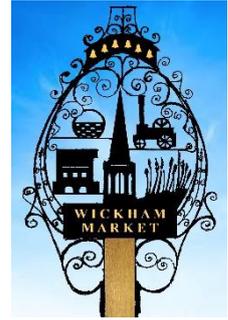


# WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: GEMMA DEMPSEY-GRAY

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: CLLR DICK JENKINSON



**MINUTES** of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee held on Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 19.30

PL23:	50	<b>Present from the Council:</b>	Cllr Jenkinson (Chair) Cllr French Cllr Gray	Cllr Day  A. Renshaw (Deputy Clerk)
PL23:	51	<b>Present from the Public:</b>	None	
PL23:	52	<b>Open Public Forum session:</b>	None	
PL23:	53	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>	A Besly (Parish Clerk)	
PL23:	54	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b>	None	
PL23:	55	<b>Approve the draft minutes. Proposal to approve the draft minutes</b> of the Wickham Market Parish Council Planning Committee of 04 January 2024. <b>All Agreed</b> Committee would like it noted that they would prefer that the document uploaded to the planning website in response to meeting of 04 January 2024 (dated 18.01.24) be labelled as WMPC Attachment Revision 1 to highlight the revised text within the document.		
PL23:	56	<p>Review and agree comments for Planning reference: <a href="#">DC/23/4856/FUL   Secure and conserve Grade II listed boundary wall between 95 and 96A High Street, Wickham Market. The work is essential to avoid further deterioration and hazard.   The George Community Inn High Street Wickham Market Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 0SD (eastsoffolk.gov.uk)</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors perused again the 6 documents attached to the application on ESC planning website. Discussion of the construction style and method took place; it was noted that the current collapsed state of the wall may be due to delays in funding and that the further development of The George project was contingent on this application to render the wall stable and the site safe for work.</li> <li>TWO additional documents were considered: 1) an email from Mike Cooper (The George) to the neighbour at 93A outlining their intentions regarding wall safety repairs, costing and confirming that communications regarding the boundary wall issues were opened in June 2022; 2) an email of objection sent to the Committee via the Parish Clerk on the afternoon of the meeting (24.01.24) It was placed on record that neither of these documents feature as public documents on the ESC planning website to date.</li> <li>Submissions are usually expected to provide a 3-day period of consultation before being open to discussion; in the light of the absence of members of the public at the meeting, it was agreed that the objection submission (email) would be studied and discussed 'live' at the meeting; two councillors had not yet seen the submission so time was given for consideration of the details and images enclosed.</li> <li>In considering the details enclosed in the objection, the committee acknowledged that the wall height reduction to render it safe will be most severe on the neighbouring side; they recognised the concerns of 93A that temporary fencing measures might become a long-term solution instead of the wall rebuild mentioned only very briefly in the application (point 8 in the application details: materials); concerns were expressed at the lack of detail for the proposed wall repair (permanent) planned to take place at a later date, of particular worry being a lack of schedule or completion date for that follow-on project within the current proposal.</li> <li>It was noted, however, that this appears to be the first response from 93A to the planning application to secure and conserve the wall.</li> </ol>		

		<p>6. The committee were unanimous in wishing to issue a response of <b>No Objection</b> but wished to add a <b>supporting condition</b>: that there be a formal undertaking to rebuild the wall to as close to original specifications as possible within current planning regulations and that a schedule be issued – a suggestion that The George undertake to complete the wall rebuild before The George premises open fully to the public (i.e. after the community room phase is complete but prior to full access to pub and environs).</p> <p>The committee also desired to submit for record a letter outlining, formally, their concerns and conditions, emphasising their view that the hoarding/fence and securing/conserving measures are not an acceptable long-term solution and that the project needs to present a work schedule and detailed undertaking with regard to the complete restoration of the original boundary wall.</p>
PL23:	57	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> As required

Meeting Closed 20.50pm

Signed.

Cllr Dick Jenkinson, Chair.

Date.

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