter Presentation of 26th January 26 at The George Activity Room**

Mike handed out spreadsheets of the analysis of the questionnaire given to attendees at the presentation. Around 50 people attended for a very entertaining slide show, The key findings are:

- 24 forms and 1 email were returned of which 2 were non-local
- 19 rated the event 5 out of 5
- 13 said they would join a regular litter pick, with 9 maybes'
- 8 said they would volunteer to support other environmental activities in the village, with 7 maybes'
- 10 said they would use a central litter picking hub, with 6 maybes'
- 20 said they would like to be contacted about litter issues and activities
- 19 said they would like to be contacted about other environmental issues and activities
- Attendees also offered a range of helpful ideas to deal with climate change.

This was considered to be a very successful event organised mainly by Mike and Jennie, who were thanked by the group.

4. **Next steps**

The Group agreed to capitalise on the positive feedback and agreed to hold a village litter pick on **Monday 23rd February 26 at 10.30**, meeting at the village hall and invite all those at the presentation who showed interest in joining. Probably have 2 walking routes, possibly ending up at Vida House for refreshments.

DC offered to do a tool-box talk on the day, and ask the Clerk if ad-hoc volunteers would be insured. Jenny has around 10 pickers and hoops and will seek out some clear refuse bags, as good to see what's been collected. Volunteers to be advised about suitable out-door clothing and bring gloves.

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In order to contact the attendees at the presentation Jenny will ask the Clerk if we could have a dedicated email address created.

The group also suggested we contact Jason for his availability for attending the village sometime just after Easter to launch a litter initiative for the village. Jenny to contact him.

The group would also come up with ideas about litter and recycling for an article in the Newsletter but were mindful that ESC will no doubt be publicising their new rubbish bins collection service.

5. Date of next meeting

Date to be agreed with Gemma and others to look at the proposed new leaflet for a greener Wickham (title to be agreed) and a forward action plan.

DC 07/02/26