**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN WICKHAM MARKET VILLAGE HALL,**

**COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Cllr Dick Jenkinson (Chairman)

Cllr David Chenery Cllr Fiona Parker

Cllr Mike Hawes Cllr Ivor French

Cllr Emma Lawrence Cllr John Horsnell

Cllr Brian Nobbs Cllr Alan Biddle

Cllr Patrick Roper Cllr Sonya Exton

Cllr Lisa Sanders

In attendance: Jo Peters (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Alexander Nicoll and District Cllr Carol Poulter. There were 6 members of the public present.

1. **Open Public Session**

A member of the public stated to his knowledge none of the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purpose and Environment & Leisure Committee meetings were available on the Parish Council’s website as stated on the agenda. He suggested these should be made available at least 7 days in advance of Parish Council meetings.

**To receive a report from County Cllr Alexander Nicoll**

County Cllr Nicoll reported on the name change for Wickham Market Station and confirmed the proposed name change would be Campsea Ashe Station. Cllr Biddle stated this issue had been ongoing for 12 years to his knowledge and agreed this name change was essential. Cllr Nicoll confirmed he was also willing to put some of his Locality Budget towards this project, if necessary.

County Cllr Nicoll reported briefly on the Sizewell C Stage 4 Consultation and urged the Parish Council to respond taking into account the effect it would have on Wickham Market. The

Chairman thanked County Cllr Nicoll for his report.

A member of the public reported on a scheme that Framlingham Town Council were going to trial a bus in order to link the town with Campsea Ashe Station and stated she felt this could also be trialled in Wickham Market too.

A member of the public stated maybe people whom attend the Parish Council meetings and live in Wickham Market should not bring their cars to the meeting.

**To receive a report from District Councillor Carol Poulter**

District Cllr Poulter had submitted a written report. She reported on proposed changes to some buses and confirmed that any bus service needed to be viable to which she gave details.

District Cllr Poulter advised she had recently attended a meeting regarding The George Pub and stated she very much supported this project. She confirmed she had also attended a meeting with Dr Dan Poulter, MP along with the Parish Council regarding the results of his survey undertaken in respect of Sizewell C.

The Chairman thanked District Cllr Poulter for her report

Cllr Exton raised concerns that nowhere within District Cllr Poulter’s report had there been any mention about Climate Change Emergency.

**To receive reports from Parish Council Liaison Representatives**

**Youth Liaison Representative**

Cllr French reported as follows:-

This is my first report as Youth liaison representative for Wickham Market Parish Council. On June 19th, I went to the seminar on drugs and county lines at the Riverside Centre. ‘What is County Lines?’ County Lines network is the supply of class ‘A’ drugs from a urban hub into rural towns or county locations using mobile phone lines to organise the deals and crimes, this involves high levels of violence and intimidation to establish and maintain markets through the exploitation of young and vulnerable people. It was defiantly an eye opener to me from when I was a panellist on Youth offenders a few years ago, we were told that Wickham Market was not involved but Ipswich was, so it pays that we are aware and remain vigilant.

Youth club on a Thursday evening was next on my list after receiving my enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. I received an invite from Leslie Siu (Vicar) to join them at Rendlesham Forest for some evening activities where the youngsters were put into teams and challenged to build a den to house three people lying down with a covering of ferns for the roof. They were full of enthusiasm and seemed to enjoy themselves. A week later I was once more invited to the Youth club where it was water sports for the evening, once more broken down into teams thus helping them to work as team members. I stayed well away from the water! There is no Youth club during school break which gives the volunteers a well-earned rest, I did ask whether they might go to two days a week but it is down to volunteers and a venue being available.

The Chairman thanked Cllr French for his report and for taking on the role of Youth Liaison Representative.

**Suffolk Constabulary Liaison Representative**

The Chairman reported he had circulated notes of the recent police meeting in which he had attended to all Councillors. He urged all Parishioners to report any incidents immediately.

The Chairman formally opened the meeting at 7.55pm

**2**. **To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooke.

**3.** **To receive Councillors’ Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a member of Wickham Market Partnership and has previously played golf with James Holland (son of Simons Cross Allotment site owner). Cllr Hawes declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a member of WM Bowls Club. Cllr Horsnell declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a plot holder at the Glebe Allotment Site. Cllr Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to the relocation of the Simons Cross Allotments.

**3.1. To consider any Dispensations**

None received.

