

# 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 Monday 19 August 2024 at 19:00

SZC24:1 **Present from the Council:** Cllrs Chenery, French, Horsnell and Al Besly (Clerk) Non-Cllr Stansfield as Committee Member

SZC24:2 **Present from the Public:** None

SZC24:3 **Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person): None.

SZC24:4 **Apologies for Absence:** Anne Westover

SZC24:5 **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations in items on the agenda. None

SZC24:6 **Chair's Report:** None

SZC24:7 Minutes of meeting of 13 November 2023 - Agreed

SZC24:8 Update on the Southern Transport Forum of 14 August 2024

Cllr Chenery reported as follows:

- SZC adamant that no contractors or sub-contractors will be allowed to operate from Bentwaters Industrial Park
- ESC's web site hosts information about the SZC project including a Works Tracker, minutes of all the Forums, that SZC are leasing 2 huge warehouses at the Orwell Lorry Park who are building a third building for hire to SZC
- Cllrs will be invited to submit any SZC related questions to Cllr Chenery prior to the next Southern Transport Forum on 30 November 24

SZC24:9 Review of latest drawings for Wickham Market traffic calming schemes and make comments: The Committee made the following observations and comments:

Sheet 1 – no comments

Sheet 2 - Would there be an issue if 2 buses used the 2 bus stops just west of Morris Road at the same time? (Does the mainline bus service operate more than 1 bus?)

Sheet 3 – Could SZC describe how disabled people or those with push-chairs are expected to cross the B1438 from Chapel Lane to either the Co-op or to the Post Office.

Sheet 4 – no comments (post meeting observation – Wickham Market Pharmacy has relocated to No. 68)

Sheet 5 – no comments

Sheet 6 – no comments

Sheet 7 – the existing southbound bus stop, just south of Spring Lane is missing on the drawing and would be directly opposite the (relocated?) northbound bus stop shown on this Sheet

Sheet 8 – can SZC explain the purpose or benefit of the islands with bollards at either end of the east side of the High Street near The Drift and Lower Street. Are they for a pedestrian desire line? The take up valuable car parking spaces.

Sheet 9 – no comments

Sheet 10 - no comments

Sheet 11 – Noted that design details are to be part of the Southern Park and Ride scheme but the Committee queried whether that scheme would continue the cycle path to Marlesford beside the A12

Sheet 12 – no comments

Sheet 13 – no comments

Sheet 14 – no comments

Sheet 15 – no comments

Sheet 16 – no comments

Sheet 17 – no comments

Sheet 18 – it was noted the amended design now retained some parking on south side of the High Street which was seen as a benefit

General comment – the Committee repeated its disappointment that SZC’s design will lose a large number of on-street parking spaces on the High Street and assumes those vehicles would find alternative parking provision which the Committee considers this doesn’t readily exist nearby.

SZC24:10 **Date of next meeting:** To be agreed

Meeting Closed at 21:06

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

**Signed.**

**Cllr Chenery, Chair.**

**Date.**

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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 Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 19:00

SZC24:11 **Present from the Council:** Cllr Chenery (Chair & Minutes) Non-Cllr Arthur Stansfield (AS) as  
Cllr French Committee Member  
Cllr Horsnell

SZC24:12 **Present from the Public:** None

SZC24:13 **Open Public Forum session** (3 minutes per person): None.

SZC24:14 **Apologies for Absence:** Anne Westover, Al Besly (Clerk)

SZC24:15 **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations in items on the agenda. None

SZC24:16 It was proposed that the Minutes of meeting of 19 August 2024 be approved: **All Agreed**

SZC24:17 **Chair's Report:** Cllr Chenery reported that the last SZC Southern Transport Forum met on 13 November 24. Subsequently they agreed to his request for additional traffic monitoring stations on Border Cot Lane and on the High Street between Border Cot Lane and Rackham's bridge. The next monitoring survey will be April 2025. The next forum is on 12 March. AS to submit a question via Cllr Chenery.

