

# WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr Dick Jenkinson



**MINUTES** of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 17:00

- PL25: **64 Present from the Council:**Cllr D Jenkinson, Cllr S French, Cllr I French, Cllr G Creasey, Cllr J Day, L Castle (deputy parish clerk)
- PL25: **65 Present from the Public:** NONE
- PL25: **66 Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person): NA
- PL25: **67 Apologies for Absence:** NONE
- PL25: **68 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** NONE
- PL25: **69 Proposal to approve the draft minutes** of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Approved
- PL25: **70 DC/25/3865/TCA** Review and agree comments for 1no. Oak (T1 – northwestern corner of property) - Fell 1no. Oak (T2 - central tree on rear boundary) – Crown thin by 20% and crown lift to first main union 1no. Oak (T3 - northeastern corner of the property) – Fell. Site address: 4 Gospel Hall Close, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0QW – After discussion, reviewing the photograph, Google Maps, and the plan, and considering the comments from the tree wardens, the Planning Committee objected to the planning application with the following comments: ‘The trees involved are in a conservation area; they are ecosystems in their own right and can support up to 2000 living species. Removing them contravenes policies in the neighbourhood plan, such as Policy Wick 7: *Preserving and enhancing open, green, and treed spaces in the Wickham Market Conservation Area. The loss of these open green and treed areas or causing unacceptable harm to their character and appearance will not be supported.* As the land adjacent to the property was flooded during Storm Babet, removing the oaks will not help mitigate future flooding. It may be beneficial to survey the area around Gospel Close to identify trees that would be worthy of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). We do not object to tree maintenance, but we do object to the removal of these established trees, especially as they are English oaks.’
- PL25: **71 DC/25/4049/TCA** Review and agree comments for 5no. Mixed species Hazel (T001, T002, T003, T004 and T005 on plan) - Prune in the sides by up to 2 metres 1no. Group of plum and maple (G001 on plan) - Trim the house side face only up to 2 metres 2no. Pittosporum (T006 on plan) – Trim all around by up to 0.5 metres, prune the left-hand tree clear of the patio.

Site address: Wits End, 112 High Street, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk  
IP13 0QU Expiry date: 13 November 2025 – A short discussion of the location,  
The tree wardens are happy with what is considered 'housekeeping'. All present  
were happy to accept the application.

PL25: **72 Date of next meeting:** To be arranged as required.

- PL25: **47 Present from the Council:** Cllr. D Jenkinson, Cllr. I French, Cllr. J Day, Cllr. Sue French, Cllr. G Creasey, Leanne Castle (Deputy Clerk)
- PL25: **48 Present from the Public:** None
- PL25: **49 Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person):
- PL25: **50 Apologies for Absence:** NA
- PL25: **51 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** DC/25/3029/FUL and DC/25/3091/LBC on the agenda, Cllr Gloria Creasey has declared a pecuniary interest
- PL25: **52 Proposal to approve the draft minutes** of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 26 August 2025. Proposed Cllr. S French, seconded Cllr. G Creasey
- PL25: **53 Review and agree comments for DC/25/3029/FUL**  
Conservation of the existing boundary wall between the rear of the pub and the adjacent dwelling, construction of a small storage building to serve the pub, and related improvements. Site address: The George Community Inn, High Street, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 0SD. Consultation expiry date: 5 September 2025  
The planning committee examined and discussed the new plans for the shed facing, the new cold store, the proposed new boundary walling, and the proposed materials. The application was fully supported. No objections.
- PL25: **54 Review and agree comments for DC/25/3091/LBC**  
Listed Building Consent - Conservation of the existing boundary wall between the rear of the pub and the adjacent dwelling, construction of a small storage building to serve the pub, and related improvements. Site address: The George Community Inn, High Street, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 0SD. Consultation expiry date: 5 September 2025.  
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- PL25: **55 Date of next meeting:** To be arranged as required – Meeting closed at 5.35pm