**4**. **To approve the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019**

A copy of the draft minutes had been circulated to all Councillors. Subject to a minor amendment in respect of the date of the Christmas Market the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 were proposed for **Approval** by Cllr Horsnell, Seconded by Cllr Biddle. **10 in Favour, 2 abstentions**. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**5.** **To approve the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1st July 2019**

A copy of the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 1st July 2019 had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Amendments were made by Cllrs Hawes and Parker to these minutes. Subject to these amendments the draft minutes were Proposed for **Approval** by Cllr Biddle, Seconded by Cllr Lawrence. **All in Favour**. **Action: Clerk to amend minutes and re-send to all Councillors and Chairman to sign.**

**6. Matters arising from the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019**

Cllr Roper read the following statement (full copy attached to the minutes):-

To my fellow Councillors I find it very difficult to understand this ill feeling between certain

Councillors and our Chairman & the Parish Clerk.

I have been a Councillor for 8 years & have never experienced the ill feeling that I hear at the meetings since the election. We must try & work together as a team. We will have fall outs, we will win/or loose votes, that is what we are here for, but up to now win or lose we always walked out with a smile on our faces.

Several of my fellow Councillors are considering resigning, me included. Not a great forward move but I for one am not going to sit here meeting after meeting listening to our Chairman & Parish Clerk being run down & questioning their ability to do their jobs.

I know that our Chairman works over 30 hours every week on Parish Council business. All free of charge. Our Parish Clerk although paid a living wage also works more hours than she is paid for. I say we are very lucky to have two such people running our Parish Council.

To the new Councillors I beg you please get your feet under the table before you continually find fault, listen & learn, you might get the answers you are looking for. The good people of Wickham Market elected us just a few weeks ago please let us try & work together without always finding fault or else we could be without a Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Roper for his statement.

**7. Matters arising from the previous Council minutes which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda**

Cllr Exton asked the Clerk if she could circulate the article she had written for the Ufford Punch magazine to all Councillors.

Cllr Hawes suggested the leases for the Bowls and Football Clubs should be passed to the E & L Committee to deal with.

**7.1 – Simons Cross Play Area**

The Clerk reported she had received an email from a former councillor stating the play area at Simons Cross was in a state of disrepair to which he had also sent photos. She advised further to circulating this e-mail Cllr French had very kindly visited the area and had taken several more photo’s showing the poor condition of this play area. The Clerk advised she had since spoken with Sarah Shinnie, ESC and also forwarded her the photo’s sent by the local resident and Cllr French and she had now responded stating she was forwarding this matter to their Estates Asset Management Team due to the ongoing issue as to whom is responsible for managing this play area to which she gave details.

The Clerk stated if this play area was not being properly maintained it may have to be condemned. Cllr French asked for a copy of the most recent play inspection report. **Action: Clerk to ask SC Norse for a copy of the latest play inspection report.**

Cllr Biddle stated it would be a shame for this area to have to be condemned but it was now getting to that stage. Cllr Exton stated this area was not safe for younger children. The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the photos of this play area also to East Suffolk Norse. Cllr French read a statement in which he had written, as follows:-

Simons Cross Play Area - Overall neglect – Visited last Friday 12th July 2019

I can only repeat that the overall picture shows neglect, it is not fit for purpose (i.e. children to enjoy their playtime) holes in the safety matting, rotting wood on play equipment, exposed wire on climbing equipment, picnic area with tall grass and nettles in abundance.

Children may play on it, but it is an accident waiting to happen, health and safety would have a field day. I urgently request that we as a Parish Council write to ESC who I understand are responsible for the maintenance to rectify the situation before school breaks up for summer and before someone gets hurt.

Cllr Ivor French

(Youth Liaison Representatives)

Cllr Biddle raised further concerns in respect of this matter and it was agreed a letter should be sent East Suffolk Norse and copied to the Cabinet Member, District Cllr Poulter and the Leader of East Suffolk Council. **Action: Clerk to compile letter.**

**8**. **Parish Council matters**

**8.1 – Stage 4 Sizewell C Public Consultation – To consider the formation of a sub-group in order to compile response**

The Chairman provided details regarding the workshop to be held in Wickham Market Village Hall on 25th July 2019. He confirmed the consultation was from 18th July – 27th September 2019 and the Parish Council’s draft response would be considered at the September Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman reported briefly on this matter and the response sent for Stage 3 of the Public Consultation. It was agreed a small Working Group should be formed in respect of this matter. The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Anne Westover to comment. Anne Westover stated she was willing to stay on the Sizewell C Working Group and urged for more assistance. Cllr Exton volunteered to join this Working Group. Anne Westover stated she was not happy with the proposals for a new road sent at Stage 3 of the Public Consultation. The Chairman also agreed to stay on this Working Group. Cllr Parker volunteered to also join this group. It was agreed the Working Group would comprise of Cllrs Jenkinson, Exton, Parker and Anne Westover. The Chairman encouraged the two new members to be aware of the responses to Stages 2 & 3 of the Sizewell C Public Consultations. Cllr Chenery also volunteered to assist, if required. The Chairman ***reconvened the meeting.***

