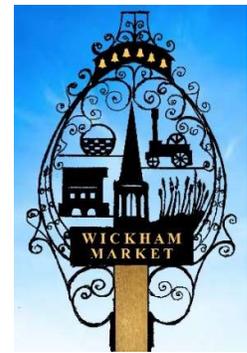


WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Wickham Market Parish Council Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 14 August 2023 at 19:30

- EL23:16 **Present from the Council:** Cllr Dempsey-Gray(Chair) Cllr Huggins Simon Harrington
Cllr Chenery Cllr Jenkinson Josie Hopps
Cllr Cooke Andy Baker Anne Westover
Cllr Horsnell John Eldridge A. Besly (Clerk)
- EL23:17 **Present from the Public:** 1 (Left at 19:53)
- EL23:18 **Open Public Forum session** None
- EL23:19 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr French
- EL23:20 **Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda:** Cllr Horsnell: Member of the Allotments Association
Cllr Horsnell: Plot holder at Glebe
John Eldridge: Plot Holder at Glebe
- EL23:21 **Approve the minutes** of the Environment & Leisure (E&L) Committee meeting of 12 June 2023
It was proposed that draft minutes of 12 June 2023 be accepted as a correct record. There were three abstentions. **All Others Agreed**
- EL23:22 **Chair's Report:** Nothing to report
- EL23:23 **Clerk's Report:** Published. There was a discussion regarding the water supply for Simons Cross allotments.
23.1 Proposal to reinstall the refurbished seat at the village hall. It was proposed that the seat be reinstalled near the children's play area facing the football pitch. **All Agreed.** The Clerk will provide the additional costs for this proposal
- EL23:24 **Allotments Report:**
John Eldridge noted that:
- The water taps at Glebe were dripping. Once the water is turned off for the winter the Clerk will ask Maintenance to replace.
 - Concern over the Sycamore tree on the Beehive Boundary. Anne Westover will look at this.
 - There are likely to be 3 – 4 plots available at renewal time.
- EL23:25 **Proposal to split Glebe plot 39** in two by 1 October 2023, create a custom lease agreement for the coppice part and fund the clearance of the remainder to create a usable allotment plot during the winter period. The proposal was refined such that the Coppice occupied 1/3 of the plot with the shed in the buffer zone between plots. A custom tenancy agreement would be created for the Hazel Coppice plot to bring it into a 4 year coppice schedule.
The revised proposal was voted on. There was 1 abstention All Others Agreed
- EL23:26 **Footpaths warden Report:** Published
It was noted that:
- Mowing the sides of the paths would help prevent vegetation encroaching. The Clerk will advise Richard for maintenance schedule.
 - The path from Little Lane to Simons Cross sports field was overgrown. The clerk will report the issue to Suffolk County Council.
- EL23:27 **Proposal to approve costs and authorise** a tree surgeon to undertake tree work at Cemetery, VH Playing Field and Pightle. To be published
There is currently only one quote available for tree work. Provided more comparable quotes are received, **it was proposed** that the committee should authorise up to £3,200. **All agreed.**
- EL23:28 **Cemetery report:** Anne Westover noted that there would be a proposal for rabbit control at the October meeting
- EL23:15 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 9 October 2023

Meeting closed at 20:04

Signed.

Cllr Gemma Dempsey-Gray, Chair.

Date.

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