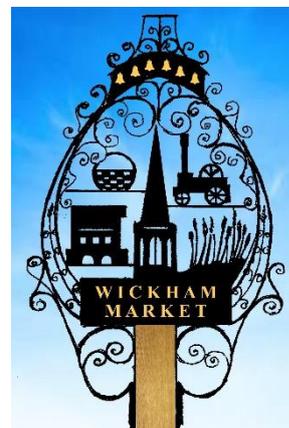


WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: IVOR FRENCH



Wickham Market ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Friday 14 April 2023 at 19:30

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Minutes

Present from the Council: Cllrs French, Chenery, Cooke, Dempsey-Gray, Gray, Horsnell, Jenkinson, Westover
Present from the public: 33

Apologies: Cllrs Nicoll [Suffolk County] and Poulter [East Suffolk], Steve Flavell, Richard Caley

- 1 Welcome: Cllr French introduced himself and welcomed everyone
- 2 Chairman's Report: Cllr French presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 3 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Poulter sent her apologies. Her report is published
- 4 The George Community Pub Report: Mike Cooper presented his report which is published. He added that he would like to express thanks to MP Dr Dan Poulter and Cllr Carol Poulter for supporting the Community Fund award of £195k. There were some questions:
 - Q: Will there be another share issue to fund the gap?
 - A: There will possibly be a third share issue to fund finishing off
 - Q: What happens if the building is demolished?
 - A: The site would be made safe, the building demolished and the site sold for development. As most funding would therefore not be available and shareholders funds would be returned, the cost of clearance would probably use the remaining funds.
 - Q: East Anglia Daily Times reported funding was complete. Why is there still a gap?
 - A: Costs have increased making the gap in funding larger than the community funding applied for
 - Q: Is there a possibility of a loan to fill the gap?
 - A: A lender would want a charge over the premises, two other funders have already asked for charges before funds are released. The team are working with the contractor to find ways of reducing costs.
- 5 Good Neighbours Scheme Report: Cllr Jenkinson presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 6 Wickham Market Bowls Club: Bruce Laws presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 7 Youth Football Club: Richard Caley sends apologies, there is no written report
- 8 Giving Community: Anna O'Neill presented her report which is published. She was asked if the Community Allotment will take part in the village show. Anna will ask the allotment group.
- 9 Wickham Market Village Hall Management Committee CIO Report: Steve Flavell sent his apologies. His report is published
- 10 Wickham Market Partnership Report, including Men's shed: Ray Lewis presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 11 Allotments Association: Ray Lewis presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 12 Annual Village Show: Alan Manley presented his report which is published. There were no questions
- 13 Parish Environmental Group: Cllr Westover presented her report which is published. There was a question about the Cemetery, Cllr Westover confirmed that the Cemetery Group was still managing the Cemetery garden.
- 14 Community Choir: Cllr Dempsey-Gray presented her report which is published. There were no questions
- 15 Climate Change: Cllr Dempsey-Gray presented her report which is published. There were no questions
- 16 In addition, the following reports have been published:
 - All Saints Church
 - Rainbows and Brownies
 - Red Triangle Bowls Club

There was a question about the youth facilities. Cllr French confirmed that the Young Adults Group have moved to the school gym on Wednesdays for more space. The youth workers were preparing to open a club earlier on the same evening for a younger group.

There was a question about why the newsletter did not mention visitwickhammarket website for information on the Coronation event. Cllr French said that as this was a Parish Council event further information would be updated on the Parish Council website

Meeting closed at 21:00