**8.2 – To consider a proposal for the Traffic & Parking Working Group to become a Committee**

The Chairman gave details regarding the difference between a Working Group and a Committee. He also provided information regarding the structure of the Traffic & Parking Working Group and its responsibilities. Cllr Horsnell stated sub-working group meetings were being held in respect of traffic every two weeks to assess the data recorded.

Cllr Biddle stated he was not in favour of this working group and stated he would like to see a report from the Traffic & Parking Working Group at the next Parish Council meeting explaining what they do and where they are with current issues.

Cllr Parker raised concerns regarding this working group and stated working groups were meant to be for short term projects to which the Clerk provided clarification.

The Chairman asked all Councillors if they wanted to see this working group change its status from a Working Group to a Committee to which the results of the vote taken were as follows:-

**1 in Favour**

**3 Abstentions**

**8 Against**

It was agreed the Traffic & Parking Working Group would remain as a Working Group. **CARRIED.**

It was agreed there would be an agenda item at the September Parish Council meeting in respect of the Terms of Reference and report on this working group.

**8.3 – To approve the Parish Council’s 2019/20 Aims & Objectives**

A copy of this document had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Hawes Proposed that the Bowls Club/Football Club and Village Hall CIO leases should be deferred to the E & L Committee and taken off this list. **Agreed Unanimously.**  Cllr Parker stated all Committees should have the opportunity to comment in respect of these Aims & Objectives and Proposed this document should be deferred for Approval until the September Parish Council meeting, Seconded by Cllr Exton. There was a formal vote for this document to be deferred for Approval until the September Parish Council meeting:-

**4 Against**

**8 in Favour**

**CARRIED**

It was agreed this document would be circulated by e-mail for Councillors to comment via tracked changes. It was also agreed this matter would be an agenda item at the next E & L Committee meeting.

**8.4 – Recent road traffic accident update**

The Chairman gave details regarding a road traffic accident that had recently occurred by the Post Office. It was agreed pedestrian safety should be monitored at this location. Cllr Sanders asked if incidents were also monitored and referred to a recent incident that had taken place within the village.

**8.5 – Protocol for meetings with landowners**

The Chairman stated there had been lots of input into this paper and asked Cllr Sanders if she was happy with the suggested amendments carried out. Cllr Sanders stated she was happy with the changes made. Cllr Hawes stated once the Neighbourhood Plan Committee disbands this procedure should still be followed. The Chairman asked if Councillors were happy with the amended document to which he asked for a formal vote. Cllr Sanders stated it was primarily the Planning Committee who should deal with these matters but she was happy for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to take these matters forward but the Planning Committee needed to be informed at all times.

**Approval** for the amended document was Proposed by Cllr Hawes, Seconded by Cllr Sanders. **11 in Favour**

**1 Against**

**CARRIED**

**8.6 – To consider matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 response received from Andrew Dutton**

The Chairman stated all the Regulation 14 responses needed to be gone through thoroughly. Cllr Parker asked if all Councillors had read the document from Andrew Dutton and stated it is questioning the integrity of the Neighbourhood Plan process. There was a discussion whereby several concerns were raised in respect of the content of this response. Cllr Lawrence stated the Neighbourhood Plan Committee should take this matter forward. Cllr Parker stated she wished to withdraw from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee until a response to Andrew Dutton had been sent.

**9**. **Clerk’s report**

**Plane Trees on The Hill** – The Clerk reported the E & L Committee had been raising concerns to East Suffolk Council for some time now in respect of the plane trees on the Hill. It was agreed at the recent E & L Committee meeting that Cllr Cooke’s son, who is a tree surgeon, would carry out an inspection of these trees free of charge. His findings were that the fire damaged trees are now dangerous to which I have informed John Willis at ESC of his findings.

I have since been informed by ESC that these trees are not dangerous and works to pollard them will be carried out during the winter. I have been asked by Anne Westover to send comments to John Willis in respect of their proposals to carry out works in the winter and I have today received a telephone call from him stating he is absolutely adamant these trees are not dangerous and no works will be carried out before winter and he also made it clear they are on East Suffolk Councils land.

