

Chairs Report

A short history of Wickham Market councillors, four years ago in May 2019, thirteen plus wannabe councillors put their names forward to be elected as your councillors. Thirteen were elected by you the residents of Wickham Market thirteen being our maximum number for a village of this size, over the following four years some resigned reducing the number on the council, so people were co-opted who showed an interest in the village. Going forward we have only nine councillors, so an election was not required but we still need councillors who are capable, energetic and engaged. From all backgrounds and experiences to reflect our community. Councillors can make a huge difference, if you are passionate about our local community, we need you.

To apply to join Wickham Market Parish council please email Al Besly the parish clerk at wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com

Boundary Change

In December 2021 with the agreement of Pettistree Parish Council, Wickham Market Parish Council started a petition to move the southern boundary to include the Wickham Gate Development being built by Hopkins Homes. One hundred and thirty-six new homes contributing to Wickham Market through their council tax yearly, plus a community infrastructure levy (CIL) from the developers payable to East Suffolk Council who then distribute a portion to the Parish to fund community projects.

With the community governance review 2021 to 2022 the request for a boundary change was approved and put in place from the 1st April 2023.

Welcome Wickham Gate into our community.

Quiet Lanes

Now that I am back from my holidays the signage for wave 3 and 4 will be collected and installed on posts erected by Highways.

Wave 3:- Spring Lane and Mill Lane.

Wave 4:- Chapel Lane.

Remember Quiet Lanes is not about speed restrictions it is to indicate to drivers of vehicles to be aware of other road users on the lane such as walkers, dog walkers, cyclist and horse riders.

Let us all enjoy our Quiet Lanes.

Speed Indicators

Recently Wickham Market Parish Council purchased four solar powered vehicle activated speed indicator devices, one has already been installed on the southern boundary near Wickham Gate, the other three are to be installed as soon as posts have been erected to take them. While these signs will have a traffic calming effect, they may not deter speeders.

The Coronation 6th May

On Sunday 30th April the hill will be dressed in union flags and bunting to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Parish Newsletter

As you will all be aware the first edition went out in February and delivered to all houses in the IP13 0 post code area. We are getting a positive response from residents and surrounding parishes as Wickham Market Parish News April edition lands on people's doorsteps.

Congratulations to all who were involved and helped to produce these booklets.

Ivor French

Chair Wickham Market PC

14th April 2023