

# WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH



## SIZEWELL C COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr David Chenery

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council, Sizewell C Committee held on Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 18:00

SZC26: 1 **Present from the Council:** Cllr Chenery (Chair) Non-Cllrs as committee members:  
Cllr I French A Stansfield  
Cllr S French A Westover  
Cllr Horsnell A Besly (Clerk)

SZC26: 2 **Present from the Public:** 2

SZC26: 3 **Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person):

One member of the public, who is a High Street resident, expressed concern about the volume of traffic on the High Street. In addition there was concern over the speed of some of the cars and the vibration from some of the heavy lorries.

Then followed a lengthy discussion regarding traffic volumes through the village. Councillor Chenery said that the public information event on the 2nd and 3rd of July is the place to raise concerns and comments. He added that the Sizewell C scheme may make a difference to traffic volume and speed. We should however remain aware of the increase in traffic.

SZC26: 4 **Apologies for Absence:** None

SZC26: 5 **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations in items on the agenda. Dispensation noted for A Westover

SZC26: 6 It was proposed that the Minutes of meeting of 12 March 2026 be approved: **All Agreed**

SZC26: 7 **Chair's Report:**

Cllr Chenery was asked to read the following from an email from Ray Clune: *"In the near future, the town/village will be expected to accommodate Sizewell Workforce. By crude( but siding on the conservative) Daisy and I reckon that once P&R is established, there will be several hundreds of folk looking for somewhere to lay their head, and support our eateries. What are WMPC Sizewell C sub committee thoughts on this looming influx?"*

Cllr Chenery commented that the Parish Council was aware of this and has used this expectation to support the grant application for the village hall modernisation.

There followed a long and wide ranging discussion covering numerous points, some of which were difficult to transcribe because they were not addressed individually to the chair.

Arthur Stansfield made the following points:

All communications from the Chair and the Clerk relating to Sizewell C should be copied to the whole Sizewell C Committee.

He wants to see the SID data. Cllr Chenery explained that the speed data would not be accurate enough to support a speed limit and that the SID units were purchased primarily to indicate speed to motorists as they pass. Sizewell C have been monitoring traffic volumes and the data is published on the ESC website.

Anne Westover made a number of points regarding the increased volume of cars, vans and HGVs using both the B1078 and the mid section of the high street to and from the Hill. Her concerns included not only volumes of all traffic but speeds of cars which she estimates could be travelling at twice the current speed limit. In addition to this, some vehicles travel very closely to some front doors that open onto the street. She felt that a reduced speed limit would improve pedestrian safety. Anne does recognise that the increase in volumes in this section of the high street may not be wholly attributable to Sizewell C. It was also noted that the B1078 is a SCC designated lorry route and that a plant hire firm based at Otley use this route to access the A12.

It was noted that the SZC sponsored traffic calming scheme was designed to improve pedestrian safety but some of the changes to improve car parking availability may compromise the objective. It was also noted that the traffic calming scheme is to be funded by Sizewell C as a legacy for the parish but mostly not as a requirement to the construction of Sizewell C.

SZC26: 8 **Questionnaire**

The questionnaire proposed to collect feedback on residents' views regarding the traffic calming scheme at the information event was discussed at length. The event itself is run by Sizewell C to provide residents with information. There were a number of clarifications suggested.

- Councillor Chenery to ask Rebecca from SZC if she'll have an introduction board, referring to past consultations and predicted traffic numbers
- Q4 should better define "Lower High Street" and retain other wording
- Perhaps better explain why Broad Road is included
- Perhaps advise what happens to the feedback
- Advise the display will be in the Resource Centre for say 10 days after the events
- Include option for visitors to add a post code on the questionnaire

**SZC26: 9 Format of event**

Councillor Chenery to suggest to Rebecca that we include formal sit downs during the events, perhaps at 3pm and 5pm on the Thursday, or perhaps just at 4pm, plus 12 noon on the Friday  
Also that WMPC man a front desk to ask visitors for name and address and fill in an attendance log

**SZC26: 10 Advertising the events**

Councillor Chenery to ask Rebecca if SZC intend to advertise. WMPC could offer use of the swing boards, posters around the village and social media. We noted not enough time to use Post Office to do a leaflet drop.

The event could also be advertised at the Summer market on 20 June.

**SZC26: 11 Date of next meeting:** To be agreed

Meeting closed at 19:41

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting

**Signed.**

**Cllr Chenery, Chair.**

**Date.**

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