The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Anne Westover to comment. Anne stated she has been concerned regarding the fire damaged trees for some time now and raised serious concerns regarding the current condition of these trees. Anne recommended the dead wood be removed immediately and in her view these trees may need to be fenced off if no work is to be carried out sooner. She suggested the Parish Council could commission Eddie Peters, EWP Consultancy Ltd to provide a report for the plane trees and the trees on the Pightle for £250.00 to which she gave details. The Chairman thanked Anne Westover for her comments.

Concerns were raised by the Chairman that the trees on the Pightle did not belong to the Parish Council yet to which he gave details and stated the trees on the Hill don’t belong to us and therefore unfortunately John Willis has adopted a strong position to which he raised concerns. Anne Westover raised serious concerns and Cllr Biddle stated the Parish Council needed to raise these matters with the ESC Cabinet Member, District Cllr Poulter and the local press. Cllr Biddle Proposed that a report by Eddie Peters, EWP Consultancy Ltd should be carried out.

Cllr Chenery stated if a report is carried out and then no action is taken by ES Norse this could then make the Parish Council liable. Cllr Biddle stated the Parish Council must make it clear that the plane trees are the responsibility of East Suffolk Council not Wickham Market Parish Council.

The Chairman brought it to the attention of the Parish Council these costs had not been budgeted for to which there was a formal vote for the Parish Council to spend £250.00 on a tree report to be compiled by Eddie Peters, EWP Consultancy Ltd. **Approva**l was Proposed by Cllr Biddle, Seconded by Cllr Exton. **All in Favour. CARRIED.** TheChairman stated the lights in the plane trees would need to be removed before any works were carried out. ***The Chairman reconvened the meeting.***

**WM Sportive – Insurance Cover Request**

The Clerk gave details regarding an e-mail received from the organisers of this event asking if they could use the Parish Council’s insurance cover.

The Chairman stated last year this event was a Wickham Market event but this year it had changed to which he provided clarification and gave details regarding the event. There was a brief discussion and Cllr Biddle Proposed this request could not be supported by the Parish Council as it was not a Parish Council run event, Seconded by Cllr Hawes. **All in Favour. CARRIED.**

**9. Environmental & Leisure Committee**

*Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2019 have been circulated to all Councillors and are available on the Parish Council website.*

**10. Finance & General Purpose Committee**

*Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019 have been circulated to all Councillors and are available on the Parish Council website.*

**11.** **Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

*Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2019 have been circulated to all Councillors and are available on the Parish Council website.*

Cllr Biddle stated he had some concerns regarding matters relating to the In-Camera Minutes taken at this meeting. **Action - Cllr Biddle to liaise with the Clerk.**

**12.** **Cemetery Group**

*Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2019 have been circulated to all Councillors and are available on the Parish Council website.*

**13. Traffic & Parking Working Group**

*Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2019 have been circulated to all Councillors and are available on the Parish Council website.*

**14.** **Finance and Legal Matters**

**14.1 - Bi-Monthly Accounts – May/June 2019**

A copy of the bi-monthly accounts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. These were proposed for A**pproval** by Cllr Roper, seconded by Cllr Hawes. **All in Favour.**

**15.** **Planning Matters**

(See separate Planning Appendix)

Cllr Sanders gave details regarding the application behind the Indian and confirmed this application had been Refused by East Suffolk Council to which she provided details.

**16**. **Correspondence**

This Chairman moved this item to the start of the meeting so County Cllr Nicoll and District Cllr Poulter could hear the correspondence received.

Cllr Exton read a statement regarding Climate Change/Emergency and urged the Parish Council to act in order to address village needs. She stated she would like to hold an Open Event in respect of this matter in order so the public can attend and share their thoughts. The Chairman thanked Cllr Exton and confirmed this matter would also be considered and included within the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Parker suggested this matter should be a formal agenda item at the September Parish Council meeting. Cllr Biddle Proposed this matter should be dealt with by the E & L Committee whereby a Working Group could be formed to take this matter forward and bring any proposals back to the Parish Council, Seconded by Cllr Roper. **All in Favour. CARRIED**. It was agreed this Working Group would consist of Cllrs Exton, Parker and Arthur Stansfield.

The Chairman gave details of an e-mail received from a local resident relating to matters regarding the recent Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting as below:-

“After thinking about the above meeting for a couple of weeks, I feel that there are a few things that need to be said from the point of view of a member of the public and remembering that this is the first meeting I have attended.

