

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: IVOR FRENCH



MINUTES of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council held on Monday 29 November 2021 at 19:00

Present from the Council:

- Cllr French (Chair)
- Cllr Chenery (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Cooke
- Cllr Dempsey-Gray
- Cllr Gray
- Cllr Horsnell
- Cllr Jenkinson
- Cllr Westover
- A Besly (Clerk)

Present from the Public: None

Item Description	Owner
1 Open Public Forum session (3 minutes per person):	None
2 Apologies for Absence:	None
3 Declarations of Interest:	
Cllr French non pecuniary interest	Wife is Village Hall Treasurer
Cllr Horsnell non pecuniary interests	Member of the Village Hall Steering Group
4 Agreement for the Parish Council to take action to resolve the drainage issues with the Village Hall carpark	
Cllr Jenkinson gave the Council a brief history of drainage issues going back to 2012 and confirmed there were issues before that. Some of the old drains are perforated plastic which have deformed, stopping the flow. The pipe to the borehole between the Coop and the bowling green is blocked or broken. Trial pits have confirmed there is at least 4m depth of clay on the site	
Resolved It was proposed that the Parish Council needed to take action to resolve the drainage issue. All Agreed	
5 Review proposals and agree a recommended solution	
Cllr Gray presented some proposals and confirmed that some form of Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) would resolve the problem. It would need a design with suitable capacity. He offered to have a design prepared and consider utilising any existing drainage elements if appropriate. The design options would be presented in layers with ballpark costs to enable the Council to make informed decisions.	
Resolved It was proposed that Cllr Gray approach his contacts to provide some options with rough costs. All Agreed	Cllr Gray
Cllr French highlighted that if a drainage scheme was implemented there would be significant groundwork involved and that this could provide an opportunity to improve carparking around the hall for the benefit of all users as part of the reinstatement. This could formalise the informal grass parking that currently takes place on a regular basis.	
Resolved It was proposed that Cllr Gray include reinstatement options for parking in the drainage options with rough costs to enable the Council to make informed decisions. All Agreed	Cllr Gray
6 Agree next steps including grant funding	
The Clerk highlighted that there was still grant funding available this financial year but decisions on the scheme would need to be made quickly in order to access the funds.	
Resolved It was proposed that Cllr Gray attempt to get design proposals before 20 December. The F&GP meeting could be postponed to 27 December and an extra ordinary Council meeting may be arranged for 20 December. All Agreed	Cllr Gray
7 Date of Next Meeting – 20 December TBA pending design results	

Signed

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Cllr Ivor French – Chair