SZC24:18 **Review of meeting with SZC on 23 January 24 and latest SZC traffic calming drawings:**

The Group felt the meeting with SZC was useful but it was difficult to see all the details on the slide show and we still await the SZC minutes. Regarding the latest drawings (General Arrangement and Pavement & Kerbing) the Group made the following comments:

- Sheet 1 – no comments
- Sheet 2 - the first kerb build out – could we see SCC's standard detail drawings? At the public engagement event we'd ask that you show a montage or picture of what the build out will look like. What will the reflective bollards look like? We welcome the widening of the west footway from the cemetery access heading north.
- Sheet 3 – can the widened footway on the west side outside the Post Office be extended further north as it stops outside No. 42 where the existing footway is very narrow? We accept this may conflict with turning movements to and from the access on the east side
- Sheet 4 – Dallinghoo Road – we note the new kerb on the south side will have a 10mm upstand and the footway behind would be overlain with buff resin. Unless this is 10mm thick were it abuts the new kerbing would there be a trip hazard? We assume this has been approved by safety audit? At its west end won't the eastern protective bollard in the middle of the footway obstruct pedestrians? Delete the note "Wickham Market Pharmacy" as this has relocated.
- Sheet 5 – no comments
- Sheet 6 – no comments
- Sheet 7 – can the parking area outside No. 171 be extended further south outside No. 165 to match the existing provision? Can you calculate the number of parking places lost on the south-east side?
- Sheet 8 – retain kerb build out in location just south of Lower Street but delete kerb build out outside Roy Webb Antiques due to concerns in accessing/egressing The Drift. In all the proposed parking sections is the intention to have road markings at right angles to the kerb to mark out individual parking bays as this might not accommodate as much parking as at present? We note that the southern end of this parking section is as existing. Rackham's entrance – need to determine the highway boundary across the access as Rackham's think it's the edge of the main road and may not give consent to any works within their bellmouth as their lorries have difficulty in accessing/egressing their premises. We note the proposed overlays on the eastern corner of the access are either 20mm or 30mm thick suggesting

these could be over-ridden? The widening of the footway on the north side east of Rackham's access up to the Fiveways roundabout shows new kerbing chased into the road with only a 50mm upstand and only a 20mm footway overlay. We would have expected a 100mm kerb upstand.

- Sheet 9 – no comments
- Sheet 10 - no comments
- Sheet 11 – Noted that design details are to be part of the Southern Park and Ride scheme but the Committee queried whether that scheme would continue the cycle path to Marlesford beside the A12
- Sheet 12 – Broad Road – need to confirm highway boundary in the existing parking bays where it is proposed to reposition the footway at the back of the layby.
- Sheet 13 – no comments
- Sheet 14 – no comments
- Sheet 15 – no comments
- Sheet 16 – no comments
- Sheet 17 – is there a detail for the village gateway component in the north verge?
- Sheet 18 – its anticipated that several displaced vehicles from the High Street may want to park on Border Cot Lane. There are intended parking bays on the north side connected to a new footway. Can street lighting be provided from the High Street to the west end of these parking bays for pedestrian safety? What's to stop parking on the north side within parts of the visibility spays to Riverside View industrial estate?

General comment – the Committee repeated its disappointment that SZC's design will lose a large number of on-street parking spaces on the High Street and assumes those vehicles would find alternative parking provision which the Committee considers this doesn't readily exist nearby.

**SZC24:19 Public engagement event** – the Committee commented as follows:

- Needs to be well advertised in advance. Many residents haven't followed the evolution of the design and its impact. Suggest a letter or leaflet drop by SZC to all properties plus posters, social media and parish council newsletter
- Timing – suggest a Friday pm and evening and a Saturday morning
- Exhibition to be staffed by WSP and SZC plus parish councillors
- Drawings to be displayed around the room with a key plan at the start
- Visualisation or montages of kerb build-outs, gateways etc would be useful
- Could the outlines of the existing buildings, accesses etc be bolder so people can work out where they are?
- The Committee favours an exhibition of the drawings around the room but at a pre-advertised time to have WSP/SZC staff on a top table with the public seated to allow everyone there to hear questions and answers
- Need to extend invitations to Pettistree and Hacheston parish councils as some of the works abut or are in their parishes.

**SZC24:20 Date of next meeting:** To be agreed

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

**Signed.**

**Cllr Chenery, Chair.**

**Date.**

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