After Miss Sanders requested you to read out the e-mails she had sent, and in the end had to badger you about it because of your refusal, it was evident that her e-mails were not a "tirade of abuse".  Yours in reply, however, was abusive.  At that point you had the ideal opportunity to apologise, and obviously had no intention of doing so.  You then went on to attack Miss Sanders on a personal level, very unprofessional behaviour for a Chairman.

Your body language towards Mrs Parker was deplorable - all the eye rolling and sighing was completely unnecessary and very rude.

It would appear you have a problem with both of these Councillors and were doing your best to discredit, belittle them and get them off the Council.  Why?

Furthermore, your Parish Clerk is less than efficient.  She pointed out that she had a recording device, as requested by Mrs Parker and then towards the end of the meeting declared that it had stopped recording about half-way through the meeting?  Why not advise Councillors of this at the time.  Surely anyone with an ounce of common sense would have also bought some spare batteries and brought them to the meeting.

I request that you read this letter out at the next Parish Meeting”.

L Gailey (Mrs)

The Clerk asked the Chairman to read a statement on her behalf, as follows:-

“Since the May 2019 Elections I feel that my professional role as Parish Clerk/RFO to this Parish Council where I have been employed since October 2012 has not been enjoyable and I can honestly say I have never felt like this during my whole career as a Town/Parish Clerk.

After speaking to the Union of SLCC, whom provided me with some free legal advice and to other Parish Clerks I have come to the conclusion that the behaviour shown towards me has a clear attempt to undermine my role. This has been demonstrated by actions and personal attacks showing a distinct lack of respect and clearly in an attempt again to discredit my good name and the relationship I have built up with councillors and members of the Parish over the past 7 years.

I have never been so appalled, embarrassed and upset by the aggressive unprofessional behaviour than I was at the recent Extraordinary Parish Council meeting and to protect my physical and mental health I cannot and will not be subjected to this kind of behaviour going forward. Members of my family have clearly pointed out to me that the recent criticism aimed at me both at and outside of meetings and the stress this has caused me is upsetting and distressing to my family and to myself in my professional role.

The time spent on dealing with these matters has been to the detriment of what I should be doing for the Parish Council.

For democracy to succeed and for the high standards of this Parish Council to continue to progress and complete projects it needs strong people to work in harmony to the benefit of the wider community. That is what the role of the Parish Council should be, and what I hope I can help this council to do from now on”.

Cllr Exton suggested that going forward if in an item whereby the Chairman and Clerk are part of the discussion like demonstrated at the recent meeting in her view the Vice Chairman should take on the role of Chairing the meeting and someone other than the Clerk should minute these items in order so they can both focus as its unfair for them both have to address mattes whilst carrying out these duties. The Chairman thanked Cllr Exton for her comments.

Cllr Sanders raised concerns regarding an e-mail in which she had sent giving her apologies for this meeting. She stated she had then received an e-mail from Cllr Roper to which she gave details and stated she was not happy with comments about her being made behind her back. Cllr Roper admitted to sending this e-mail and apologised to Cllr Sanders for the comments he made to the Clerk in respect of the e-mail received from Cllr Sanders.

The Chairman confirmed correspondence had been received from the occupants of the Chequers regarding speeding and confirmed this matter would be dealt with by the Traffic & Parking Working Group. Cllr Horsnell reported data had been collected from this location and he had liaised with the local resident in respect of this matter. The Chairman confirmed the next meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Group would be held on 13th September 2019.

**17.** **Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr Roper asked where he could report on the CAB meetings in which he now attends. It was agreed Cllr Roper would report on these meetings under reports from Parish Council Liaison Representatives at future meetings.

Cllr Biddle raised concerns regarding overgrown grass verges within the village.

Cllr Chenery thanked Cllr Horsnell for leading on the recent work carried out at the skate park

**18. Public Forum**

A member of the public asked that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting be placed on the Parish Council’s website.

The same member of the public then raised concerns regarding the decision for the Traffic & Parking Working Group to not become a Committee and stated he felt this was the wrong decision. He stated a prime example was the proposed car park at Mill Lane whereby not enough consultation with the public had been carried out and this had now caused much upset among local residents.

The same member of the public reported that 8 years ago a traffic survey was carried out and since then no actions have been undertaken to which he raised concerns in respect of the work of the Traffic & Parking Working Group.

