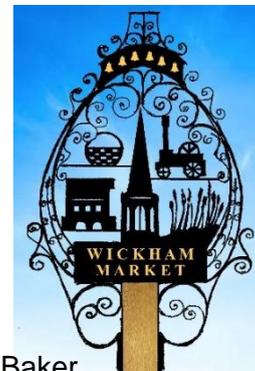


WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: GEMMA DEMPSEY-GRAY

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: IVOR FRENCH



MINUTES of the Wickham Market Parish Council Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 19:30

EL23:1 **Present from the Council:** Cllr French (Chair) Cllr Cooke Andy Baker
Cllr Chenery John Eldridge Simon Harrington
Cllr Horsnell Josie Hopps A. Besly (Clerk)

EL23:2 **Present from the Public:** 1

EL23:3 **Open Public Forum session** None

EL23:4 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jenkinson, Anne Westover

EL23:5 **Declarations of Interest in** Cllr Horsnell: Member of the Allotments Association

items on this agenda: Josie Hopps: Member of WM WI

Andy Baker: Member of the Allotments Association

EL23:6 **Approve the minutes** of the Environment & Leisure (E&L) Committee meeting of 17 April 2023

It was proposed that draft minutes of 17 April 2023 be accepted as a correct record. **All Agreed**

EL23:7 **Chair's Report:** Nothing to report

Cllr French has agreed to Chair this meeting only and will then step down. He asked for volunteers to be appointed Chair at the next full council meeting. There were none. It was agreed that Councillor volunteers could put themselves forward for Chair before the next full council for appointment at that meeting. If there was no Chair appointed, the E&L committee would not be able to operate as WMPC standing orders 4d (vi) *shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chairman of the standing committee.*

EL23:8 **Clerk's Report:** Published. There was a question regarding Plot 39. Cllr Chenery said that a meeting was being arranged with the plot holder to agree the best way forward

EL23:9 **Allotments Report:** The following was noted:

John Eldridge reported that both allotments were fully let. He noted that:

- One plot growing saffron was overgrown but the Association will suggest a reduction in size
- Concern over the Community Allotment insurance. The association will ask Anna O'Neil to show that her members are insured.

Andy Baker reported that some Simons Cross plots will be reallocated at the end of the year but most plots were working well.

- There was concern over the low water pressure which is piped from Simons Cross. Andy will liaise with the previous SX representative, Mick Miller, to better understand the water system and ask the landowner, Mr Holland, to check for damage. If there is no known damage, the Clerk will ask Anglia Water to check the pressure.

EL23:10 **Proposal to approve expenditure above the Chair/Clerk Delegated authority:**

- Four Speed Indicator Posts costing £570 each total £2,280
- Insurance renewal at £1,519.19
- Two 3m² gazebos branded. Estimated cost £600 each, total £1,200

All Agreed

EL23:11 **Introduction from Footpaths Warden** [Report Published](#)

Simon Harrington presented his report. There was a question over the footpath across the old Simons Cross allotments. This would be struck off the register if the area was developed but the developer would likely be required to provide an alternative route.

EL23:12 **Tree work required around the Parish:** Held Over to the next meeting

EL23:13 **Cemetery report:** Held over to the next meeting

EL23:14 **It was proposed that the WI may borrow gazebos** for their Summer Garden Party on Thu 13th Jul 23 provided they are insured for accidental damage. **All Agreed**

EL23:15 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 14 August 2023

Meeting closed at 21:20

Signed.

Cllr Ivor French, Chair.

Date.

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