

## Deputy Clerk's Report for Full Council Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Markets**

#### **Saturday Market**

Newbourne Farm are on The Hill every Saturday (excluding the Christmas period). The Olive Man and The Quince Tree will continue to make occasional appearances. Old Felixstowe Brewery have advised they will continue with the seasonal markets but are unlikely to have a stall at other times.

Leanne visits the stallholders most Saturdays to say hello, take photos, and post on social media.

#### **Wednesday Market**

DPC Fish visits The Hill twice a month.

#### **Invoicing**

Invoices are issued monthly, and traders pay promptly.

#### **Seasonal Markets – Spring, Summer, Harvest and Christmas**

The Christmas Market was a great success. All 40 pitches were sold, and visitor numbers were excellent. The School PTA Christmas grotto was a fantastic draw, and the live performances by Kelly Booth were well received. The jute Visit Wickham Market bags were well received.

The Spring Market, planned for 28<sup>th</sup> March, is well underway with permissions and planning. 20 stalls have already been booked, with 20 still available. The Barley Brigg Morris Dancers will again perform, and Wooden Roots will hold drumming workshops throughout the morning.

#### **Allotments**

Allotment fees have been collected for 2025-2026, and all allotments have been allocated due to the sterling work of Ray Lewis and Andy. Al Besly has arranged for the clearance and tidying of some allotments to be carried out by the community payback team. The small village orchard at Glebe allotments has been planted with apple trees funded by WMPC.

#### **Cemetery**

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026, there has been:

2 Burial Interments

0 Ashes Interments

### **Planning**

From 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 7 January 2026, 3 planning applications were received; where appropriate, minutes have been uploaded to the WMPC website.

### **Parish Magazine**

The January/February 2026 edition of the Wickham Market parish magazine has been printed and will be distributed by Royal Mail during January.

### **Social Media**

Posts continue to be made to the WMPC social media accounts. A new Visit Wickham Market Facebook page and Instagram page are being set up, and the current Wickham Market Facebook page will have a poster added to it, asking followers to follow the new Visit Wickham Market Facebook page. going forward.

### **Visit Wickham Market Website**

Events are being listed on the website, and amendments to the material (which was transferred over from the original Visit Wickham Market website) continue to be made.