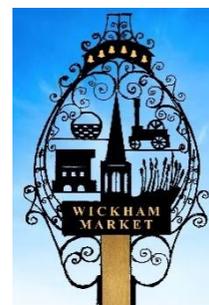


WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: GEMMA DEMPSEY-GRAY

SIZEWELL C COMMITTEE

Chair: David Chenery



MINUTES of the Meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council, Sizewell C Committee held on Wednesday 4 October 2023 at 19:30

- SZC23:1 **Present from the Council:** Cllr Chenery (Chair) Cllr Horsnell
Cllr Dempsey-Gray Cllr Jenkinson
Cllr French Anne Westover
Cllr Gray A Besly (Clerk)
- SZC23:2 **Present from the Public:** 1
- SZC23:3 **Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person): It was agreed that the meeting would be closed at the appropriate time to allow the member of the public to contribute.
- SZC23:4 **Apologies for Absence:** Arthur Stansfield
- SZC23:5 **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations in items on the agenda. One dispensation was recorded for Anne Westover's Non-Registerable Interest
- SZC23:6 **Chair's Report:** None as this is the first meeting
- SZC23:7 **Acknowledgement of the remit of the Committee**
Cllr Chenery presented the approved Sizewell C committee terms of reference
- SZC23:8 **Summary of WM's more recent engagement** and outcomes with EDF –past presentations on traffic calming measures and our responses
Cllr Chenery noted that the last meetings with Sizewell C and WMPC were in April and May 2022 where comments on the mitigation design were recorded by the full council <https://wickhammarketpc.com/assets/Full-Council-Agenda-Minutes-and-documents/WMPC-Full-council-Minutes-Extra-6-May-22.pdf> .
It was noted that Sizewell C had not yet sent the final deed of covenant for signature although WMPC had agreed to sign it at the meeting on 6 May 2022
- SZC23:9 **Assessment of proposed traffic calming measures** – sign off what we agree and list concerns about the rest. The most recent drawings were reviewed with the following comments:
Main Road to High Street south of Border Cot Lane (Sheets 1 – 6)
- 1a
- A better designed village gateway is required
 - The size of farm machinery should be considered throughout the plan where there are width restrictions.
 - **Cllr Chenery** will consult with farm owners
 - It was noted that Border Cot Lane is the HGV route, not Main Road & High Street South
- 1b No further comments
- 2a
- Priority System build out should not obstruct the gateway into the Cemetery paddock.
 - There may be an overlap in responsibilities with Hopkins Homes regarding the footway
 - EDF plans show a widening of the footway to the west of the road, but Hopkins Homes should have rebuilt this footway under the s278 agreement.
- 2b
- Priority system neat Featherbroom Gardens – no further comments
- 3a
- Build out south of the Co-op noted – No further comments
- At this point the meeting was closed to facilitate a discussion with a member of the public regarding the priority system from the Co-op to the Hill.
The meeting was reopened and the following comments were noted
- 3b
- The southern build out should not obstruct the southern side of the access to the parking area. It is considered that this build out needs to be kerbed but moved further south as this may be a right of way to the rear of the adjacent property.
 - Details of the size of delivery vehicles into the parking area at the Post Office should be considered for accessibility.
 - There was concern over northbound queuing traffic for the priority system blocking the 4m wide road at the Village Hall access.
 - In the view of the Parish Council, it is essential to retain the Post Office.

- The enhanced footway width to the west near the village hall access was considered to be a positive improvement for traffic calming and pedestrian safety.
- 4a • Dallinghoo Road proposal considered to be a positive improvement to pedestrian safety.
- 4b • Priority system with enhanced footway width considered to be a positive improvement to pedestrian safety.
- 5a • No comments
- 5b • No Comments
- 6 • As parking is at a premium, there was a question about reducing the width of the buildouts to allow a small amount of additional space for parallel parking. Otherwise, no further comments

High Street North of Border Cot Lane (Sheets 1 – 5)

- 1a • Loss of parking in this area is still an issue that has not been effectively addressed
 - The build out at the Border Cot Lane junction was considered to be an effective enhancement.
 - It was suggested that the other enhancements may not be necessary if there were designated double yellow lines to facilitate parking through this narrow area.
- 1b • No further comments
- 2a • No further comments
- 2b • A better designed village gateway is required
- 3 • It was noted that the new footway and cycle way appears to use some of the existing verge and narrows the road.
- 4 • No further comments
- 5 • It was noted that the roundabout crossings for pedestrians and cycles were an improvement. There were no further comments.

Border Cot Lane (Sheets 1 – 4)

- 1 • No further comments
- 2a • No further comments
- 2b • There is an issue with the safety of the footway crossing to the east of Broad Road.
 - There is an issue with the location of the village gateway.
 - It was suggested that the village gateway be moved west to the location of the footway crossing to combine these two elements.
- 3 • No further comments
- 4 • The extension of the 30mph limit was considered to be an essential improvement to pedestrian safety.

Broad Road

- The improvements to Broad Road were considered to be an improvement.
- It was however noted that this area is used for people parkin who work in businesses in the centre. As East Suffolk are keen to rejuvenate town centres it was suggested that business parking permits in the Percy Mason long stay car park should be reduced in price to a more acceptable level to support lower paid workers.

SZC23: 10 **Discussion about the merits of a 20mph limit** and its extent during the construction phase
 A 20mph zone was discussed in detail and it was proposed that this zone should be permanent and extend throughout the village within the village gateways and to the north of the school on Dallinghoo road. The proposed traffic calming measures support this speed limit.

SZC23: 11 **Discussion** about the effects of the proposed southern park and ride site on WM
 It was noted that the Sizewell C worker Code of Conduct require workers to use the Park and Ride. As there are no plans for any sales facilities at the park and ride, Wickham market businesses would be happy for workers travelling to and from the Park and Ride to stop in the village and make use of the facilities the village offers, recognising that this would increase the volume of traffic through the village.

SZC23: 12 **Discussion** about our expectations of EDF monitoring during the construction phase. After some discussion the following key expectations were noted.

- Traffic surveys before and during construction
- Pollution surveys
- Noise and vibration surveys. It was noted that there are cracks in the old Chequers building opposite Spring Lane.
- **Anne Westover** will check past submissions on this topic

- Concern over build out safety for pedestrians who would use these as “voluntary crossings”

SZC23: 13 **Discussion about the Community Fund** – how it works and whether we want any funds to automatically go towards a new VH or to other measures

The Sizewell C Community Fund pot is thought to be £23m for the whole area. WMPC SZC Committee would recommend that applications should be made to this fund to support a new village hall and village centre carparking. It is recognised that the lack of carparking in Wickham Market centre inhibits local businesses.

There was an outstanding question regarding the timing and availability of the community fund support.

SZC23: 14 **Next steps** and way forward.

- WMPC have a closed meeting with Sizewell C, East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councils on 11 October to update on progress.
- WMPC are using the Sizewell C committee minutes as the first part of our public engagement.
- Sizewell C should also be encouraged to do more public consultation

SZC23: 15 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 13 November at 19:00 in the Village Hall Committee Room

Meeting Closed at 22:13

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

Signed.

Cllr Chenery, Chair.

Date.

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