

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr Ivor French

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr Dick Jenkinson

DATE 14 September 2026



MINUTES

PL26:39 **Present from the Council:** Dick Jenkinson, Sue Fench, John Day, Ivor French, Gloria Creasey

PL26:40 **Present from the Public:** One

PL26:41 **Open Public Forum Session** (3 minutes per person): The member of the public asked that their planning application be given due consideration.

PL26:42 **Apologies for Absence:** None

PL26:43 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** None

PL26:44 **Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 23rd July 2026:** These were approved by all the planning committee members, Ivor French, and seconded by Sue French, and were signed and dated by Dick Jenkinson.

PL26:45 **Review and agree comments for DC/26/2203/FUL** New Self Storage Building with parking area address: Bridge Farm, Ashe Road, Lower Hacheston, Hacheston, Woodbridge. Expiry date 21 September 2026. New plans have been submitted with an agricultural assessment. The proposed and existing drawings have changed little – PIR bollards and bird and bat boxes have been added. Signage and light pollution were discussed again. The 17-page impact statement shows which trees are to be removed, and this was discussed. The plan mentioned a specific drawing from Oaklands but this couldn't be found on the East Suffolk planning site. Details were found on the biodiversity net gain assessment, which also mentioned that only native species will be planted. The new report shows very little change from what the planning committee saw before. The letter sent into ES by a neighbour, which states concerns about light emissions, was also discussed.

The Planning Committee decided there was no reason to change or update their previous comments on the planning application.

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PL26: 46 Review and agree comments for DC/26/2928/VOC Variation of Condition Nos. 4 and 5 of DC/20/0270/FUL– Change of use of outbuilding to holiday let and regularisation of previous planning approval - Condition 4 – Duration of occupation, Condition 5 – Bound impervious material. Site address: Cherry Tree Cottage, 65 High Street, Wickham Market Woodbridge, IP13 0HE. Expiry date 15 September 2026. The conditions by East Suffolk were read and checked against the previous planning application, particularly regarding the duration of occupation as a holiday let and the material to be used for the drive. They discussed Sizewell C and the increased demand for accommodation. They discussed whether they thought East Suffolk’s condition that the property is only suitable for temporary accommodation, not permanent accommodation, was valid and fair. They also discussed the drive material (condition 5) and whether gravel is suitable: more porous than a hard surface, but more of a skid hazard, as loose material on the highway is understandable with electric scooters and motorbikes.

The Wickham Market planning committee confirmed that they agreed with East Suffolk condition number 4 that the property should remain as temporary holiday accommodation 56 days. The planning committee agreed unanimously.

Condition number 5 regarding the material of the drive – On a majority decision, the planning committee agreed with East Suffolk Council, and this condition should remain.

PL26: 47 Review and agree comments for DC/26/2970/LBC Listed Building Consent – Replacement of 14 windows on a ‘like for like’ basis. New timber windows to have evacuated glazing and draught strips. Site address: 119 High Street, Wickham Market, Woodbridge IP13 ORD. Expiry date 30 September 2026

The planning application was discussed, and the planning committee decided they had no objections whatsoever.

PL26:48 Date of next meeting – to be confirmed

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