

Deputy Clerk's Report for Full Council Meeting

27th May 2026

Markets

Summer Market 20th June

We have sold all available pitches (42) and Quay Notes will be performing. Stalls include a good mix of makers, food and drink producers and crafters, including a hot food van and an ice cream van. We are pleased to have quite a number of small businesses who haven't attended previously, which means our regular market visitors will see new products. Several village community groups have also booked. Invoicing has been done, and almost everyone has paid; the last few stragglers have had chaser emails. All stall holders have provided their PLI. Free, Visit Wickham Market shopping bags will be handed out to visitors to the Summer Market; the bags will have a copy of the most recent Wickham Market Parish News in them.

Harvest Market 12 September 2026

29 pitches have already been booked for this event and will no doubt climb after the Summer Market. Entertainment has been booked.

Christmas Market 28 November 2026

27 pitches have been booked so far and entertainment has been booked.

Saturday Market

Nothing to report other than Newbourne Farm is here every week, and The Olive Man and The Quince Tree attended on 23 May.

Wednesday Market

DPC Fish visits The Hill on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Roger the plantsman is with us for just a few more weeks. Street Jesus has been having a pitch also

2027 Seasonal Markets

The dates have been finalised for 2027 and will start to be promoted at the end of August 2026.

Invoicing

Invoices are issued monthly, and traders pay promptly. Invoices are issued for all seasonal markets and any outstanding invoices are chased regularly.

Allotments

Nothing to report

Cemetery

From 8th April to 28 May, there has been:

Zero Burial Interments

2 Ashes Interments

Planning Applications

From 8th April to 27 May 2026, 3 planning applications were received; where appropriate, meetings were held.

Parish Magazine

The May/June 2026 edition of the Wickham Market parish magazine has been delivered, additional copies have been left in various locations, and further copies will be included in the Visit Wickham Market shopping bags, which will be handed out at our Summer Market.

The July/August edition deadline for copy is the 11th June and the deputy clerk will then push on with organising for this magazine to be designed, printed and delivered by the middle of July

Social Media

Posts continue to be published on the WMPC social media accounts and the Visit Wickham Market Instagram and Facebook accounts. The VWM's Instagram now has 140 followers (up from 97), and VWM Facebook has 143 followers, up from 109.

Visit Wickham Market Website

New events continue to be added to the Visit Wickham Market website's events listing page. More businesses have been contacted to inform them that their details can be listed on the website's business pages. News stories have also been included, and links to various pages (e.g., Walks and News) are incorporated into some social media posts.

Emails and Enquiries

Email and face-to-face requests and enquiries are received by the deputy clerk and are dealt with promptly.

Business Event

A grant was applied for from East Suffolk and has been confirmed to hold an event for small businesses in the autumn. The training session will cover the following topics for small businesses: Google, AI and Visual Storytelling. The deputy clerk is waiting for confirmation regarding the venue and can get on with promoting the event.