The same member of the public also raised concerns that Councillors had just agreed for £250.00 to be spent on a tree report when the Parish Council’s reserves were below the best practice figure to which he raised concerns. He also stated in his opinion the Parish Council were wasting money each time the lights in the plane trees had to be removed and put back. The Chairman went to provide clarification but was aggressively told by the member of the public that he had more comments to make as this was his time to talk.

The same member of the public stated the request from WM Sportive to use the Parish Councils insurance cover would have been completely against the law and illegal.

Finally, the same member of the public asked if the public going to be consulted in respect of the Parish Council’s 2019/20 Aims & Objectives.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his comments.

A further member of the public stated she supported the all the comments made by the previous member of the public. She raised concerns regarding speeding within the village and gave examples of dangerous situations in which she had witnessed. Cllr Chenery urged the member of the public to also report these matters to Suffolk Constabulary and SCC.

***The Chairman asked permission to suspend Standing Orders in order to continue the meeting. This was Unanimously Agreed.***

Cllr Parker raised concerns regarding the pubic not being able to comment in respect to matters relating to Traffic & Parking to which the Chairman gave details regarding the traffic and parking reporting proforma.

**The Chairman thanked Councillors and the members of the public present for their attendance and formally closed the meeting at 10:25pm**

Signed:………………………………………………. Dated:……………………………………….

**PLANNING APPENDIX**

**Applications considered since the last meeting:-**

**Planning Ref: DC/19/2162/PN3**

Address: Land rear of 66-70 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: Prior Notification - Change of use from storage and distribution to residential dwelling house.

There was a brief discussion and the Planning Committee agreed if a residential dwelling house is built this should be no larger than the existing building and not exceed the existing height or footprint. They also agreed with comments made by local residents in respect of this application and also requested further information as to the design and specification of the proposed building.

**No decision has been made by ES Council, to date.**

**Planning Ref: DC/19/1879/TCA**

Address: Rear garden No. 163 High Street, Wickham Market

Proposal: T1 Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level. Large tree only 4m from property roots and canopy affecting building T2 Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level. Small tree growing against old wall with roots growing under the wall. T3 Beech - Crown reduce up to 30%. Young tree very close to property, dominates house T4 Laurel - Reduce up to 50%. Mature tree group dominates centre of garden contacts roof beneath rear garden No. 165 High Street 1 x Macrocarpa - Reduce up to 30%. Medium tree shades all the narrow garden.

The Parish Council responded to East Suffolk Coastal as recommended below by Anne Westover, Tree Warden:-

No objection to the following proposals:

T1 and T2 Eucalyptus, Fell

T3 Beech to rear of No 165, reduce by up to 30%

T4 Laurel shrub, reduce by 50%

T5 Cupressus macrocarpa, reduce by 30%

**Informative/recommendation:-**

*‘There is an active barn owl box very close by on a small building, therefore timing of work must be carefully considered.*

*The Cupressus is the closest tree and use of chain saws here could be particularly disruptive.*

*The Planning Committee advise that all work is delayed until Autumn 2019.  This will also be more suitable time period for the reduction on the beech tree.’*

This application was **Granted** by ES Council.

**Planning Ref: DC/19/2352/FUL**

Address: 41 Broad Rd, Wickham Market

Proposal: New side extension and garage

It was felt that despite putting one car on the plan this did not warrant a revised application.

Concerns were raised again regarding the proposed size of the proposed extension.

The Planning Committee **Objected** to this planning application on the following grounds:-

**Overbearing/Nature of proposal**– The Planning Committee felt due to the size of the proposed extension this would result in an over development of the site.

Concerns were raised in respect of **Loss of ecological habitats** on the site.

**Design & Appearance** – The proposed development will nearly triple the footprint of the existing property and it was felt this proposal was far too large.

**No decision has been made by ES Council, to date.**

**Update on existing applications:-**

**Planning Ref: DC/14/3579/VOC**

Address: Parma Industries, 123 High St

Proposal: Variation of condition No 2 - C12/0853 - Erection of 11 residential dwellings (existing buildings to be removed) (Revised scheme)

The Planning Committee were impressed with the original proposals but concerns were raised regarding the new scheme as it was felt it did not offer an attractive boundary to the development. The existing boundary is as per the retrospective planning application and is not yet acceptable. The planting in the gardens needs to be enhanced and there needs to be an attractive in keeping edging to the flower beds to prevent the contents spilling out onto the pavements. The pavements also need reinstating to match the original rather than the concrete that has been patched up and finally whatever edging detail is agreed needs to be carried out to across all four properties. **No decision has been made by SCDC, to date.**