

Wickham Market Parish Council. Clerk's Report 19 October 2026.

1. Correspondence from residents:

- 1.1. A complaint regarding wheelie bins obstructing the footway and road on the lower High Street. This is being investigated.
- 1.2. Positive feedback has been received regarding traffic calming plans. This included a request for speed cameras to enforce the speed limits. However, traffic enforcement cameras are the responsibility of Suffolk Constabulary who have shown a preference for mobile enforcement units which are frequently deployed in the village.

2. Play area

- 2.1. A working group with local mums Nina Crisp and Pandora Howard-Griffin and the Clerk are developing plans and requesting quotes for a refresh of the play area.
- 2.2. Funding sources are being investigated, currently there are 15 funding opportunities that are being considered.
- 2.3. Plans are in place for community engagement both online and at the Christmas market together with engagement with the school.
- 2.4. There is an article in the next news magazine with progress and to promote engagement.

3. Active Travel Routes

- 3.1. Opportunities for active travel routes connecting local villages are still being investigated with East Suffolk Council and surrounding parishes

4. Recruitment

- 4.1. The Staffing and Personnel Committee have short listed candidates and will have conducted most of the interviews for preferred candidates by 19 October.
- 4.2. There will be a proposal to employ successful candidate for two of the roles in the confidential section of the agenda.

5. SX Playing field transfer

- 5.1. Cllr Stephen Molyneux is following up this possibility with SCC assets team.

6. Tree safety inspections

- 6.1. A number of suppliers for this work have been recommended by local town Clerks and a request to quote is ready to be sent.
- 6.2. There is still an outstanding question regarding the mapping required to be resolved before Request for Quotes are finalised.