

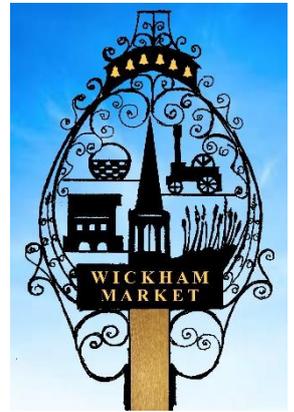
# WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

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## ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Wickham Market Parish Council Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022 at 19:30



- 1 Present from the Council:**
  - Cllr French (Chair)
  - Cllr Chenery
  - Cllr Horsnell
  - Cllr Jenkinson
  - Cllr Cooke
  - John Eldridge
  - Shane Smith
  - Josie Hopps
  - A. Besly (Clerk)
- 2 Present from the Public:** None
- 3 Open Public Forum session:** None
- 4 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Westover
- Declarations of Interest:**
- 5 Cllr Horsnell non-pecuniary interests:** Item 15. Glebe Allotment plot holder
- 6 Approve the draft minutes** of the Environment & Leisure (E&L) Committee meeting of 11 April 2022  
It was proposed that the draft minutes of 11 April 2022 be approved as a correct record: **All Agreed**
- 7 Proposal for Dog Waste Bin** at the bottom of Broad Road  
It was recognised that bagged dog waste can be put in normal bins, however the rubbish bin in this location does not have a cover. It was proposed that the Clerk contact ESC and request a dog waste bin: **All Agreed**
- 8 Proposal to remove the seat** in the North West corner of the Village Hall Playing Field  
It was thought that this may be a memorial seat. If this is the case, the Clerk will contact the family and ask if they would like to repair it. Also explain the Antisocial Behaviour in the corner of the field and ask if they would like to move it. It was proposed that if the family no longer want the seat there, the council should remove it: **All Agreed**
- 9 Play Area Report – Agree the way forward with repairs/upgrades in order to get funding**  
Cllr French reported that smaller maintenance tasks were being completed by Adrian Clarke. He will check to see what is remaining. Cllrs French and Cooke will then follow up with the larger repairs.
- 10 VH CIO and club leases Report**  
There was some discussion around the changing situation with the village hall, leases, new build, renovation and the way forward. It was recognised that the landscape may have changed since the original new build decision. It was proposed that the Council obtain third party advice to ensure that the future direction is right for the Village Hall and the community. **All Agreed**  
Next step is for the Council to invite third party experts to provide advice and help identify options. This advice will then be used as a basis for a structured meeting with stakeholders with the aim of a consensus on the best way forward  
**Action Clerk** to identify experts through CAS, solicitors, Groundwork UK and SALC to explore scenarios and outline questions
- 11 Discover Suffolk circular walks:** Cllr Westover provided some notes in her absence  
**Update on new route for the Gallows path**  
No progress made in terms of preparing alternative route to the closed permissive route.  
**Update on use of permissive path to the east of A12**  
When additional information is submitted regarding the proposed solar park Cllr Westover will flag up the permissive route east of A12 with case officer and Chair Pettistree PC.
- 12 Markets:** Update on proposal for market promotion. Cllr Westover provided some notes in her absence  
Markets Group have met, 2 new members are keen to help promote.  
Enquiries coming in for August 20<sup>th</sup> with the first charity stall confirmed
- 13 New Burdens Fund:** Update on final locations of assets.  
The following locations were agreed:  
Planters: Village Hall  
Bins: Village Hall, Pightle and Simons Cross  
Seats: Village Hall and Pightle  
Cllr Jenkinson will mark these on Parish Online and circulate

**14 Church Pightle Green:** Update on plans for planting and pruning. Cllr Westover provided some notes in her absence

It was proposed that a crown reduction of the Holm Oak tree is agreed to ensure it is both safe and attractive. **All Agreed**

Cllr Westover’s notes also proposed Fruit (three) and flowering cherry tree (one) planting for Autumn 2022 part of Jubilee tree planting. Funding application to be made to ESC and SCC, some funds already available

**15 Cemetery update**

Deer Damage – suggestions on how best to manage.

It is recognised that deer do a significant amount of damage to plants and artificial flowers but it is not practical or aesthetically pleasing to fence the area sufficiently well to exclude deer. The Clerk will look into deterrents Paddock entrance and gate – Cllr Westover’s notes: Ian Webster has prepared a specification for a new gate at paddock access

**16 Allotments Report**

John Eldridge reported that

- An eviction notice needs to be sent – **Action Clerk**
  - The pedestrian gates are on the Clerk’s list to do but are lower priority than year end
- It was noted that some hedges at Glebe are overhanging the footpath. The Clerk has reported footpath issues to SCC but the Parish Council may need to manage the allotment hedge.

Shane Smith reported a significant increase in rats at Simons Cross, feeding from the chicken feeders. It was agreed that the PC should get advice from pest controllers such as Suffolk Pest Control. **Action Clerk**

**17 Village Sign** update on costs and timescale

Cllr Horsnell reported that there is a plan to reinstall the sign on 26 June. Estimated costs remain at £9.5k. The gold leaf detail was on display at the meeting. Some PR and photos were briefly discussed

**18 Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022:** Report on events.

Josie Hopps provided a report on the Jubilee events at the Church Pightle Green which will be posted on the website

**19 Date of next meeting:** Monday 8 August 2022

Signed.

Cllr Ivor French, Chair.

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