**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2015 AT 7:30PM IN WICKHAM MARKET**

**VILLAGE HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Cllr Dick Jenkinson (Chairman) Cllr Margaret Blackall

Cllr Robin Cooke Cllr Nigel Meadows

Cllr Val Pizzey Cllr Patrick Roper Cllr Michael Roseveare Cllr Edna Salmon

Cllr Bryan Wright

There were 7 members of the public in attendance

**Welcome by the Chairman**

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nobbs and Hawes.

Cllrs Biddle and Ridd were absent.

The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow members of the public to comment. A member of the public stated he was a new resident and made enquires regarding the Gospal Hall development and proposed recent planning application received. Cllr Roseveare gave details regarding the application received and confirmed the Planning Committee had **Objected** to this application to which he provided information. He also made enquires regarding the comments included within the Parish Council’s response to the Local Plan regarding future possible Industrial land as proposed if a further industrial area was needed within Wickham Market. The Chairman and District Cllr Bryan Hall gave details and clarification regarding these proposals.

1. **To receive Councillors Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

2.1. To consider any Dispensations

There were none

1. **To consider and approve the draft Parish Plan Surveys**

The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow members of the Parish Plan Steering Group to comment. Cllr Hall suggested Tony Ellam could deliver the Youth Survey.

The Chairman ***reconvened the meeting.*** The Chairman suggested the instructions on

how to complete the surveys should be made very clear. It was suggested a question

needed to be included regarding broadband and mobile phone signals. If these questions were going to be included it was also suggested that having a question asking what area do you live in could be beneficial.

It was also suggested a further drop in session could be beneficial once the surveys had been distributed in order to assist Parishioners who may need help completing them. Subject to the relevant amendments, the draft surveys were proposed for **Approval** by Cllr Pizzey, Seconded by Cllr Blackall. **All in Favour.**

1. **To receive a presentation from Cllr Dick Jenkinson (Chairman) on the reasons for writing a Neighbourhood Plan, what it consists of and an assessment of the resources required to complete the plan**

The Chairman gave a very informative presentation and summarised the reasons for compiling a Neighbourhood Plan and also details regarding the process.

1. **Open public session**

Several comments were made by members of the public regarding the advantages of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan for Wickham Market.

1. **The Parish Council will then vote on two motions:**
   1. Would Wickham Market benefit from a Neighbourhood plan? – Cllr Roseveare stated that as there appears to be little support from SCDC when the Parish Council Objects to some Planning Application that he felt Wickham Market would benefit from adopting a Neighbourhood Plan. There was a formal vote and **9 members were in Favour and there was 1 Abstention. It was therefore resolved that Wickham Market would benefit from adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.**
   2. **Are Parish Councillors prepared to commit the significant amount of**

**resources needed to complete the neighbourhood plan?**

There was a formal vote and **6 members were in Favour and there were 3 Abstentions. It was therefore agreed there would be an agenda item at the Annual Meeting in May in order to form a Neighbourhood Plan Committee.**

1. **Any other matters arising**

There were none.

There being no further discussion or comments/questions from the members of the public the Chairman formally closed the meeting at 9:53pm

Signed: Dated: