WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

MINUTES of the Meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council held on Monday 19 October 2026 at 19:00

FC26-131 Present from Wickham Market Parish Council (WMPC).
Councillors I French, Chenery, Cooke, Day, S French, Horsnell and Jenkinson with A Besly (Clerk)

FC26-132 Present from the Public. 1

FC26-133 Open Public Forum session. Members of the public are invited to speak on matters on the agenda. None.

FC26-134 Proposal to authorise Apologies for Absence. Councillor Creasey. **All Agreed.** Councillor Noble [ESC] also offered her apologies.

FC26-135 Councillor's declarations of Interest in items on the agenda. None.

FC26-136 Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21 September 2026. **All agreed**

FC26-137 Receive minutes from Committees and Working Groups.

1. Village Hall Modernisation Working Group. There were no questions.
2. Planning Committee 12 October 2026. There were no questions.

FC26-138 Suffolk County Councillor's Report. (SCC). *Published.* There were no questions.

FC26-139 East Suffolk Councillor's Report. (ESC). *Published.* There were no questions.

FC26-140 Chair's Report. *Published.* There were no questions.

FC26-141 Clerk's Report. *Published.* The Clerk provided a verbal briefing on the Active Travel initiative.

FC26-142 Deputy Clerk's Report. *Published.* There were no questions.
It was noted that ***Councillor Cooke*** is arranging for small Christmas tree holders and that ***Councillor Chenery*** is arranging solar powered lights for them.

FC26-143 Proposal to reinvest funds with CCLA. *Published. Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.* The proposal to reinvest £50k in CCLA was approved. **All Agreed.**

FC26-144 Cemetery Report. *Published. Councillor S French.* There were no questions. It was noted that some hand tools are required. These can be purchased through the Clerk's delegated authority, so the items and source need to be identified and passed to the Clerk.

FC26-145 Tree Warden's Report. *Published. A Westover.* There were no questions.

FC26-146 Footpaths Report. *Published. S Harrington.* There were no questions. Simon was thanked for his report and his work.

FC26-147 Village Hall Modernisation Report. *Published. Councillor Horsnell.*

1. Proposal to approve works orders, invoices and payments associated with modernisation.
   - Johns Slater & Haward £2,300. **All Agreed.**
   - GCR Robertson £5,457.50. **All Agreed.**

FC26-148 Reporting items for the next meeting.

1. Modifications to the Medical Centre planning application.
2. Sizewell C display boards for traffic calming. So a Sizewell C Committee meeting is likely to be convened.
3. Emergency Plan and agreement to primary rest centre.

FC26-149 Date of next meeting: Monday 16 November 2026

FC26-150 Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Proposal to exclude the public for the following item on the grounds that it involves disclosure of exempt information. **All Agreed.**

FC26-151 Proposal to employ a Marketing and Events Officer and a Cemetery and Land Management Officer. *Staffing and Personnel Committee.* **All Agreed.** Details are recorded in the confidential minutes.

Meeting Closed 19:38

Signed. ..... **Cllr Ivor French, Chair.** **Date.** .....