

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

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WMPC Meeting 17th January 2020 Environment and Leisure Report

Items 1 – 5 to be reported under Agenda Item 12

- 1. Allotments:** Allotment Association have confirmed that there is a need to check December 2021 bank statement for any late plot payments, then the two spread sheets can be finalised and passed to Parish Clerk.
The Bee Keeping Policy (2016) and application form need some final amendments for approval. The AA have advised that the Poultry Policy (2016) should be considered and updated.
The track/public right of way to The Glebe site (owned by SCC) is in very poor state of repair and further pressure needs to be placed on SCC Highways to get this re-instated.
- 2. Markets:** The summer and winter markets were coordinated by Cllr Westover and Sonya Exton and both exceeded expectations. The Markets group needs additional members (1 or 2 would help) to support the Clerk and deal with promotion, attract stall holders, coordinate Facebook/round robin etc. Weekly markets are small but popular; a flyer has been sent out to encourage new stalls holders. The full market dates for 2022 will need to be scheduled shortly. A promotional poster and advertising more regularly may be beneficial.
- 3. Parish Cemetery:** Works to be discussed with Norse on 13th January include rabbit control, paddock cutting, bramble, trees, bunkers. The schedule for fencing repairs and new gate is being prepared for costings. Parish Environment Group (PEG) Work party on Saturday 8th produced 5 hours of work tidying up snowdrop area and pruning yews. Some further thought is needed in relation to possible grazing of the paddock. Some final work is needed (with Clerks) to conclude the Cemetery Regulations and accompanying plan.
- 4. The Queens Platinum Silver Jubilee:** At the last meeting possible events were discussed to take place over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June. It was considered appropriate to liaise with WM Partnership and other groups to see what interest/ideas may already be under discussion. A working group may be needed to coordinate events.
- 5. The Village Hall lease:** this is progressing with a few points to clarify with Philip Tallent (Village Hall CIO) including the length of term of the lease. Once these are confirmed the final version can be sent to Blocks Solicitors for checking through. **Cllr Chenery to report at Item 22.1.**
- 6. Village Hall Play area:** These is a need to update the schedule of works required to ensure that the contractor prices (three) can be accurately compared and that they cover all elements required; repair, surfacing, some upgrades. The ROSPA report from October 2021 also needs to be considered and actioned. **Cllr Cooke to report at item 22.4.**